

# CareForum 2022 The WellSky® Conference

# HUD and federal partner updates

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# Agenda

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- FY2023 HMIS Data Dictionary updates
- FY2024 HMIS Data Dictionary updates
- FY2021 LSA
- Reporting Updates
  - ESG CAPER/CoC APR
  - Coordinated Entry APR
  - PATH Annual Report

## FY2023 HMIS Data Dictionary updates

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There are none.

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Thank you for coming to my **HUD** talk.\*\*

Questions?



<sup>\*\*</sup>If only it were that simple.

# FY2024 HMIS Data Dictionary updates (and you)

HUD and the federal partners want to address some broad themes in the upcoming round of Data Dictionary changes:

- ➤ Basing data collection on the experience of people with lived expertise
- ➤ Grounding data collection in equity and inclusion
- >Reducing the burden on the client
- >Reducing the burden on provider staff (for example, cost to implement changes)
- ➤ Agency legal and reporting requirements
- ➤ Consistent data collection among federal partners
- ➤ Simplifying collection of necessary data
- ➤ Data that improves operations and coordination of services

To that end, HUD is working with stakeholder teams with representation from:

- ➤ People with lived expertise and experience
- ➤ CoCs and providers
- ➤ Advocates
- **≻**Researchers

Stakeholder groups are focused on two categories to understand how to collect data and revisit what data elements to require:

- ➤ Gender identity
- ➤ Race and Ethnicity

HUD and the federal partners are looking at several sections for possible updates in FY2024:

- ➤ Gender, race, ethnicity
- > Separation of trans identity from gender identity
- ➤ Bed and Unit Inventory
- ➤ Addressing issues related to duplicated inventory, especially for RRH
- ➤ Streamlining and removal of data element responses (picklist values) that are not used in any federal reporting
- ➤ Clarifying and improving Data Manual data collection guidance

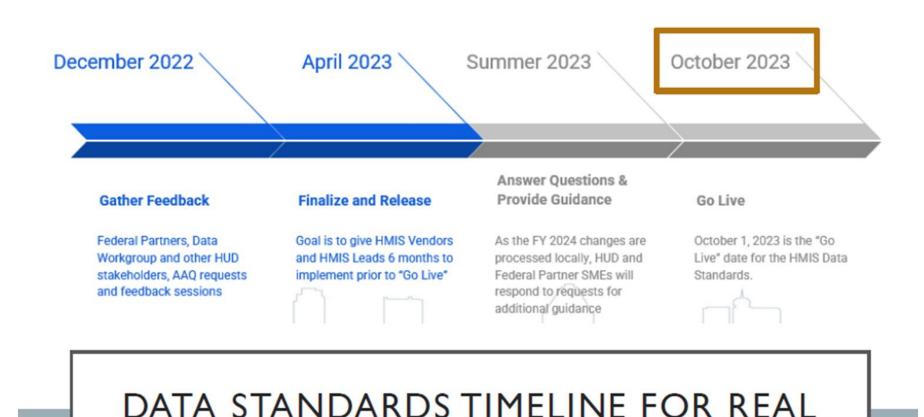
Another area under examination is the collection and use of Social Security Number (SSN) data.

- ➤HUD is contemplating removing the requirement to collect SSN. Discussions are underway with other federal partners and key stakeholders. This is currently a discussion only. There are no current changes to the SSN collection requirement.
  - ➤ Security safety concerns for survivors and identity theft
  - >Reducing the collection burden
  - ➤ Collection of only what is needed and used to serve and house the individual
  - ➤ Collection of SSN creates an incentive to give false info for SSN if the client does not have or does not know their SSN
  - >SSN isn't good for identification or to support unique identification

Some of the topics that your peers have mentioned as recommended changes for FY2024 include the following:

- ➤ Updating the wording on "Approximate date homelessness started" to "Approximate date this episode of homelessness started"
- ➤ Review of the need for the "Disabling Condition" question as it seems duplicative of the specified types of disabling conditions
- ➤ Notification to HUD that the CoC well-being questions are problematic, with a request to not create similar questions in the future
- ➤ Addition of clarity around Bed Nights and proper data entry/reporting
- ➤ Better race and ethnicity categories
- ➤ Need for better ways categorize household
  - ➤ People experiencing homelessness that are elder
  - >Adults with adult children

### FY2024 HMIS Data Dictionary Timeline



HUD and the federal partners have requested that HMIS Leads (and vendors) provide feedback about desired changes/clarifications to the Data Dictionary. This could include recommendations for changes, additions or feedback on anything you've heard about thus far. Anyone with an interest in HMIS can provide feedback

Feedback is given through the HUD "Ask A Question" porta: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/">https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/</a>

Select "HMIS: Homeless Management Information System" when asked "My questions is related to"

Please remember that while the HMIS Data Standards team will review and vet each request submitted via the AAQ, federal partners and other stakeholder groups...

- ➤ Each change is considered
- ➤ Not all requests or suggestions will be accepted and incorporated into the FY2024 HMIS Data Dictionary

Please note that all items contained in the FY2024 HMIS Data Dictionary section of this presentation are for consideration, **NONE** of the items discussed have been incorporated into any version of the HMIS Data Dictionary at this time.

## Longitudinal system analysis (LSA)

HUD released specifications to vendors in August 2022 with the LSA changes for FY2022

- ➤ Report Parameter: Change from fixed Lookback Date (2012) to Fixed Lookback period of seven years
  - ➤ [ReportStart 7 years]
- ➤ Report Parameter: Exclude enrollment data from projects based on HMIS Participation and Victim Service Provider Status
- ➤ LSA Report: Pare down data quality reporting and limit it to the Report Period/Active Cohort

### LSA Submission Timeline FY2021

#### Proposed LSA Timeline (subject to change)

August 1, 2022
Draft
Specifications

 Vendor review period of two weeks August 11, 2022 Weekly vendor calls resume

 HUD and HUD TA meet weekly with vendors August 19, 2022 Specifications locked

 Bulleted text, Arial Regular, 12pt October 2022 HDX 2.0 Vendor Testing

 Vendors have one month period of advance testing November 2022 HDX 2.0 opens for CoC Submissions

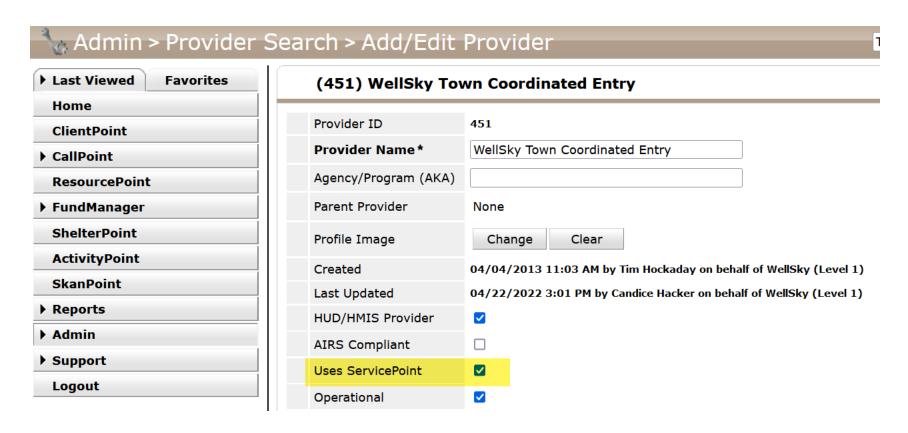
 CoCs begin data submission and cleaning

Proposed LSA Timeline (subject to change)

- ➤ August 1 draft specifications released to Vendors
- >August through end of submission period weekly Vendor/HUD TA office hours
- ➤ Week of August 15<sup>th</sup> specifications locked
- ➤ October HDX 2.0 opens to vendor testing
- ➤ November FY2022 data collection opens

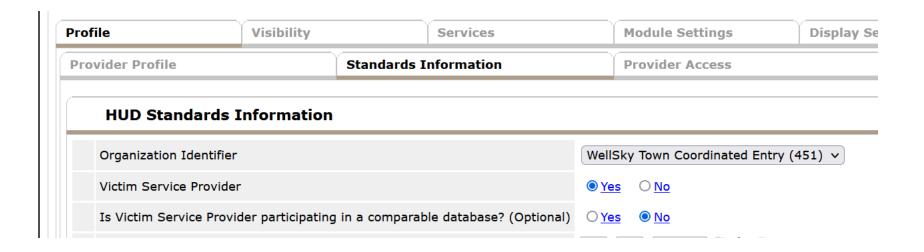
#### **HMIS Participation Status**

➤ This designation is at the Project (Provider) level



#### Victim Provider Status

➤ This designation is at the Organization level



### LSA Updates deferred to FY2023

#### These items will be addressed in FY2023 (not this year):

- Separate records for the child and adult enrollments for people who age into adulthood during the report period
- ➤ Move the PIT count from LSACalculated to an identifier in LSAPerson and LSAHousehold
- Change the LOT metrics in LSAHousehold and LSAExits to count of days rather than ranges
- ➤ Remove ReportRows and Populations from LSACalculated that are redundant
- ➤ Add detail about household size and household DV status in LSAHousehold and LSAExit
- ➤ Include demographic data for children in LSAPerson

# Report updates

HUD released specifications to vendors in August 2022 with information about upcoming required changes to the ESG CAPER and CoC APR.

These changes will go into effect on January 1, 2023. Sage will be updated at that time and will only accept the new version of the report. More information about the release of the updated report will be provided in late fall/early winter.

➤In The ESG/CAPER and CoC APR will be renamed to FY2023 ESG CAPER and FY2023 CoC APR

Q4a: add active clients and total active households by project columns

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	ı	J	К	L	М	N	0	Р
1	Organization	Organization	Project	Project	HMIS	Method	Affiliated	Project IDs	CoC	Geocode	Victim	HMIS	Report	Report	Total	Total Active
	Name	ID	Name	ID	Project	for	with a	of	Number		Service	Software	Start	End	Active	Households
					Туре	Tracking	residential	affiliations			Provider	Name	Date	Date	Clients	
						ES	project									
2																

Q5: add Count of Clients column that includes total count of clients regardless of engagement status for street outreach projects. Columns B and C will have the same counts for non-street outreach projects. Column B will potentially be lower to account for clients with a Date of Engagement enrolled in street outreach.

	A	В	С
1	Category	Count of Clients for DQ	Count of Clients
2	Total number of persons served		
3	Number of adults (age 18 or over)		
4	Number of children (under age 18)		
5	Number of persons with unknown age		
6	Number of leavers		
7	Number of adult leavers		
8	Number of adult and head of household leavers		
9	Number of stayers		
10	Number of adult stayers		
11	Number of veterans		
12	Number of chronically homeless persons		
13	Number of youth under age 25		
14	Number of parenting youth under age 25 with children		
15	Number of adult heads of household		
16	Number of child and unknown-age heads of household		
17	Heads of households and adult stayers in the project 365 days or more		

#### Q27j (new question):

"Average and Median Length of Participation in Days – Youth"

	Α	В	С
1		Leavers	Stayers
2	Average Length		
3	Median Length		

#### Q27k (new question):

"Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in-Date – Youth"

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
1		Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
2	7 days or less					
3	8 to 14 days					
4	15 to 21 days					
5	22 to 30 days					
6	31 to 60 days					
7	61 to 180 days					
8	181 to 365 days					
9	366 to 730 days (1-2 Yrs)					
10	Total (persons moved into housing)					
11	Average length of time to housing					
12	Persons who were exited without move-in					
13	Total persons					

#### Q27I (new question):

"Length of Time Prior to Housing – based on 3.917 Date Homelessness Started – Youth"

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### FY2023 Coordinated Entry APR updates

Q4: add active clients and total active households by project columns

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J	К	L	М	N	0	Р
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### Coordinated Entry APR clarifications

Recently HUD provided vendors with several clarifications regarding the universe of projects and for Q10:

- ➤ Project Universe includes all projects that collect 4.19 and/or 4.20 data elements
- >Q4 should only show projects that have clients in the client universe
  - ➤ This adjustment needs to be made in the CS version of the CE APR. It does not impact the number of clients reporting, only the number of clients that appear in the Q4 list
- ➤Q10 Total Coordinated Entry Activity During the Year includes all coordinated entry data recorded in 4.19 and 4.20 in the report range, not limited only to the data on clients considered "Active" in the date range in Q9 questions

Recently HUD provided vendors with several clarifications regarding the count of "Contacts" in the PATH Annual Report:

- ➤ 12a captures the instances of Contact during the reporting period prior to the Date of Enrollment
  - ➤ Date of Enrollment is the Date of PATH Status Determination with a value of Yes to "Client Became Enrolled in PATH"
- ➤ 12b captures the Total instance of Contact during the reporting period

#### What is a Contact?

An interaction between a PATH-funded worker(s) and an individual who is potentially eligible for PATH or enrolled in PATH. Contacts may range from a brief conversation between the PATH-funded worker and the client about the client's well-being or needs, to a referral to service. A contact must always include the presence of or interaction with the client—the facilitation of a referral between a PATH-funded worker and another case manager or service provider without the involvement of the client would not be considered a contact. A contact may occur in a street outreach setting or in a service setting such as an emergency shelter or drop-in center. Contacts are recorded in HMIS using Current Living Situation (data element 4.12).

Every time a PATH worker contacts a client, they must record a Current Living Situation in HMIS.

#### Contact for the purposes of the PATH Annual Report:

- ➤ Any Current Living Situation (CLS) recorded on or after Project Start AND on or before Project Exit
  - There may be more than one CLS per day and all the CLS activities are counted in the PATH Annual Report
- ➤ Date of Engagement Counts only one time per entry and only where there is no other activity reported on that day
- ➤ PATH Status Counts only one time per entry and only where there is no other activity reported on that day
- >Services provided Counts only one time per entry and only where there is no other activity reported on that day

[Current living situation](4.12) records should each count separately as a contact, even if multiple records occur on the same day. All remaining types of dates ([date of engagement], [PATH status], [services provided]) should only count once per day, and only when there is no other relevant contact on that day.

- ➤i. [current living situation]on 6/1/2021 (contact #1)
- → ii. [current living situation] on 6/1/2021 (contact #2)
- →iii. [DOE]on 6/1/2021 (not counted as contact as there is already a CLS on 6/1)
- ▶iv. [PATH status] where client is enrolled in PATH on 6/2/2021 (contact #3)
- ➤ v. [services provided]on 6/2/2021 (not counted, there is already a count on this date)

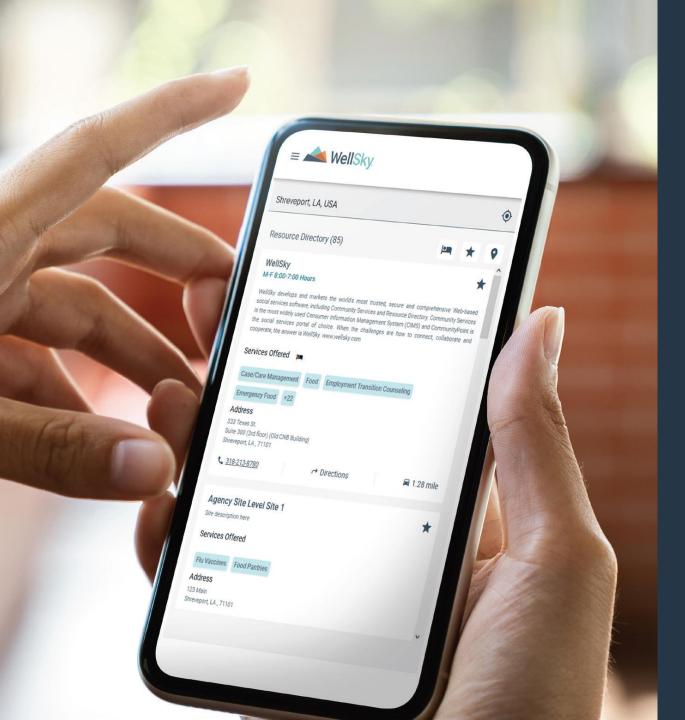
These five records amount to three contacts.

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# Thank you.

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