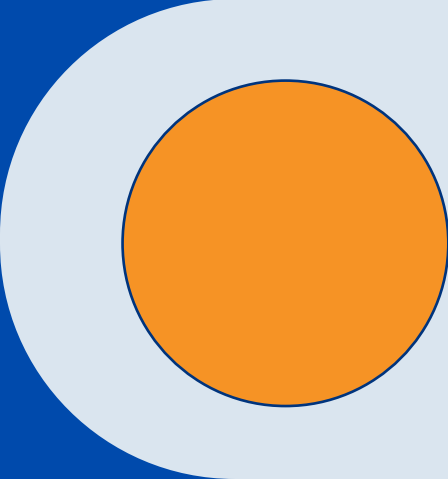





Virginia DHCD
Homeless Data Integration Project (HDIP)

Presentation to
Fairfax/Falls Church CoC Board
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Welcome

Agenda

- Background on Local HMIS
- Background on State HDIP
- Next Steps for HDIP Implementation



Why are we presenting?

- CoC Board to understand the HMIS
- CoC Board approves the
 - HMIS Vendor / product
 - HMIS Lead
- CoC Board approves CoC participation in the HDIP



What is an HMIS?

Homeless Management Information System

- Local information technology system
- Collect client-level data
- Collect data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness.



Is the HMIS Required?

The HEARTH Act, enacted into law on May 20, 2009, requires that all communities have an HMIS with the capacity to collect unduplicated counts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.



What are HMIS Data Standards?

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standards provide communities with baseline data collection requirements developed by HUD, HHS, and VA.



Is HMIS Data Bound by HIPAA?

Data on homeless services, while protected, is generally not considered “protected health information” (or PHI), especially if the service provider is not also a health care provider, and therefore is not covered under HIPAA.



When was the Fairfax/FallsChurch CoC HMIS created?

- 2001-2003
- Fairfax County Request for Proposal
- Collaborative community requirements development and partner implementation
- Licensing and system administration staffing through Fairfax County annual budget process



How does the CoC Participate in HMIS Decisions?

HMIS Committee

- Approved by previous CoC Board
- Managed by CoC HMIS Staff
- Every Participating Agency has 1-5 members
 - Super Users – staff with KSAs for HMIS
- Four Subcommittees – every 2 months
- Steering Committee – monthly



What is the HDIP?

Virginia Homeless Data Integration Project

- State level data repository
- Receive Uploads from Local HMIS Data
- Platform to share data between CoCs
- VA DHCD is the system administrator
- VA provides licenses and administrative costs



What is the HDIP?

Similar to the Local HMIS

- Governance Documents
- Steering Committee
- Agency and User Agreements
- Client Privacy Notice
- Data Sharing Agreement



HDIP Goal

Establishment of a homeless data integration warehouse that allows state policy makers, DHCD, and other stakeholders (specifically, CoC and LPGs) the ability to use comprehensive and timely data to end homelessness



HDIP Purpose

Ending homelessness is a very complex issue that requires many tools to achieve positive results. The Commonwealth is a national leader in implementing best practices and innovative strategies to end homelessness. To continue the progress, it is imperative that Virginia use comprehensive and timely data to optimize systems of care with data driven decisions.



HDIP Development and Local Participation

- Virginia HCD HDIP Advisory Committee
- HMIS Steering Committee
 - Regular updates
 - Feedback to HDIP Advisory Committee
- Fairfax County Attorney's Office review



HDIP Local Participation and Implementation To Date

- June 2020 VA HCD presentation to full CoC
- Summer 2022
 - VA HCD presentation to HMIS Steering Committee
 - Fairfax CoC Board adoption of updated HMIS Notice
- March 2024 Final documents to HMIS Committee
- June 2024 VA HCD presentation to HMIS Committee and Agency Leadership



HDIP Fairfax/Falls Church CoC Implementation Final Steps

- Presentation to CoC Board June 26th
 - Questions and Answers
- Proposed CoC Board adoption July meeting
- Individual CoC Partners sign participation agreements
- First upload



Questions?



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