HMIS CoC Update

11/17/2020

HIC and PIT count coming up. I will be reaching to each agency individually to get an updated bed and unit inventory as well as ensure that entries are correct. The more accurate everything is now, the better it will be when it comes down to grant renewals and national data!

Currently working on the LSA (longitudinal system analysis). This is a system wide report used for national data collection that is sent to congress. I may have to reach out to some agencies individually to get some more information/clarification on their data. (Those questions will vary)

CoC calendar reminder: if you have not yet sent me information to be added to the calendar, please do so. These dates would include grant renewal, grant end, grant reports, Sage reports, HMIS reports, HUD reports, etc. This is a calendar that will help us help you. We don’t want anyone to miss any important due dates. Please send them to me by 11/20 if you haven’t already done so.

HMIS training videos are in the works. I am excited for these. But they may take longer than expected. These videos will help train users and navigate through HMIS. I want there to be separate, small videos for easy navigation. We will see how it goes!

Not an HMIS update, but Thanksgiving is coming up! I hope everyone has a nice time to get away from work. Be safe. Make sure everyone is healthy before attending any type of gathering.

Racial Equity CoC Update

11/17/2020

The Racial Equity Workgroup met in October, and meets monthly. Due to Thanksgiving, the November meeting was postponed to December 3 at 10:30 on Avaya Spaces. Email Natalie Shaw (nshaw@harfordcaa.org) for the calendar invite to join.

Subcommittees of this group are regularly meeting. They are: Credit, Employment, Legislation, Housing and Health. Updates from the Racial Equity and Housing Workgroup that are highly relevant to the CoC as a whole have been posted to Avaya Spaces.

An update on the natural supports project: a new assessment has been added to HMIS that will be in effect on 11/23/2020. This assessment will capture the existence of natural supports in every household that presents at HCAA for centralized intake. This will complement the work to be done with the spreadsheet we’ve been working on as a group.