

# Alameda County HMIS

User Meeting

June 2024



# Agenda



## Announcements

- Inactive User - Threshold Change
- Newsletter
- Report Library Report Access
- Duplicate Client Notifications
- Street Outreach Guide



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# Program Enrollment and Exit Screens

Common data quality issues and how to fix them



# Disability and Income

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The enrollment screen should reflect the reality at the time of enrollment. Updates should be recorded through status and annual assessments.

MONTHLY INCOME AND SOURCES

Income from Any Source Yes

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Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) ☐

VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation ☐

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Child Support ☐

Alimony and Other Spousal Support ☐

Other Income Source

Total Monthly Income for Individual

## DISABLING CONDITIONS AND BARRIERS

### Disabling Condition

Yes



#### Physical Disability

Yes



Long Term

Yes



#### Developmental Disability

No



#### Chronic Health Condition

No



#### HIV - AIDS

No



#### Mental Health Disorder

Yes



Long Term

Yes



#### Substance Use Disorder

No



#### Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor

No





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PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

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Length of Stay in Prior Living Situation

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Calendar: April 2024

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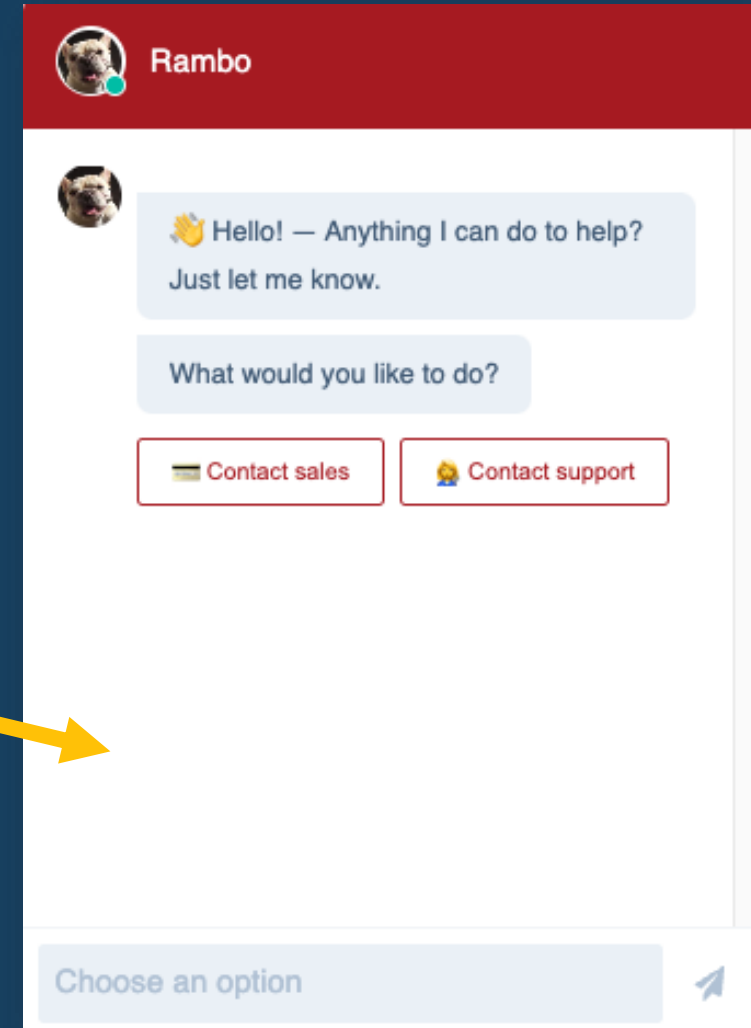
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