

Working Group Report to the CoC Board

August 2019

Working Group: Data and System Improvement

Champions: Michele Fuller-Hallauer and Stacy DiNicola

Meeting Details: August 5 & 19, 2019, from 8:30–11:00 a.m. at Clark County Social Service

Working Group Members: Ariana Saunders (CCSS), Catherine Huang Hara (CCSS), Danita Osborne-Morris (CCSS), Emily Paulsen-*phone* (Nevada Homeless Alliance), Genevieve Gutierrez (Nevada Homeless Alliance), Kathryn Barker (SNHD), Matt Manlangit (CCSS), Michele Fuller-Hallauer (CCSS), Mike Reed-*phone* (Bitfocus), Stacy DiNicola (City of Henderson)

Accomplishments-Action Items Completed:

1. **2019 Homeless Census Fact Sheets** – The DWG reviewed the revised fact sheets and verified updates. Fact sheets were printed as a booklet and made available at the CoC Board Meeting in August. All fact sheets are complete and available on the HelpHopeHome.org website.
2. **2019 Homeless Census Comprehensive Report** – The DWG reviewed the comprehensive report and discussed updates needed, as well as the layout of the full report. The census report is complete and available on the HelpHopeHome.org website.
3. **Presentation on HMIS Working Group activities** – The DWG received a presentation from Catherine Huang Hara on the activities of the HMIS Working Group. Moving forward, the DWG will review results of federal reporting and offer assistance to HMIS Working Group as needed. The DWG will also review meeting minutes from the HMIS Working Group to stay current on their activities.

Pending Items:

1. **Discussion on providers not entering data into HMIS and next steps** – The DWG received an update on data quality in HMIS and found that not all providers are entering accurate and complete data in HMIS. There was discussion on data not being accurately entered into HMIS from three providers in particular: The Salvation Army, Las Vegas Rescue Mission, and the HUD-VASH program. Next steps include working with the Emergency Shelter learning collaborative to review data and discuss challenges/successes and reaching out to Katy Miller at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) to ask if she can assist in a conversation with the HUD-VASH program.
2. **Census Application for 2020 Homeless Census** – Danita Osborne-Morris provided an overview of a side-by-side comparison of different census applications to show what applications are available and what other communities are using. The five applications that were reviewed included ArcGIS, Google Form, Qualtrics, Surveys, and Simtech Solutions “Counting US”. The DWG requested a demonstration of ArcGIS and Simtech Solutions at the next meeting.
3. **Discussion on Racial Disparities** – This has become a hot topic issue with HUD and is a scored item on the local application. HUD and the National Alliance to End Homelessness both have a racial disparity tool that the DWG can utilize. The new CoC Data Analyst, Matt

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Manlangit, will complete a preliminary data analysis on racial disparity and present it to the CoC Board in September.

4. **Review Built for Zero system-wide data dashboards** – The BFZ Working Group reviews data on veterans and chronically homeless and the system-wide data. The DWG will discuss this at the next meeting.

Next Meetings: Monday, September 16 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. at Clark County Social Service

Sub-Working Group Updates:

Working Group: HMIS Subworking Group

Champion: Catherine Huang Hara

Meeting Details: Wednesday, August 21 (3rd Wednesday of each month)

Working Group Members in Attendance: Ryan Franco (VA), Catherine Huang Hara (CCSS), Jennifer Huse (SNAMAHS), Julee King (Bitfocus), Matt Manlangit (CCSS), Peter McCoy (VA), Danita Osborne-Morris (CCSS), Mike Reed (Bitfocus)

Accomplishments-Action Items Completed:

1. Catherine introduced Matt, the new Data Analyst for the CoC. Each introduced themselves and explained more of what each agency does. Ryan also mentioned that he is changing positions in the VA.
2. Monthly Review of HMIS Action Plan
 - a. Outreach to begin in September on updated data standards to be rolled out in September. Implementation will occur in stages, with outreach to providers. User affinity groups are being established by the HMIS TA group. Future training will also be implemented with the changes.
 - b. Discussed incorporation of data quality review performed by Bitfocus to be incorporated within the annual agency monitoring.
3. HMIS Fast Fact Sheets
 - a. Reintroduced by Bitfocus, and tabled pending review until the September meeting
4. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Report
 - a. ABT Associates still has not provided feedback on usability of the data. Next submission period opens in October.
5. STELLA Update
 - a. Waiting for feedback from ABT before using the data in STELLA.
6. HMIS Applications
 - a. Project 150 was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18

Working Group: Census Working Group

Champion: Karen Schneider

Meeting Details: No meeting in August

Working Group Members in Attendance: NA

Next Meeting: TBD