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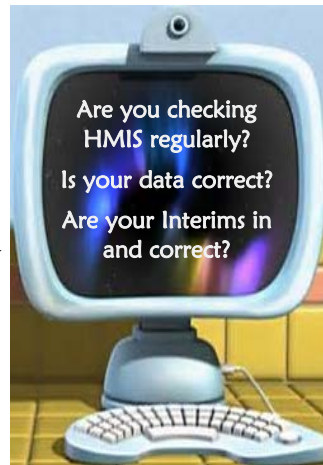
HMIS Data Sharing

What an exciting time!
Data sharing went into effect on April 1st!
BOSCOC is the first COC in Arizona to use full data sharing. Remember your data will only be shared after you put in an ROI. So the workflow should be ~ find or add your client; check, create, or edit the household; ADD ROI and check the names of all household members you are serving, THEN add an Entry.

It is ***extremely*** important that every client has an ROI, whether they choose YES to share or NO. Sharing all data in HMIS will allow all clients to be served more effectively and enable more effective case conferencing. Data entry

will become easier because if another provider has entered client information, and put in an ROI, all you will need to do is make sure the information is correct – changing only a few items to reflect current circumstances.

Are you checking your data - regularly? When any required reports are run from HMIS, the data needs to be of the highest quality! With data sharing, it is even MORE important that you look at what is already there. Make SURE to check if clients are already in the system – do NOT create a new client if they are already in the system.



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We are being asked to show how our contracts are performing to justify the state and national governments continuing to award us funding. All of our information comes from HMIS so we are checking all RFP's against your information in HMIS. What we are finding does not always match what we have been paying out. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** for HMIS to match what is requested.

APR vs. NOFA

When comparing your year-end APR with what was entered in the NOFA application, remember that the percentages are showing how you did this year compared to your prediction. The NOFA application is a guess at what you

might accomplish, the APR is what you actually did. No one can predict perfectly. So when completing an application, be sure to look back over several years and find how many you can serve, how many did you serve,

and what was the outcome? That is really what HUD is looking for. Some years are harder on our clients than others. Be sure to take into account contributing influences.

Performance Measures

With many of our agencies now subscribing to the Housing First philosophy and prioritizing those that are the hardest to serve, some of you may have noticed while completing your APR (Annual Performance Report) that the housing stability measure and total income measure numbers have slipped from previous years. While Special Needs understands how hard our agencies work and know that each of you wants your program to do well for not only the

participants, but for the Continuum, please know that these lower numbers and percentages are to be expected. HUD understands and expects performance measures to go down. How can it not? The participants that are being served need more intensive case management, they have more medical issues coupled with mental illness and substance use issues and some with criminal backgrounds; all of this impedes their progress. As Karia stated, "If the performance measure

percentages were not going down, HUD would know that we are not practicing housing first." So, as you complete your APR or are just running a HMIS report to review your programs and you see that your performance measure numbers and percentages are lower than last year, congratulations! Your housing first, permanent housing project is working! Keep up the good work and know that we at ADOH are very appreciative of your hard work.

GREAT NEWS!

Here at ADOH we are writing a Request for Proposal for the Balance of State geographic region in order to award \$1,000,000 to one (1) or more recipients to administer a Rapid Re-housing Program. Rapid Re-housing is an intervention designed to help individuals and families to quickly exit homelessness and return to

permanent housing. Rapid Re-housing assistance is offered without pre-conditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are typically tailored to the unique needs of the household. Stay tuned for more information!

23rd Annual Statewide Conference on Ending Homelessness will be held in Phoenix at the Black Canyon Conference Center on October 3rd and 4th.

