



McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

HMIS Committee – January 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 AM

To attend virtually: <https://meet.goto.com/967336581>

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Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 6th

Attendees 1/3/2024

Joe Davis	x
Brandon Kyker	x
Aly Gutierrez	x
Diona Dugo	x
Gina Zinck	x
Jayona S	x
Julie Kovacs	x
Katie Hauri	x
Nancy Erickson	x
Patty Moeller	x
Phoebe Wang	x
Sheri Corcoran	x
Suzanne Martinez	x
Vickie Lusk	x
Taylor Wolfe	x
Samantha Marcellis	x
Erica O'Neill	x
Carrie Freund	x
Kya Hays	x
Frank Samuel	x

1.0 Call to Order

- JD called the meeting to order at 10:02am

2.0 Public Comment Period

- There were no public comments.

3.0 Presentation – *Joe Davis HMIS Administrator*

3.1 Introduction to HMIS Committee and Goals

- J Davis introduced the new committee and gave a brief overview of the committee's hope to provide a space for discussing HMIS data, common issues, and data quality.

3.2 Rotating structure of Agency Admin / End User Meetings

- J Davis explained that the HMIS Committee will meet monthly and will rotate between End User Meetings and Agency Admin Meetings. End user meetings will focus more on day-to-day use of HMIS and training while the Agency Admin meetings will include information on federal reporting/regulations.

3.3 Overview of McHenry County homelessness data from 2023

- J Davis gave a brief overview of 2023 HMIS data that included a breakdown of clients served in each project type (SO, TH, PH, ES). J Davis also explained that he will provide a more in-depth overview of the 2023 data during the February meeting. This is due to WellSky updating the system on January 5th, 2024.

3.4 Update on 2024 Data Standards and HMIS Reports

- J Davis covered the timeline of events with WellSky and the 2024 Data Standards Update. WellSky was unprepared for the 2024 data standards update and as a result many of the HMIS reports (including SPM and APR) have not been working. This was updated on January 5th and most of the reports are now available.

4.0 Looking Forward

4.1 Review / Initial Thoughts on Data Quality Management Plan

- J Davis introduced the DQMP to the Committee and asked for comment/feedback. B Kyker proposed several small changes including changing the statement that the CoC will make data quality a meeting agenda item at EVERY board meeting. The second change is that the CoC will acknowledge provides with high levels of data quality in the quarterly CoC general membership meeting. This needs to change to annually, not quarterly.

4.2 HMIS Vendor Wishlist

- J Davis introduced the idea of investigating new HMIS vendors and asked for feedback on what people like/don't like about our current HMIS. G Zinck explained that the reporting with WellSky is not great and the custom reports they have made for us in the past don't work. The inability to update the VI-SPDAT is one specific issue mentioned by G Zinck. K Hauri mentioned that HOS was looking into other HMIS-like systems that would allow them more case management tools and mental health billing assistance. J Davis said that they would continue this discussion at future meetings. F Samuel added that we should consider going to WellSky with our "wishlist" before receiving proposals from other vendors.

4.3 Future Meeting Training Topics

- Tuesday, February 6th at 10am will be the next meeting. J Davis encourage anyone to send training topics or education ideas.

5.0 Open Forum and Member Announcements

6.0 Adjournment

- B Kyker made the motion to adjourn and S Martinez seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43am.