

## Orange County HMIS Users Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2017 2:30-3:30 pm

Southern Human Services Center, Room D, Chapel Hill

Present: Nicole Purdy, Debra Vestal, Rex Mercer, Megan Raymond, Molly Rowe, Suzanne Hitt, Joel Rice, Ginny Rainwater

### Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- HMIS Updates on Entry Assessment
  - Entry Assessment Format
    - Text color will no longer indicate whether questions are required or not. There have been several iterations of the format for assessments in HMIS and on paper forms. Red text sometimes indicated a question was required, and sometimes not. Now, the text is predominantly black and projects will (continue to) need to know what data elements are required.
    - Requirements depend on the project type, funding source, client age or household status, and system/CoC requirements
  - New requirement for data collection and entry: NC County of Service
    - For all clients as of January 2018. Previously only required for agencies serving multiple counties.
    - Located above the VI-SPDAT in the Entry Assessment, and in Interim Update Assessment
  - HMIS Location Questions – review
    - Project location is selected when users select the project at entry
    - Client Location is the question in an assessment that refers to the CoC the client is staying in at two points in time – when project starts, and at any updates.
    - Zip Code of Last Permanent Address, if known is not required by HUD. Other private funders may request this information, including United Way. This question refers to where the client last had a permanent address.
    - County and City of Residence is a pair of questions that are also not required by HUD. This information may be useful for private funders or agency metrics.
    - NC County of Service is *newly* required for all HMIS participating agencies and clients. Use this question to show where the client is getting their primary services from your agency. Engaging on Housing Search? Where are you identifying Housing or meeting the client. Engaging in case management or financial assistance? Where is the client receiving that residential assistance.
  - Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count for 2018
    - PIT Background includes unsheltered and sheltered clients. Changes this year:
      - Gender Identity has a new option, "Gender Non-Conforming"
      - Survivor of Domestic Violence question refers only to clients who are homeless because they are fleeing domestic violence

- Young parents are now identified into two age categories, under 18 and 18-24 years old
- Housing Inventory Count background on what can be included in the HIC (must have primary intent is to serve homeless persons, homeless status verified, and actual project clients are predominantly homeless). Changes are limited to VA funded projects.
- Two reports are required for each ES, TH, RRH, and PSH projects
- Submission is due by 2/21/2018 via the online form