HMIS Update for Multnomah County Continuum of Care Board

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- What is an HMIS?
 - Homeless Management Information System
 - HUD designated (geographic area)
 - Allows case managers to effectively serve clients
 - Shared responsibility across many stakeholders
- What data is in the HMIS?
 - Demographic data on clients served
 - HUD compliance data
 - Service delivery and program specific data
 - Supportive housing services delivery data
 - Non-HUD specific homeless services data



HMIS System

- How does the HMIS get used for our region?
 - HMIS has been a shared system by many jurisdictions
 - The HMIS is divided into functional sections called "trees" which segregate the data by County
 - Housing and supportive service agencies enter data on clients as they are served
 - County program staff report out to HUD and other bodies and oversee service delivery across agencies
 - Data is used to support policy, budgetary, and operational decisions.



HMIS History

- Portland Housing Bureau
 - Managed the HMIS software on behalf of 8 CoC's since the mid-2000's
 - This was prior to the inception of the Joint Office of Homeless Services
 - Limited investment as PHB became less involved
- Supportive Housing Services Measure, 2020
 - Metro regional funding and context for the work
- Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
 - 2020, launches new HMIS
 - 4 of the 8 CoC's migrate to the one operated by the State
- Vision to Transfer Management and Administration of the HMIS to Multnomah County



Regional HMIS System

HMIS Project

- Portland metropolitan regional HMIS system
- A new approach
 - Solving limitations with existing version of the system
 - Enhance and invest to provide more robust reporting and metrics infrastructure
 - Greater localized control by each County for their section of the system
 - Evolving the system toward a regional perspective



HMIS Project Timeline





Stakeholders

- Continuum of Care Boards
 - Multnomah County
 - Clackamas County
 - Washington County
- County Homeless/Housing Service Delivery Programs
 - Joint Office of Homeless Services
 - Washington County Housing Services
 - Clackamas County Housing and Community Development Division
- Multnomah County, Department of County Assets, Information Technology
 - Management, Technical Assistance, Infrastructure
- Multnomah County, Department of County Human Services
 - Comp Site
- Agency Service Providers
 - Point of Data Entry on Clients
- Metro
 - Supportive Housing Services Regional Measure Reporting



Legal Stuff

- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)
 - Counties are in negotiations
 - IGA
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Tri-County Privacy and Security Notice
 - Agency HMIS Participation Agreement
 - End User License Agreement
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - Existing designates Portland Housing Bureau (PHB)
 - Transfer to Multnomah County



Managing the HMIS

- CoC Role
 - Designate the HMIS Software and Lead, and provide oversight
 - Review and Approve: Privacy Plan, Security Plan, Data Quality Plan
- Administration of Daily Operations (HUD / Non-HUD Needs)
 - Operational Cross-Jurisdiction Committees
 - Regional HMIS Council, Technical Change Control Board
 - Multco IT
 - Change Control across partner agencies
 - System Integrity
 - Implement Policy and Procedures
 - Technical Assistance to partner agencies
 - Implementation of system wide analytics, tools, technologies
 - County Administrators
 - Implementation of local operations and management
 - Reporting and Analytics
 - Training and Technical Assistance to Agency Providers





Next Steps

- 1. Negotiate IGA's by December 30
 - a. Continuum of Care Boards Review and Approve
 - b. Create a shared vision for how responsibilities are shared across stakeholders
- 2. Memorandum of Understanding Update by January 15
- 3. Kick-off with Vendor Wellsky in November

