Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Continuum of Care Meeting – Friday, September 13, 2019

**HMIS Update**

**Changes to HMIS Household Functionality now in Effect**

Foothold Technology has deployed enhancements to the Household functionality in our HMIS. These changes include increased flexibility in specifying who is in a household and who is the primary client for every program episode, as well as some label changes to existing fields and tabs. One particularly helpful new feature allows users to specify the primary client of a household for each new program enrollment using an easy-select radio button. A pop-up message on the AWARDS/HMIS website provides a comprehensive summary of the changes.

Foothold held a live webinar on September 11 to explain the changes. Since the household functionality is such an integral part of using the HMIS, it is strongly recommended that all users view the recording of this webinar in HMIS Online Help. A link to the recorded webinar can also be found in the pop-up message when you log in to AWARDS/HMIS.

**New HMIS Data Standards coming from HUD on October 1, 2019**

Foothold will be deploying changes to the HMIS Data Standards as directed by HUD on October 1, 2019. Many of the changes are intended to bring the HMIS in full compliance with the new Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) reporting and will take place behind the scenes. The changes that most HMIS users will see are expected to be minimal. However, if you work with a Coordinated Entry program in HMIS, there will be new data elements for Coordinated Entry Assessments and Events (these CE data elements are not required to be implemented prior to April 2020).

The latest edition of the HMIS Newsletter has two pages devoted to the Data Standard changes and can be accessed by logging in to the AWARDS/HMIS database and clicking on the link on the Homepage.

**HMIS Data Committee Forming**

The HMIS team at the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is forming an HMIS Data Committee to engage in discussion and to gather input from our providers on matters involving data privacy and security, data quality, HMIS policies and procedures, HUD data standard changes, and HUD-required HMIS reporting (LSA, SPM).

The kickoff meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20 at 10:00 AM at the LICH office in Amityville. Please contact Wayne for more information.

**Upcoming HMIS trainings:**

* HMIS New User Training: *Thursday, September 19, 2019.*

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Visit the HMIS section of the LICH-CoC website ([www.lihomeless.org](http://www.lihomeless.org)) for additional information and helpful resources.