

Data Collection Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, May 15th, 2014 11:00AM-12:00PM

Location

434 Lake Ave. 4th Floor

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	Erik Wirkkala	Erin Kelly	Keith Howard	Kyle Beaulieu
Mandy Lancaster	Mary Sliney	Rich Doyle		

April Minutes Approved

APR Scoring Tool

- We have made a few minor adjustments to the tool used to score CoC APRs for the annual NOFA
 - These changes aligned the scoring criteria with new HUD goals
 - Mary was wondering, since we now score for Housing First, if would could define Housing First as a CoC, as much of the guidance and existing Housing First models are unclear
 - Existing HUD and USICH Housing First criteria is listed on sheet 3 of the scoring tool
 - We will continue the discussion about Housing First as a CoC
- A current copy of this tool will be sent to the committee for a vote
 - Expect a few minor changes to this tool in the future, as HUD continues to adapt its guidelines

PIT/HIC

- The State of NH just released 2014 PIT/HIC numbers and their official press release.
 - See BHHS PIT Map [here](#)
 - See full press release [here](#)
 - Highlights include a 14 percent overall decrease as well as a 14 percent decrease for families
 - 2,210 total homeless persons in NH
 - 358 families

HMIS Data Quality Conference

- Cathy recently attended a HUD conference on new HMIS data standards
- Generally, changes apply to ESG projects much more than CoC projects
 - HUD's Outreach projects seem to have prohibitively stringent data reporting requirements
 - This is concerning for CFS Street Outreach
 - Erin was wondering if missing information would be automatically flagged by the funder
 - We now must collect length of time on the streets to establish Chronic Homelessness
 - This will likely be self-reported. Though potentially inaccurate, it is the only real option for capturing this without an open HMIS system
 - Emergency Shelters must now collect income information
 - All income is now being attributed to the Head of Household (HoH)
 - These new standards should go into effect by Oct. 2014
 - Software platforms used to record and track data are making updates and will hopefully be compliant with HUD's requirements by this time

There will be no Data Collection meeting in June



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