

HMIS Data Standards

2017 Changes





Submitting Questions

- All participants will be muted.
- Questions can be posted at any time during the webinar via the “Questions\Chat” pane of Go-To-Meeting.
- Any question that cannot be answered during the presentation will be answered after via email.
- A copy of the presentation will be available on **MaineHMIS.org**



Agenda

- Foundation for Changes
- Timeline
- Details on Changes



Foundation

- “The changes to the HMIS Data Standards were identified as critical by HUD and its federal partners because the data is needed for reporting purposes for the various partner programs. Every effort was made to determine if the necessary information could be obtained through data elements currently in the 2017 HMIS Data Manual and Dictionary but in a few cases an element either needed to be changed or an element needed to be added.” –HUD Exchange



Foundation

- Additional clarification was added throughout the Manual in response to Frequently Asked Questions. These changes were prepared by HUD in collaboration with their federal partners: HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau.



Timeline

- **The changes will go into effect October 1, 2017.** HMIS users are expected to begin entering data under the updated standards starting on October 1, 2017.
- All active clients must be updated to the new standards (open records as of 10/1/2017)
- All clients entering projects after 10/1/2017 should be entered using the new standards
- Records for clients who have exited prior to 10/1/2017 do not need to be updated (unless they return after that date, in which case, the new fields would be collected in a new Entry Assessment)



Details on Changes

- There will be changes to the UDEs, which will affect all projects entering data into the system, regardless of funding.
- There will also be changes to program specific data elements for most programs.



General Changes Include

- Entry date is now Start date
- HoH's Anniversary Date will now apply to all household members
- Picklist differences throughout
- Changes in Data Collection Stages
- Minor wording changes
- Removed references to “Unaccompanied Youth” as term no longer in use



Universal Data Elements

Gender – wording changes to picklist values

- Now “Trans Female (MTF or Male to Female)”
- Now “Trans Male (FTM or Female to Male)”
- Now Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)

Disabling Condition – altered data collection stage

- Collected at Project Start
- Clarifications related to making changes to value to edit if incorrectly entered



Universal Data Elements

Project Start – this replaces Project Entry

- Street Outreach = Date of first Contact
- Emergency Shelter = Night of first shelter stay
- Safe Haven and Transitional Housing = Date of move in to residential project
- All other projects it's the date the client first began working with the project (first provision of service)
- All Permanent Housing, including Rapid Re-Housing = Date of admission into the project

Housing Move in Date – New Element

- Renamed/renumbered Residential Move in Date
 - Now used for all PH projects including RRH
- Collected for Heads of Household at Occurrence Point (Update)
- Housing Move in Date is entered as soon as the client moves into housing, regardless of the funding source or whether the project is providing the rental assistance.



Universal Data Elements

Destination – changes to dropdown values

- Now “Permanent Housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons”
- Now “Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy”

A Living Situation – changes to dropdown values

- Now “Permanent Housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons”
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B Living Situation – changes to dropdown values

- Now “Permanent Housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons”
- Now “Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy”

Relationship to Head of Household – clarification

- Clarification that if there is an adult in the household, the adult must be marked HoH



Program Specific Data Elements

Common Elements

Housing Status – retired

- Retired

Non-Cash Benefits – change in PL values

- Retired “Section 8, Public Housing, or Rental Assistance” and “Temporary Rental Assistance” subsidies

Disability Types – retired additional questions

- Retired “Documentation of disability and severity” and “Currently receiving services”
- Retired all PATH specific questions related to Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Contact – change to location field

- Location field retired; New field regarding whether client is on streets, in ES or SH added

Residential Move in Date – retired and moved to UDE

- Retired (now UDE with slightly different name)



Program Specific Data Elements - VA

VAMC Station List – changed to dropdown

- Will become a dropdown list of VAMC Station Codes

VASH Voucher Tracking – new element

- Date of Voucher
- Reason for Voucher Change

VASH Exit Information – new element

- Case Management Exit Reason



Program Specific Data Elements - RHY

Changed/New Elements:

- Data collection Stages altered for a few questions
- New 2017 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grants may use RHY Elements for Data Collection and Reporting

Referrals Provided By – retired

- Retired

Family Unification Achieved – retired

- Retired



Program Specific Data Elements - RHY

Referral Sources

- Reduced picklist values

BCP Status

- Altered wording to clarify meaning and added new question about whether client is Runaway Youth

Family Critical Issues

- Number of responses reduced

Services Provided

- Number of responses reduced; collected 1x per service



Program Specific Data Elements - RHY

Project Completion Status

- Number of responses reduced

Counseling

- New element

Safe and Appropriate Exit

- New element

Aftercare

- Number of responses reduced; now collected Post
- Exit



Meta Data Elements

- ▶ **5.3 Data Collection Stages**
 - Updated to new collection stages
- ▶ **5.6 Enrollment Id**
 - Formerly Project Entry Id (UDE)
- ▶ **5.8 Personal Id**
 - Former UDE
- ▶ **5.9 Household Id**
 - Former UDE
- ▶ **5.10 Signed Consent**
 - New Placeholder Metadata Element



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Timeline (review)

- The HMIS Team will be working to configure the system on Friday, September 29th.
- The updates will happen in real time, so as the system is reconfigured, the new assessments will be available to users.



Resources

- [Version 5.1](#) of the HMIS Data Standards Manual is posted to [mainehmis.org](#). *(The Manual contains information on data collection requirements, instructions for data collection, and descriptions that the HMIS User can use as a reference.)*
- Updated Data Entry Forms and PowerPoint will be posted to [mainehmis.org](#)
- Contact the HMIS Help Desk with HMIS questions using the help form on [mainehmis.org](#) or at hmishelp@mainehousing.org
- ServicePoint Training Site - <https://maine.servicept.com/training/com.bowmansystems.sp5.core.ServicePoint/index.html>



Thank you!