



Marin County HMIS News January 2023

Welcome to the Marin County HMIS January 2023 newsletter!

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Upcoming Events

HMIS Agency Leads Meeting*

Wednesday, March 15th, 2-3 p.m. | *Agency Leads Only: Register [HERE](#)

We are asking the designated HMIS Agency Leads and Security Officers to join this meeting on a bi-monthly basis. Of course, if you absolutely cannot make it, please send a representative. Workgroup participants will support communications between the county, Bitfocus and agency staff with regards to

community initiatives, training, privacy, security, program and data management.



Updates

LSA is Done: Thank You!

The Longitudinal System Analysis, better known as the LSA, is finally done and submitted to HUD! Thank you to those of you who had to do a lot of data clean-up in the process; we really appreciate your time doing this and your prompt responses to us. We really enjoyed getting to work more closely with some of you.

As a recap, the LSA is an annual report produced from a Continuum of Care’s (CoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and provides HUD and the CoC with critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use their system of care. The LSA is essentially a massive export of the information within Napa’s HMIS, and includes:

- Demographic data such as age, race, gender, veteran status, etc.
- Length of time homeless and patterns of system use
- Information on special populations, such as veterans and people/households experiencing chronic homelessness
- Housing outcomes for those who exit the homeless services system

The LSA also provides information about patterns of system use prior to exit, destination types, and, for those who were served again later by continuum projects, lengths of time between exit and re-engagement or returns to homelessness.



How-to

Point-in-Time Count: Next Steps

Housing Inventory: What to do Now?

This year, Marin County's Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) occurred on January 26, 2023.

HIC Count:

Data for this count comes exclusively from HMIS. It is critical that all emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing projects in the HMIS reflect accurate enrollments, exits, and night-by-night services for the January 26, 2023 night as part of this annual count of households experiencing homelessness in Marin County.

Permanent housing projects too? Yes!

HUD requires us to report the unduplicated number of persons served on the night of the PIT count in the beds that we report on the HIC, which includes all Emergency Shelter (ES), Transitional Housing (TH), Safe Haven (SH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Other Permanent Housing (OPH) projects. The HIC also includes non-participating HMIS programs and DV programs. In order to provide the best quality data to HUD from our community, agencies must review and ensure that all relevant client records (profiles, enrollments, and exits) are up-to-date and complete for the PIT count date (1/26/23).

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Report Spotlight

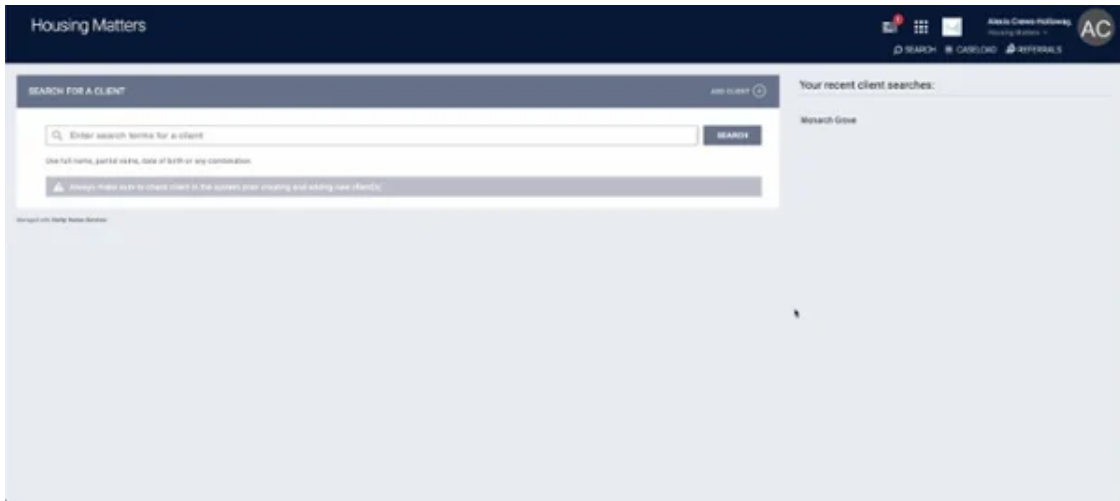
Review Your Data for the Point-in-Time/Housing Inventory Count

The Marin County sheltered Point-in-Time Count (HIC) occurred on January 26, 2023. This means that you will need to make sure your shelter, transitional housing, and/or permanent housing program has complete and up-to-date data for the night of January 26, 2023, and make sure it's entered accurately into the HMIS no later than February 2, 2023. To check your data, please run the

following reports as soon as your January 26, 2023 enrollments, exits, and services are entered.

Check Data Quality

You can run the [\[GNRL-220\] Program Details Report](#) to review a spreadsheet containing all profile, enrollment data (including move-in dates for permanent housing projects), and exit data. The report also includes housing service start and end dates for each client which is especially important for night-by-night shelters to review and confirm. For all shelter/housing project types, look for any missing data that you might be able to update, make sure the relationship to the head of household is indicated, and birthdates are correct.



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Clarity Human Services Updates

Clarity Toolbox

Getting into the Details: Housing Move-in Data

The Housing Move-in Date is to document the date that a household admitted into a Permanent Housing project moves into housing. This data is critical to point-in-time and housing inventory counts as it differentiates households which have already moved into permanent housing from households which are enrolled in a Permanent Housing project but are still literally homeless (in

Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing or on the street) as they prepare to move into an available unit.

Housing Move-in Date must be a date occurring either on or between the Project Start Date and Project Exit Date. There can be no more than one Housing Move-in Date per enrollment.

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