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NCCEH

Orange County HMIS Users Meeting

Friday August 18, 2017 2:30-3:30 pm

Southern Human Services Center, Room D, Chapel Hill

Present: Andrea Carey, Nicole Purdy, Corey Root, Joel Rice, Debra Vestal, Rex Mercer, Sean O'Hare, and Molly Rowe.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- NCCEH Staff Update
    - NCCEH staff have attended several events to stay up-to-date on HMIS and Data Standards including a 3 day training for the reporting software QlikSense, the 2017 National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference, and the Mediware Customer Conference. Key updates for North Carolina HMIS Users include:
        - QlikSense (reporting software to replace ART) release date delayed; new estimate for NC HMIS Sys Admin Is is October. All users release date is estimated by the end of the calendar year.
        - ServicePoint 6 (software for HMIS overall) release date delayed; new estimate for first release is Spring 2018. NC HMIS estimate is summer 2018 due to the size of our implementation.
- Collecting + Entering Disability Data
    - HUD's definition for disabling condition
        - From the 2017 HUD Data Standards:
            - A physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, posttraumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that:
                - 1) Is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration;
                - 2) Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; and
                - 3) Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.
            - A developmental disability, as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002).

- - The disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or any condition arising from the etiologic agency for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV).
    - A veteran who is disabled by an injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service and whose disability meets the disability definition defined in Section 223 of the social security act.

    - **HUD's Data Standards do NOT require documentation for disability.** Funding sources may require documentation, especially when eligibility is determined by disability status. ESG Funded projects do NOT require documentation for disability.
      - **UPDATE:** Documentation for shelter projects was mistakenly identified as requiring documentation for disability from the HEARTH Act Final Rule on Homelessness. An AAQ to HUD has since clarified that the Final Rule's description of documentation is *only* required when the funding source requires it.
    - Questions were raised by the group about how to think about a disability that "impedes the ability of a client to live independently" and whether that was related to Activities of Daily Living that are used frequently in social work. An AAQ has been submitted by the Data Center for clarity.
  - How disabling condition is represented in HMIS as a gateway question, Sub-assessments for disability type, and HUD Verification
  - How to collect disability information from clients that clarifies the specific meaning of disability according to HUD.
  - Disability data errors can be reviewed using the 0640 Data Quality Framework report in ART
- New Guidance from HUD on entries for Newborns
  - HUD recently clarified that newborns' dates of birth will be flagged if their birthdate is the same as their entry date.
  - New household members should be entered into projects for the date they slept in the bed of residential projects. This is also true for newborns.
- New Data Center request forms
  - New forms for new licenses, inactive licenses, custom reports, and training requests are available on the ncceh.org/hmis
- Privacy and Security reminders