

HMIS Committee Minutes

May 8, 2007; 10:00am

Attendees:

Alicia Matthews, St. Columba
Irma Hinkle, ACCESS
Pat Vedomske, The Planning Council
Sari-Friedman Rosner, NDHS-HART
Alisa Berry, OTEH

Debbie Williams, The Planning Council
Juanita Dowdy, ForKids
Roxie Hoven, YWCA
Peggy Crutchfield, NCSB

1. PKI Update

Julie Dixon at The Planning Council is still working with the budget to see if she can find enough money to purchase the PKI certificate.

2. ART reports

Pat handed out the first round of ART reports. These included a client listing, a chronic homeless exception report, and a null report. In the null report a "0" means that it has been entered and a "1" means that it is null and has not been entered. For SSN, if there is no SSN and if the data quality question is left blank then the entry is considered null. If the data quality question has been answered, the entry is not considered null. The disability of a long duration question needs to be answered because it appears in the null reports.

3. 2007 CoC

In the HMIS reports, the null and missing values percentages are rather high. Agencies will use the ART reports to fix the null values by May 17th, and Pat will run the report again to see if the numbers improved.

Pat has gone through the questions in the CoC application regarding HMIS and has answered all of them in the affirmative. She also stated that these answers are accurate and that the activities in the chart are being completed.

4. Measures for Access to Mainstream Resources

This is in the minutes from the last meeting as a continued discussion. The question was raised of how many clients are receiving mainstream benefits after they arrive at the shelter because of central intake. Most clients are coming to the shelter having mainstream benefits already. The method for reporting mainstream benefits needs to be clarified from the APR.

5. Families vs. Singles

Only persons with children are considered a family. Married couples should still be entered as singles. Pregnant women with no other children are also single until the child is born. When a child turns 18, they must be exited and entered as a single adult.

6. Open System

The Executive Committee met and the Norfolk Homeless Consortium HMIS will go open with limited information being shared. The agency entering the data will not be seen by other agencies so confidentiality will be maintained.

Central Intake partners will be going to a fully open system. The system will go open for everyone on July 1st.

Next Meeting: June 12th, 10:00am, NCSB Bute Street Office