



MASW's HMIS Project Resource Sheet December 2011

Resources:

Monitoring and Utilizing HMIS Data:

The goal of the Homeless Missourians Information System (HMIS) Project is to help agencies track services provided while also giving agencies a tool to determine gaps and needs for people who are experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness. The HMIS reports outlined in this document are opportunities for your agency to begin looking at community need and the types of clients being served. It provides guidance on which reports pull what type of data, as well as how that information can be used at your agency. This document also highlights how the HMIS reports can be used to assist in the agency's self-monitoring plan.

Bed Utilization Tip Sheet:

The bed utilization tip sheet is designed for agencies to calculate their shelter or housing programs' bed utilization rate. Bed utilization rates assist agencies in monitoring that arrivals and exits have been recorded for all clients the agency has served. This tip sheet can be accessed on MASW's HMIS website under Helpful Tools at: <http://masw.org/HMIS/forms/index.php>.

Self-Monitoring Plan Webinars:

To aid agencies in creating and adhering to their self-monitoring plan, a series of webinars are being developed based on the funding source. The purpose of the webinar is to help HMIS Users learn how to identify errors in their data, know what reports are available to review data, learn how to correct data entered and to produce quality reports. The webinars, which we plan to offer beginning in 2012, will not be required but are strongly encouraged.

Target Population Training Resource Binder:

The intention of the medical questions required by HUD is for the intake worker to identify resources available in their community and connect the client to those resources. Target population trainings provide basic information on a specific health topic, as well as the resources available in your county, region, and state. The HMIS Project encourages agencies to use the information provided in each target population training to create a resource binder. Resource binders can provide a partial listing of service and support services that are available in your area for each health topic. Please contact your HMIS Project Coordinator for assistance in obtaining a copy of the presentation used for each target population training to be included in your resource binder.

Refurbished Printers and Servers:

TechSoup provides discounted software and technology equipment for non-profit agencies. For the very first time, TechSoup has added printers to the Refurbished Computer Initiative (RCI). They have also updated their refurbished server offerings. All refurbished hardware is covered by a 90-day warranty. More information can be obtained by going to TechSoup's website: <http://home.techsoup.org/pages/default.aspx>.