

FY 2020 Data Standards Update

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Agenda

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Introduction

- Presenters
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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

4.10 Substance Abuse

Header	Instruction
Element Name	Substance Abuse
Field 1 & Response	Information Date (date information was collected) [date field]
Field 2 & Responses	Substance Abuse Problem
	0 No
	1 Alcohol abuse
	2 Drug abuse
	3 Both alcohol and drug abuse
	8 Client doesn't know
	9 Client refused
	99 Data not collected

- 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@rtfhdsd.org](mailto:support@rtfhdsd.org)
- Resource Links:
 - [HUD Data Standards, Data Dictionary, and related announcements](#)
 - [BitFocus Articles on FY2020 Data Standards](#)

