King County HMIS News, February 2022

Welcome to the King County HMIS February 2022 newsletter!

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Announcements

Meet your new King County HMIS System Administrators

Stephenee Carrington (*she/her*),

Senior Project Administrator| Tacoma, WA.

Bliss Collins (*he/him*),
Deputy Project Administrator | Bonney Lake, WA.

Bitfocus is certainly pleased to have them on board and serving the King County community. Learn more about their backgrounds.

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Federal Reporting: Thank You and Reminder

As you know, we are in the thick of federal reporting season for four critical system-wide reports and we couldn't do it without you!

These annual reports to HUD play a critical role in the CoC Program Competition and are required for local governments' Consolidated Plans for other HUD funding. HUD also uses these reports to provide critical updates on national and local progress towards preventing and ending homelessness. High quality data on our homeless assistance efforts really helps keep resources

flowing to support our community's services.

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How-to

Removal of the VI-SPDAT as a portion of the Housing Triage Tool (HTT)

As of February 28, 2022, the VI-SPDAT will no longer be included in the Housing Triage Tool. The removal of the VI-SPDAT is a result of consistent feedback from our community about the invasive and traumatizing effect this tool has on households experiencing homelessness, as well as **data** indicating that the continued use of the VI-SPDAT for prioritization produces racially inequitable results.

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Spotlight

Report Spotlight: Monthly Staff Report

Cultivating a culture of continuous data quality starts with ensuring your and your team's efforts are being accurately captured in HMIS. Collecting and maintaining complete and reliable data helps our community tell the stories of

the individuals and families we serve. The **[DQXX-103] Monthly Staff Report** is one of many tools to support your important work. This report is automatically emailed to your agency's HMIS Lead on the 15th of each month so that they can review staff accounts and activity. In addition, this report can be run as needed through the Report Library.

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Semi-Annual Compliance Certification: Privacy and Security

HMIS Security Officers, it's that time of year again! The following tasks should be completed by March 31 as part of the annual security compliance process for HMIS:

1. Review the **King County Security Officer Training** (11 minutes in length) yourself as soon as possible.
2. Complete the **HMIS Semi-Annual Compliance Certification Checklist.**

Please see the email communication sent on Friday 2/25 for more information. If you have any questions or would like additional support, please **register here** for our **Security Officer Office Hours** on **Tuesday, March 8, 1-2 p.m.** Drop in anytime or stay as long or short as you like!

Thank you for taking responsibility for ensuring privacy and security of HMIS data at your agency.

Upcoming Events

Check out these upcoming events!

- **March Coordinated Entry Housing Assessor Refresh**

  March 9, 2022 - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Security Officer Office Hours**

  March 8, 2022 - 1 to 2 p.m. OR March 22, 2022 - 1 to 2 p.m.
- **HMIS Client Consent and ROI Training**

  March 30, 2022 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Get the details!

Questions? Your HMIS Administrator is happy to help.

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