System Performance Update: Length of Time in Homelessness

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The Big Picture: Making Homelessness...

- RARE
- BRIEF
- ONE TIME
The Big Picture: Where are we?

As a CoC, we review data and use it to address:

Where are we now?  Where do we want to be?  How do we get there?
Our Goal:

Length of Stay should be

LESS THAN 90 DAYS!!!
System Performance Key Indicator: Length of time in Homelessness
People who experience homelessness are able to move quickly into a permanent housing situation.

Longer Length of time (LOT) homeless can be traumatic for clients and expensive for the system.

We should seek to keep LOT as short as possible while still maintain positive housing outcomes.
Review of LOT Homeless: Project Types

Emergency Shelter (ES)/Safe Haven (SH)
- Emergency shelter (ES) and Safe Havens (SH) are temporary shelters, typically less than 90 days.
- Can include housing case management.

Transitional Housing (TH)
- Temporary Shelter, can last up to two years.
- Stabilize persons stability and resources to access mainstream housing upon exit.
How does HUD Measure LOT?

**Metric 1.1: Average LOT in Emergency Shelter (ES) and Safe Haven (SH)**

1.1a– Counts days in HMIS ES and SH projects only

1.1b – Days in ES or SH + Days Unsheltered*

**Metric 1.2: Average LOT in Emergency Shelter (ES), Safe Haven (SH), and Transitional Housing (TH)**

1.2a– Counts days in HMIS ES, SH, and TH projects only

1.2b– Days in ES, SH, or TH + Days Unsheltered*
System Performance: LOT over the Years

Reporting Year (Date Range: 10/1 – 9/30)
System Performance: LOT Homeless

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What factors impact performance?

HMIS Data Quality

Entry/Exit Records

“Approximate Date Homelessness Started”

Timeliness

Program Type
Questions or Comments
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