ATA Meeting
08/27/2024

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Welcome!

Webinar setup:

- Non-presenters are muted

- Please use the Questions area to ask questions. We will answer as many in real time as possible. Questions should be available in the left side controls. Click the arrow to expand, type your question in the text area and click Send.

- This webinar is not intended to address specific client data situations. Please contact the HMIS Help Desk helpdesk@allchicago.org

- The materials and Webinar recording will be made available via a URL link that we will send out

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Agenda

- HUD HMIS Updates
  - API Overview

- Wellsky HMIS Updates
  - Housing Move-in Date

- CoC HMIS Updates
  - Visibility Overview

- Data Quality Q2 2024

- Reports sent to Agency Technical Administrators

- Quarterly CoC HMIS Webinars

- Questions

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HUD HMIS Update

Items from the HUD HMIS Lead Webinars:

- NHSDC Fall Conference 10/22-23 2024 in Portland, OR

- No HMIS Data Standards Updates in 2026. There will be in 2027. The timeline for data standards changes is being updated by HUD:

	Old Timeline	New Timeline
All change requests submitted by federal partner	December 31st	September 30th
All changes reviewed/approved by mini team	February 28th	Mid-October
Final Federal Partner approval	March 31st	October 31st
Release technical/programming documents to vendors	~April 1st	~January 1st (*draft versions*) ~February 1st (*final versions*)
Release data collection guidance	~May 1st	~April 1st
Data Standards Go Live	October 1st	October 1st

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HUD HMIS Update

Items from the HUD HMIS Lead Webinars:

- HUD is exploring alternate ways to receive data other than large aggregate file uploads.

- Sage is the reporting repository for agencies to upload APRs, etc. There is a User Manual at this link: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/sage/

- Eva has a demo mode that does not require you to upload your data. This allows users to just become familiar with the functionality. Eva page: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6786/hmis-eva/

- As of June 1, 2024, Sage will require the new Program Eligibility Form if clients are enrolled who have a Living Situation that is not a homeless or institutional situation to explain how they qualify. We will post a Help Desk article with the details.

- HUD is considering defining an API to facilitate data sharing and interoperability with other systems.

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What is an API?

- An Application Program Interface (API) is a way for an external program to directly and (in most cases) in real time read, create, or update data in a system (in this case, the HMIS). It is not yet known whether the HMIS API will enable creating or updating data.

- It requires programming skills and knowledge of the HMIS system and data, as well as knowledge of whatever system is accessing the data.

- It will also require updates to data governance including privacy, data sharing, and data usage.

- It will likely be an extra cost item from HMIS Vendors.

- Keep in mind the HMIS Data Standard is updated every two years, so the API will also be updated every two years, and any program using the API will also need to be updated.

- The HMIS API is in the early stages of definition and discussions with the HMIS vendors.

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Wellsky HMIS Update

	CURRENT FOCUS (1-3 months)	NEXT (3-6 months)	LATER (6+ months)
Market Compliance	• Federal FY24 HMIS Report Updates • Taxonomy Updater • Nightly Export Updates	• SPM Details Report • LSA Annual Updates	• SPM Single-run and Export
UI/UX Enhancements	• Front-end Data Quality Validations	• Entry/Exit Table Updates	• New Assessment Field Types
Interoperability	• Client API CRUD Support	• Provider API CRUD Support	• API Enhancements
Infrastructure Enhancements	• Large DB Performance Improvements • BusinessObjects Field Additions	• BusinessObjects Field Additions • MFA, SSO Support via Okta	• MFA, SSO Support via Okta

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Wellsky HMIS Update

Change to Housing Move-in Date Entry

- Currently entered using the Update Assessment

- Wellsky intends to change this to enter the Housing Move-in Date as part of the Entry/Exit Update as a single entry

- Wellsky intends to migrate existing data from the Assessment(s) to the Update

- There will probably be corrections required to the migrated data

- We will update training and conduct sessions to prepare users

- This change will probably not happen until early 2025

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CoC HMIS Update

Chicago CoC HMIS items include:

- Work continues on the AllInside project to improve data visibility in HMIS. A workplan was submitted to the HMIS Committee for their review.

- Client Contact Information Sub-assessment

- DFSS Report Updates

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What is Visibility?

In the Wellsky Community Services HMIS system, Visibility refers to what data in the HMIS can be seen by that user. Visibility can be controlled in the following ways:

- By client (clients can be locked with specific exceptions)

- By HMIS data type (entry/exits, assessments, services, etc.)

- By User Role and Agency/Project assignment

HMIS Item	Current Sharing	New Sharing
Clients	Generally shared	Shared
Client Demographics	Generally not shared	Shared
Notes (Client/Case/Need)	Generally not shared	Shared
Entry/exits	Generally shared	Shared
File Attachments	Generally not shared	Shared
Assessments	Generally not shared	Shared
Services	Generally not shared	Shared
Case Manager	Generally not shared	Shared

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Client Contact Information

Providers receiving referrals from Coordinated Entry (CE) or the Homeless Prevention Call Center (HPCC) should only view the Client Contact Information sub-assessment from the Client Profile.

In addition to viewing contact information as part of a referral, providers are encouraged to use this sub-assessment to document or update contact information whenever appropriate.

Before accessing the client profile, ensure you are not in any EDA mode as this will limit visibility to the sub-assessment.
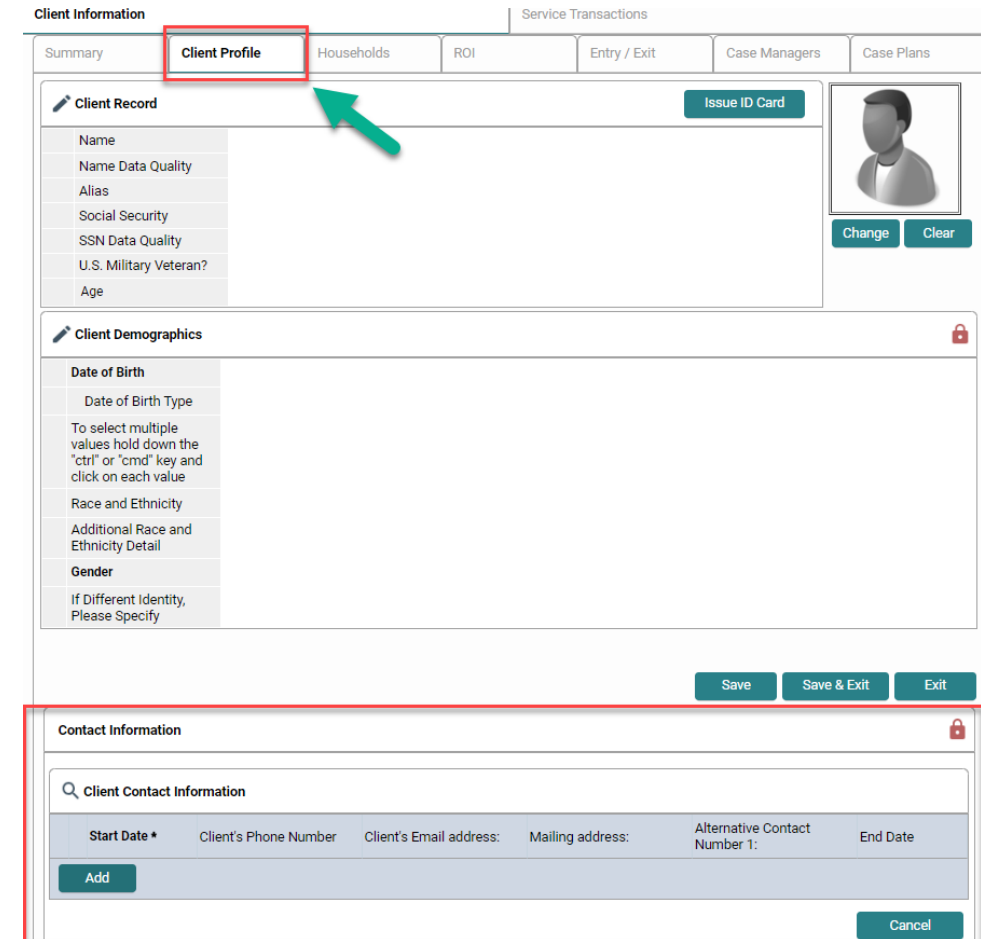
Update to DFSS Quarterly Reports

The DFSS reports in BusinessObjects will soon be updated to function solely on the DFSS model assigned to a project. Currently, the reports are set to function on both the Chicago model and DFSS model. The reason for this change is to eliminate the use of two models to represent the type of project.

This update will not affect how clients are included in the report or any data point/ metric. Once updated the reports will continue to operate as they currently do. The only noticeable change will be the display of the DFSS model instead of the Chicago model in any header rows.

Reports to be updated:

DFSS Quarterly

DFSS Performance Outcomes

DFSS Carryover

User Prompt Field	Value Selected
Enter Report Start Date:	4/1/24
Enter Report end Date:	7/1/24
Enter Calendar Year Start Date (any client who exited after this date and before the Report Start Date will be excluded from the report):	1/1/24
Enter Providers for Report:	
DFSS Model (if incorrect, contact HMIS@allchicago.org):	LTRA
Report Runtime:	1 Min 55 Sec
Date Report Run:	8/27/2024

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Data Quality Q2 2024 Update

- DQ Process for Q2 2024 (4/1/2024 – 6/30/2024) is in process

- Ensure that all data corrections are completed by Thursday, August 29 so that data is available on the day of submission.

- Deadline for submitting results is Friday, 8/30/2024. There should be a separate DQ report file generated for each project. Those individual files can all be included in one email submission to DataQuality@allchicago.org

- The Help Desk Article link is: DQ Process Overview

- If you have difficulties or questions, limited Office Hours are still available upon request. Please reach out to helpdesk@allchicago.org to request a session

- Please note that the Utilization report for Data Quality has been updated for Rapid Re-Housing Projects to use the current occupancy as the project inventory.

- Results will be posted next week

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Reports sent to Agency Technical Administrators

There are several reports regularly sent to ATAs in each agency. The assumption is that the ATA is routing the reports to the appropriate person(s) in the agency.

The reports are as follows:

Report	Attachment Name	Attachment Type	Frequency/Day	Description
Match to Enrollment	Match_to_enrollment	Excel	Weekly/Mon	List of all referrals to a project and outcomes
Enrollment Timeliness	Enrollment_update_timeliness_weekly	Excel	Weekly/Wed	List of all referrals to a project and timeliness of enrollments
Utilization	Utilization	Excel	Weekly/Thu	PSH Project Utilization
Annual Assessment Tracker	Annual_assessment_tracker	Excel	Monthly/Mon	List of clients due for Annual Assessment
Need Status Update Reminders	N/A	N/A	Daily/M-F	List of clients with Need Status indicating in process for 10/15/40/45 days

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Quarterly CoC HMIS Webinars

Other CoCs have had success with conducting quarterly webinars on topics of interest in using the HMIS. We are looking for ATA input on topics to include for these webinars.

Some suggestions:

- Data entry for Sub-Assessments (Income, Disability, Non-Cash Benefits, Insurance, etc.)

- APR reporting

- Housing Move-in Dates

- HMIS Points in Time (Entry, Update, Exit)

Ideas are welcome in questions or email to mcorcoran@allchicago.org

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Questions

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Thank you!

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