FY 2020 Data Standards Update

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Introduction

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• Today’s Presentation
  ▫ Introducing FY 2020 HUD Changes to Data Standards
  ▫ Sharing how BitFocus interpreted and is applying the HUD changes to Clarity
Data Standards Overview

• What are the data standards?
  ▫ A set of standardized instructions for data collection

• Who established them?
  ▫ The federal funding partners:
    • HUD
    • HHS
    • VA

• How do the Data Standards affect you as a service provider?
  ▫ Dictate your interactions with HMIS
  ▫ Guide client conversations
  ▫ Funding – required reports and performance benchmarks
Data Standards Update Overview

• When will the changes we see today take place?
  ▫ The FY 2020 Data Standards will take effect on October 1, 2019
    • Some preparatory work will be seen slightly sooner

• Why do data standards update?
  ▫ To integrate new data into homeless data collection
  ▫ Alter data collection process – paper vs practice
  ▫ Introduce new workflows/programs/funding
    • Recent examples: CoC Joint, HUD:CoC - YHDP
Administrative Changes

- Reorganized Data Standards Document
- Some back-end program items moved around in Clarity
  - Victim Service Provider designation
- Screen management updates
  - Current Living Situation screen
- Bed and Unit Inventory restructure
  - Greatly expands bed/unit inventory data
    - Will be revisited in preparation for HIC
- Program setup changes (back end)
  - New federal funding sources may be recorded
  - New format for recording non-federal funding
Changes Requiring Your Attention

- **Housing Move-in Date**
  - No longer on status update or exit screens.
  - Only on enrollment.

- **Disabling Condition**
  - No longer on status update or exit screens.
  - Only on enrollment

- **Domestic Violence (and dependent questions)**
  - Now required to be collected moving forward for **HHS:PATH-funded** and **VA:SSVF-funded** programs
Changes Requiring Your Attention

- Employment Status
  - All VA:GPD programs now required to collect this information

- Sexual Orientation (RHY and YHDP)
  - Added response option “Other”
  - Required element for all CoC – YHDP programs

- VAMC Station Number
  - Now available and required for the following programs:
    - VA: Grant Per Diem
    - VA: Contract Residential Services
    - VA: Community Contract Services
Changes Requiring Your Attention

• PATH Status (**HHS:PATH**-Funded programs)
  ▫ New response option: “unable to locate client”

• Removed dependent fields
  ▫ HIV/AIDS
    • No longer asks long term/disabling
  ▫ Developmental Disability
    • No longer asks long term/disabling
  ▫ Both assumed to be long term and disabling by default
Substance Abuse Data Element Slide

- Please take a moment to write down the following:
  - Substance Abuse is data element 4.10 as seen above
  - No changes have been made to element 4.10 with the FY2020 Data Standards
Changes Requiring Your Attention

- **Current Living Situation**
  - *Entirely restructured element*
  - Affects the following:
    - Data elements:
      - Prior Living Situation (3.917)
      - Contact (now Current Living Situation 4.12)
      - Destination (3.12)
    - Program types:
      - Outreach (all)
      - HHS:PATH SSO
      - Coordinated Entry (future release)
      - Night-by-night ES programs (none currently in San Diego HMIS)
  - Includes dependent fields based on responses
    - Follow-ups focused on housing history and current housing options
Changes Requiring Your Attention

- Current Living Situation continued
  - Clarity implementation:
    - Will be recorded at three stages:
      - Enrollment
      - Special Status Update
        - Replaces “contact” for Outreach
        - Adds additional status assessment screen
      - Exit
        - No major change – limited to edits in picklist
  - RTFH will release documentation on this change’s implementation shortly after this presentation releases
Changes Requiring Your Action

• Interim Housing Retired (all providers/programs)
  ▫ Any client with a prior living situation of “Interim Housing” must be updated
    • **Action:** update prior living situation value of “Interim Housing” to another applicable prior living situation value.
    • **RTFH will send data cleaning emails to agency admins of affected agencies facilitate this change**
Changes Requiring Your Action

• Sexual Orientation (RHY/YHDP)
  ▫ Action required for HHS:RHY and CoC:YHDP programs
  • Action: update information to “Other” for this data element as applicable for active clients
Changes Requiring Your Action

• VAMC Station Number (VA:GPD, CRS, CCS)
  ▫ Action required for existing **VA:GPD**, **VA:CRS**, and **VA:CCS** programs with active clients as of Oct 1, 2019

• **Action**: Update VAMC Station Number for existing active clients as applicable
Changes Requiring Your Action

- **SSVF New Services**
  - There are 4 new service items available to SSVF as of October 1, 2019:
    - V2 Services Provided – SSVF:
      - Rapid Resolution
      - Extended Shallow Subsidy
      - Returning Home
    - V3 Financial Assistance – SSVF:
      - Extended Shallow Subsidy – Rental Assistance
  - **Action**: Update active client records with the appropriate services as applicable starting October 1, 2019
Recap

- Administrative changes
  - Will shape RTFH’s communication with providers on program setup
    - Program bed and unit inventory
    - New funding options
  - Data Changes (no action required)
    - New workflow
      - **Current Living Situation**
    - Removed follow-up questions
      - HIV/AIDS and Developmental Disability
    - New data collection moving forward
      - Domestic Violence for SSVF/PATH
      - Employment Status for GPD
    - New response options
      - Sexual Orientation, PATH Client status
Recap (Continued)

- **Actions required:**
  - **Interim Housing**
    - No longer a valid prior living situation
    - Change as applicable
    - **All providers as soon as is feasible**
  - **HHS:RHY** Sexual Orientation
    - Update to “other” for clients as applicable
  - **New SSVF Services**
    - Add services as applicable
  - **VAMC Station for VA:GPD, VA:CRS, VA:CCS**
    - Enter VAMC Station Number for active clients as of October 1, 2019
• Questions:
  ▫ Email us at support@rtfhsd.org

• Resource Links:
  ▫ [HUD Data Standards, Data Dictionary, and related announcements](#)
  ▫ [BitFocus Articles on FY2020 Data Standards](#)