## **System Briefing for Partner Agencies**



## **Mission**



To lead a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home in Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio.

## **System Briefing**

Foster clear, consistent communication across all levels of partner organizations to increase agility and efficiency in our shared mission to address homelessness.



## FY2025 CSB Information Sharing and Working with Partners



Every Other Month	Monthly/Quarterly Workgroups and Office Hours	Every other week
System Briefing		
System Updates	Operation Workgroups per system type:	Case conference - client
<ul><li>Grants (Grants &amp; Compliance</li></ul>	<ul><li>ASOW (Systems Manager)</li></ul>	focused discussions:
Director)	<ul><li>FSOW (Systems Manager)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Single Adults</li></ul>
<ul><li>Housing (Housing Director)</li></ul>	<ul><li>VSOW (VA Lead)</li></ul>	(Systems Manager)
<ul><li>Programs (System Managers &amp;</li></ul>	<ul> <li>PSH/USHS (USHS Program Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Families (Systems</li> </ul>
CPEO)	■ DV (CFSH Lead)	Manager)
<ul> <li>Data and Evaluation (D&amp;E Director)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Youth (Youth System Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>VSOW (VA Lead)</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Continuum of Care (COO)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>COSHN (HPN System Manager)</li> </ul>	■ DV (CFSH)
	<ul> <li>HMIS (HMIS Database Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Youth (Youth System</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Street to Housing Outreach Collab (Mt Carmel</li> </ul>	Manager)
	Lead)	,
	Discuss impact of the CSB system updates. Implement	
Open system-wide, at all levels.	process changes, propose improvements, advance systems.	Open to Case Managers.
	Open to Program Directors.	
CSB Department Directors and Systems	Agendas sent out in Advance; Meeting minutes to follow.	
Managers provide updates (information		
regarding changes or happenings that	Monthly Office Hours for Technical Assistance:	
impact homeless system partners – i.e.	<ul><li>DCA (DCA Program Manager)</li></ul>	
PR&C, overflow, warming centers,	<ul><li>USHS (USHS Program Manager)</li></ul>	
homelessness prevention, CMHA updates,	■ HMIS (D&E Team)	
Gateway, etc).	<ul> <li>PADMISSION (Community Housing Manager)</li> </ul>	
CPEO and COO attend.	Open system-wide, for technical questions.	

## **Grants + Compliance Updates**

## **Kirstin Jones**

Grants + Compliance Director

7/23/2024



## **Grants + Compliance Updates**

- New Fiscal Year
  - Invoice Cut Off Date: Wednesday, August 14th
  - New De Minimis Rate
  - Invoice Template
- PR&C Updates
  - NSPIRE pushed to 10/1/2025.
  - PR&C Standards currently note 10/1/2024, this was prior to HUD's update. CSB will send a memo updating the date for PR&C Standards but will not update each Standard until next year.
- CoC Application
  - o Coming soon! Most likely due 9/30.
- Winter Warming Center RFP
  - Open now for applications
- Fall 1:1 Meetings
  - Optional meeting with CSB
  - Partners determine agenda

## **Programs + Planning Updates**

## Steve Skovensky

Chief Program Effectiveness Officer

7/23/2024



## Winter Warming Centers 2023/2024 Season

- Last winter served over 600 individuals in communitybased overnight shelter
- Over 20 couples, 40 dogs & 20 cats
- Operations provided by Community Development for All People, Nathan Smith Logistics & 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Warming & Cooling LLC
- Services provided by Maryhaven & Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
- Target population is unsheltered community members, couples, people with pets, transition-age youth, people with active addiction, etc.

## Winter Warming Centers 2024/2025 Season

- RFP: <u>Applying for Funds: Providers: Community</u> <u>Shelter Board (csb.org)</u>
- Due July 25, 2024 by 11:59 pm
- Establishing Warming Centers for North, South,
   East & West quadrants of the City
- First English Lutheran Church key faith partner for East Side Warming Center
- May be combination of churches & hotels

## **Direct Cash Transfers (DCT)**

- Growing movement in this field
- YMCA & HFF participated in COHHIO DCT pilot
- CSB contracted with YWCA in FY24 in DCT pilot to serve 20 families w/\$1,500 DCT
- Between October & February, families were provided DCT & only 1 family returned to shelter (95% success rate)
- Will be expanding program to both family shelters in FY25
- Refinement of referral criteria & target population in progress

## **Partnership with CRIS**

- Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS) is a key community partner
- Has dedicated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month exclusively to the homeless system
- Email <u>csbreferral@cris-ohio.org</u> to refer a client to CRIS for virtual intake meeting
- Email (encrypted) any immigration or other documents one week in advance of the clinic day
- May be in-person follow-up appointments
- Recognize this is a growing segment of the shelter & transitional housing population
- Reaching out to CRIS for education/training on work permit process

## **HAST Updates**

- Housing Assistance Screening Tool (HAST) being updated with Adult & Family System partners thanks for this collaboration!
- HAST is the Coordinated Entry tool for Rapid Rehousing
- Goal is to have a more trauma-informed & equitable assessment
- Consideration for the increasing older adult population & capturing full needs of families, pregnant women & victims of domestic violence
- Training in August with date TBD

## **Hospital Discharge Workgroup**

- Meeting for over two years
- 3 Hospital Systems (OSU, Ohio Health & Mount Carmel) with Netcare, Street Outreach, RRH
- Developed discharge algorithms for social workers at hospital to utilize
- Older Adult Workgroup formed out of this group
- Revived conversation about additional medical respite
- CSB & Ohio Health presenting at Health Policy Institute conference in October

## **Apartment Nuisance Abatement Group (ANAG)**

- CSB has begun attending this group convened by City Attorney's Office
- Anticipate troubled apartment complexes and be more proactive in response
- Currently 26 locations on city's radar
- Focus on engagement, safety & conditions
- South Park & Windmiller Point of highest concern
- Searching for buyers for Wedgewood & Colonial Village
- Latitude 525 was just purchased

## **Housing Updates**

## Jennifer Birmele

**Housing Director** 

7/23/2024



## **Unified Supportive Housing System**

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## **USHS Policies and Procedures Update**

- Highlights of changes are:
  - Added language to clarify that an invitation to submit an SSNA is not needed for clients who are <u>HUD chronic</u>, <u>Veterans</u>, <u>Transition</u>
     Age Youth, <u>Domestic Violence</u>, <u>VAWA protections and adults with</u> <u>minor and/or dependent children</u>
  - Prospective Applicants have a right to appeal a Housing Provider denial by following the Housing Provider's guidelines for appeals. Housing Provider will upload to HMIS the notification of denial sent to the client along with the Housing Provider's appeals process and forms HUD-5380 & HUD-5383.
  - When a client is referred to a housing provider and the unit is not available for occupancy within 30 days, the Prospective Applicant has the right to deny the housing opportunity without penalty.

## **USHS Policies and Procedures Update**

For Prospective Applicants' currently experiencing street homelessness, a written observation by an approved outreach worker must be completed monthly or the client's Self-Certification of Homelessness Form to document ongoing street homelessness. For documenting chronic homelessness, the continuously homeless for at least 12 months category, HUD expects an approved outreach worker to document at least 9 of the 12 months the individual or head of household resided in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., under a bridge, a car), or an emergency shelter with third-party documentation. The Outreach Worker must physically see the Prospective Applicant living in a place not meant for human habitation at least once during the month, in order to document for that month. This observation may be documented on a Verification of Street Homelessness form or with the Current Living Situation assessment in HMIS (must state location details and note place not meant for human habitation). The first encounter with the approved outreach worker must be documented with the Verification of Street Homelessness form.

## Direct Client Assistance-Policies and Procedures Update

- Highlights of changes are:
  - ACH payments will be made for vendors when CSB also has an ACH relationship with the vendor for payment of Rental Assistance.
  - If funding is available for noncitizens or those without eligible immigration status a form of photo identification is required. (Refer to DCA Program Matrix for specifics)

## NPSIRE/Padmission/Home4Good

- NSPIRE: Implementation date changed to 10/1/2025
- Padmission: <a href="https://csb.padmission.com/">https://csb.padmission.com/</a>
- Home4Good: <a href="https://www.csb.org/how-we-do-it/home4good-landlord-partners">https://www.csb.org/how-we-do-it/home4good-landlord-partners</a>



#### HOME4GOOD takes a two-prong approach:

- · Recruiting landlords to work with people facing homelessness
- Supporting landlords already participating in Community Shelter Board's housing programs.

#### RECRUITMENT

Financial incentives are available for landlords who make available SRO or 0-3+ bedroom units to second chance renters. Benefits include:

- Incentive payments to landlords of \$300 for each SRO or 0 bedroom unit,
   \$500 for each 1-2 bedroom unit and \$750 for each 3+ bedroom unit
- · Additionally, rent and deposit assistance for tenants to increase stability
- Opportunities to directly help the community by renting to veterans, individuals, and families facing homelessness
- Vacancies will be filled quickly because there are always tenant families ready to move in!
- Community Shelter Board's partners continue to work with tenants and serve as a point of contact and support for the landlord

LEARN MORE

#### ONGOING SUPPORT

A Risk Mitigation Fund is available to reimburse documented property damage, loss of rent, and other related issues. The fund provides an additional safety net for landlords, beyond a normal security deposit, when housing second-chance renters. Loss may include but is not limited to documented physical damage to a property beyond normal wear and tear, lost rent, unpaid utility charges, and, in certain cases, pest extermination.

**LEARN MORE** 

If you would like to participate as a community partner landlord or get more information about HOME4GOOD, contact Nick Brenner
• nbrenner@csb.org • 614-715-2559

## **Utility Allowance/CMHA-CGI Changes**

- New utility allowances went into effect for our system on 7/1/24
- https://www.csb.org/providers/monitoring

Multi-Family Unit Utility Allo	wance						
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Electric							
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Cooking	8	9	13	17	22	26	
Water Heating	20	24	30	37	43	50	
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CMHA/CGI transitions coming soon

## **Data + Evaluation Updates**

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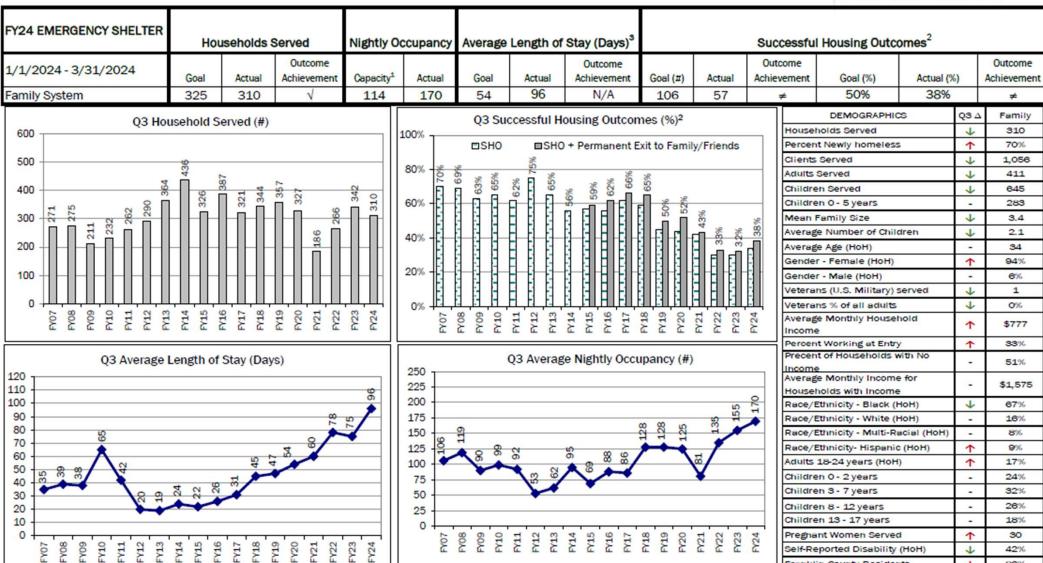
Data + Evaluation Director

7/23/2024





Franklin County Residents



When compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year 9% less households needed shelter. The success rate at exit from shelters increased 6 percentage points to 38%. The average length of shelter stay increased by 21 days to 96 days, the highest level recorded historically. While the number of families served decreased, the family system is reporting the highest average nightly occupancy at 170 families. Lack of available safe, decent, affordable housing is making it difficult to successfully move families out of shelter quickly. The employment rate at entry increased from the FY23 annual rate of 27% to 33% currently and the average income increased to \$777 (FY23 \$652). 7% of families (23) had more than one shelter stay during the timeframe. The number of pregnant women served increased by 50% (10) compared to the same reporting period in FY23 (20). An additional 35 families stayed in the Overnight shelter program only, waiting for a face-to-face shelter eligibility assessment. These families were subsequently either helped to find an alternative to shelter or self-resolved.

Overflow capacity is not included. The family emergency shelter system will expand capacity as necessary to meet the shelter needs of homeless families.

<sup>2</sup> Starting 7/1/15, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to family, Starting 7/1/18, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to friends.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The rating/achievement of average length of shelter stay has been suspended for shelter providers for FY2024.



Self-Reported Disability (HoH)

Franklin County Residents

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The number of single men sheltered increased 4% when compared to the same reporting period of the prior fiscal year. The success rate at exit from shelters increased 1 percentage point to 9%. With the opening of winter warming centers, the nightly occupancy increased to 705, the highest number reported historically. The average length of time homeless increased by 3 days to 55 days, the highest level recorded historically. Lack of available safe, decent, affordable housing is making it difficult to successfully move individuals out of shelter quickly. The employment rate at entry increased 3 percentage points to 23% when compared to the FY23 annual rate of 20%, and the average income increased to \$758 (FY23 \$592). 47% of men (850) had multiple stays in shelter during the timeframe. The rate of adults aged 62+ increased by 1 percentage point to 13% when compared to the annual FY23 rate (12%). The number of veterans served increased by 62 (64%), compared to the same reporting period of the prior fiscal year (FY23 97).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Starting 7/1/15, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to family. Starting 7/1/18, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to friends.

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The number of single women sheltered increased 12% when compared to the same reporting period of the previous year. The success rate at exit increased 1 percentage point to 12%. The average length of time homeless increased by 9 days to the highest level recorded historically. Lack of available safe, decent, affordable housing is making it difficult to successfully move individuals out of shelter quickly. The employment rate at entry increased by 1 percentage point to 21% when compared to the FY23 annual rate of 20%, and the average income increased to \$707 (FY23 \$618). 46% of women (352) had multiple stays in shelter during the timeframe. The number of pregnant women served increased by 10% (4) compared to the same reporting period in FY23 (40). The rate of adults aged 62+ remained flat when compared to the annual FY23 rate (10%).

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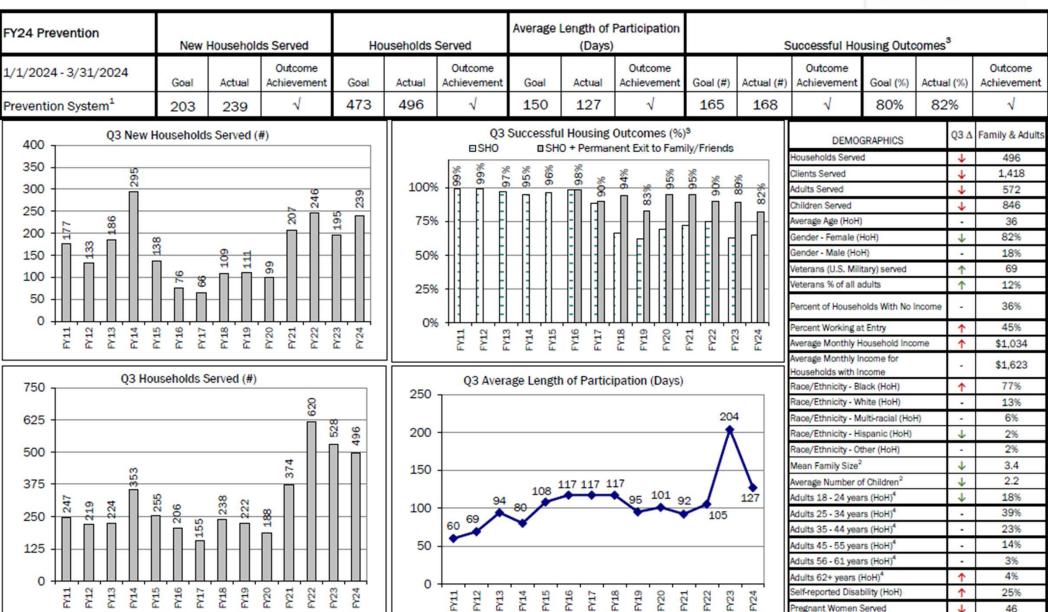
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Due to rounding percentages do not add up to 100%.



regnant Women Served

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The number of households served decreased 6% when compared to the same reporting period of the prior fiscal year but the system met its projected goal. The successful housing outcome rate decreased by 7 percentage points to 82% and the average length of participation in the program significantly decreased to 127 days. At exit, 65% of households are stable in their own housing and 17% decided to permanently move in with family/friends. The percent working at entry increased compared to the FY23 annual rate of 44% to 45% currently. The number of veterans served increased by 20 (41% increase) and the number of pregnant women served decreased by 13 (22%) when compared to same reporting period of FY23 (49, 59).

<sup>1</sup> System includes Gladden Community House prevention programs, Home for Families prevention programs, and VOAOI SSVF program for veterans.

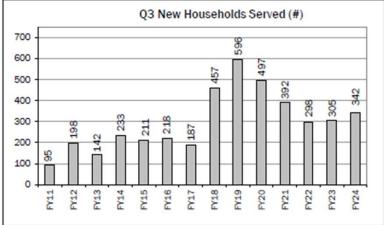
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data refers to the families served.

Starting 7/1/15. Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to family. Starting 7/1/18, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to friends.

Due to rounding percentages do not add up to 100%.



FY24 Rapid Re-Housing	New	Households	s Served	Но	useholds \$	100	Average	Length of (Days	f Participation	Successful Housing Outcomes <sup>2</sup>							
1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024	Goal	Actual	Outcome Achievement	Goal	Actual	Outcome Achievement	Goal	Actual	Outcome Achievement	Goal (#)	Actual (#)	Outcome Achievement	Goal (%)	Actual (%)	Outcome Achievement		
Rapid Re-Housing System <sup>1</sup>	485	342	<b>≠</b>	1,276	1,048	¥	240	202	N/A	295	213	<b>≠</b>	55%	62%	<b>√</b>		
Single Adults <sup>3</sup>	-	270	-	-	721		-	168	-	-	130	-	-	59%	-		
Families <sup>3</sup>	-	72	-	1	327	-	-	266	÷	- 1	83	-	-	69%	-		

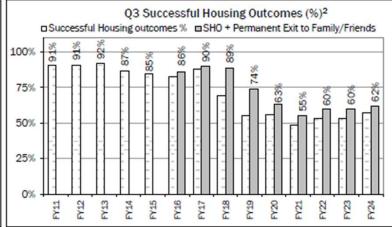


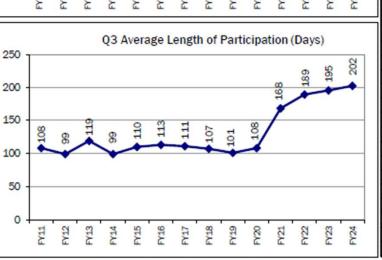
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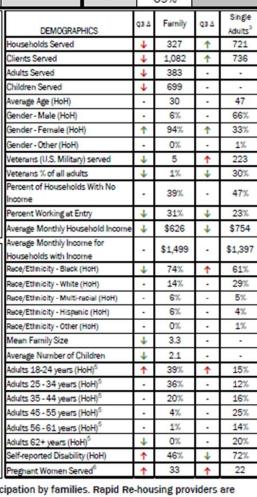
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The number served increased 1% when compared to the same reporting period of the previous year, significantly impacted by a 54 day average increase in length of participation by families. Rapid Re-housing providers are reporting continued difficulty securing low-income, affordable housing. The success rate at exit increased 2 percentage points to 62 percent and the length of participation increased by 7 days. The self-reported disability rate decreased to 46% (FY23 annual rate 47%) for families and to 72% (FY23 78%) for single adults. The number of veterans served remained flat and the number of pregnant women increased by 18 (49% increase) when compared to the same reporting period of the prior fiscal year (226, 37).

FY20 FY21 FY22

1750

1500

1250

1000

750

500

250

<sup>1</sup> System includes HFF Rapid Re-housing programs, VOAOI Rapid Re-housing, YMCA Rapid Re-housing programs, YWCA Rapid Re-housing program, Homefull Rapid Re-housing program, LSS SSVF program, and VOAOI SSVF program.

<sup>2</sup> Starting 7/1/15, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to family. Starting 7/1/18, Successful Housing Outcomes include permanent exits to friends.

<sup>3</sup> No outcome goals are set by subpopulation. Households with only adults are included in the single adult population.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The rating/achievement of average length of participation has been suspended for rapid-rehousing providers for FY2024.

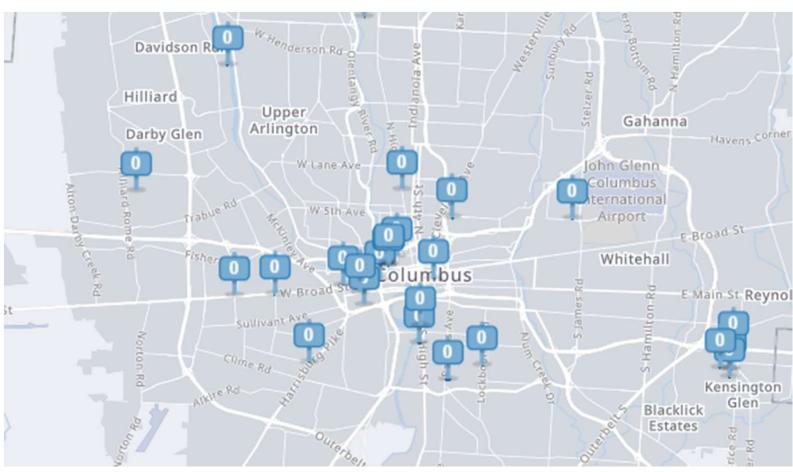
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## **Homelessness Prevention Network Expansion**

- Twenty-eight agencies now have dedicated Housing Resource Specialists in place to work with the public.
- The goal is to reduce evictions and literal homelessness.
- CSB's HPN Manager directly supports the Housing Resource Specialists with training opportunities, guidance, and resources.
- All data is entered into HMIS to streamline services.
- CSB's Data Team supports HPN agencies and CSB's HPN Manager.

## **HMIS - Street Outreach Camp Map**











## **HMIS - Street Outreach Program Changes**



\*Current Living Situation Assessment Utilization\*

## Initial Enrollment, Monthly Contacts, and USHS/PSH documentation of unsheltered time

- ... The outreach worker must physically observe the individual or family residing in a place not meant for human habitation.
   Information should be documented in HMIS on the Current Living Situation Assessment...
- ... Third-party verification is only acceptable if attempts to directly contact client fail. Information should be documented in HMIS on the Current Living Situation Assessment...

## Initial Enrollment and Monthly Contacts ONLY (not acceptable for USHS/PSH documentation of unsheltered time)

 Self-certification documented in writing. Information should be documented in HMIS on the Current Living Situation Assessment...

## **HMIS - Street Outreach Program Changes**



- \* Project Start Date is 1st contact, before Date of Engagement \*
- When initially contacting an unsheltered person, Outreach should attempt to collect all HMIS required data. Clients may be entered into HMIS and enrolled with a "Project Start Date" even if all Universal Data Elements have not been collected (e.g., client could be entered into the system as "Joe with the red hat" or similar). The "Project Start Date" should be entered into HMIS as the first direct contact date.
- Program enrollment should occur by the 4<sup>th</sup> business day of the month following initial direct contact, per the HMIS Quality Assurance Standards. CSB will not accept documentation of time spent homeless for contacts that occur more than 30 days prior to enrollment unless outreach has received prior approval from CSB.

**Date of Engagement:** The date the client first engages in services with the outreach provider and <u>must be after the Project Start Date</u>. All HMIS Universal Data Elements must be completed and updated on the client's profile in HMIS as of this date. The Date of Engagement value is recorded on the <u>outreach program's</u> enrollment record.

## **Force for Good**

## **Diversion + Coordinated Entry**

 11,345 people who called the homeless hotline were either connected to shelter beds or helped to find better options than shelter.







- The behavioral health workforce is alarmingly thin and those waiting for shelter need and want to know where they stand.
- The project will provide bi-directional text updates to:
  - reduce call volume,
  - reduce time to shelter entry,
  - provide reassurance to the person in need that they are still on the waitlist.
- The tool will update HMIS accordingly.



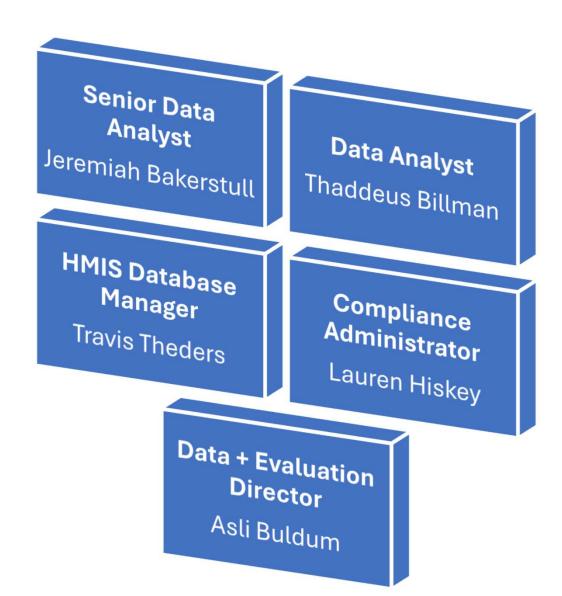
## **Contact Data Team**

#### **Contact HMIS@csb.org**

- HMIS User Support
   (certification, data entry, duplicate client records, dashboard or assessment updates, etc.)
- HMIS Report Support
   (Clarity, HUD, or custom report
   questions/issues/updates)

#### **CSB Publications:**

https://www.csb.org/news-and-publications/





## **HMIS User Survey**



- Requesting feedback on:
  - HMIS administration,
  - user support,
  - technical assistance.
- Will be out in August 2024



## **Continuum of Care Updates**

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## **Colonial Village Updates**

- The Colonial Village project started in November 2023, due to long-standing unsafe living conditions cited at the property.
- CSB has been solely responsible for hotel placement, operations and day to day management, providing temporary hotel accommodations and support services via 9 hotel/motels.
- The City of Columbus has provided CSB \$6M in funding to stabilize 536 households (387 families 149 single adults) and over 1,300 individuals.

#### Currently we still have:

- 35 families with children who are working to secure housing will continue to be accommodated in hotels.
- 2 families with children are assessed for continued stay.
- 4 pregnant women who are working to secure housing through the Center for Family Safety & Healing, in partnership with Celebrate One, will continue to be accommodated in hotels.
- 42 single adults/couples who have housing secured will continue to be accommodated in hotels.
- 3 families are at Van Buren family shelter and continue to receive services.
- 5 single adults who exited hotels called the Homeless Hotline seeking shelter and have been added to the waiting list. 2 single adults have entered shelter.

## **Continuum of Care Updates**

- Next CoC open meeting will likely be the September meeting where the CoC Application will be approved – anybody that wants to attend is welcome to attend
- The CoC has its own website
  - columbusfranklincountycoc.org

## **Continuum of Care - HUD Updates at NAEH**

#### **NOFO** year

- Similar to what we currently have
- First year to have services COLA
- Not many new things in this year's application
- No additional time to complete; cannot exceed Sept 30<sup>th</sup> for submission
- System Performance Measures will continue to grow in points
- Racial Equity will grow in points
- Housing First will grow in points

#### **OFF** year

- Renewal grants will be renewed, will include FMR adjustments and services COLA if Congress will provide increased funding, will not have to submit renewal project applications
- 1st year renewals will have to submit project applications
- Reallocations will have to submit project applications
- If there are new \$s available HUD will figure out something prior year COC score will be used for ranking and awards

## **HUD NOFO Off Year Focus**

- Program fidelity
  - practicing housing first adapting the housing first assessment tool
  - use as an anti-racism tool
- Performance analysis
  - Set incremental improvement targets
- Racial equity
  - Use the housing first assessment tool as an anti-racism tool
- Partnerships
  - Public Housing Authorities
  - Healthcare agencies integrate Medicaid into PSH to maximize healthcare benefits
  - Organizations that have experience with racial equity
- Process Improvements

## **HUD NOFO Off Year Focus**

- Embed people with lived experience before, during and after the NOFO
- Move with urgency but not at the expense of being equitable
- Adhere to Housing First principles
- Help people with the highest needs
- Focus on the HUD performance measures
  - Reduce people experiencing literal homelessness
  - People experiencing 1st time homelessness
  - Length of time homeless
  - Return to homelessness
  - Income measures
  - Reduce racial disproportionality and disparities

## **HUD NOFO Off Year Focus**

#### **HUD Grantees**

- Monitoring and evaluation
  - Do site visits and review case files
  - Provide training and TA based on findings
- Project level performance is important
- Invest in problem-solving activities
- There is not enough affordable housing and will never be use shared housing

#### **HUD Activities**

- Will restart monthly calls and communications in September/October
- Planning for a new esnaps in the next 4 years that will look like a grants management system
- Will release final ESG and COC regs that will be streamlined and aligned
- HMIS will be redesigned with API capabilities

## Q+A