

## AHAR 2011 Draft Data Review

CoC number:

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Categories submitted for review: All categories for AHAR-ALL were submitted

Below are comments on the draft submission. You mentioned several of the issues I identified below in your e-mail as issues you are aware of and are working to fix for the next submission.

### *AHAR-ALL submission*

- ES-FAM
  - Question 2: The utilization rates for 2b-2d seem to be too high. You may want to check to make sure that providers are properly exiting clients or that there isn't a provider that was left off of your HIC. Based on the clump of people at 361-365 nights on Question 14, I think there is likely an exit issue.
    - Also, in the long-term stayers question, the long-stayers are also generally the same people who are missing the race and ethnicity information
  - Missing rates: Question 6 (race) has a fairly high missing rate for a basic demographic category question.
- ES-IND
  - Question 2: Your bed utilization rate continually rises from quarter to quarter, which can be a sign of an issue with providers not properly exiting clients.
    - From Question 14—is it unusually to have 100 clients who stayed for 361-365 nights in emergency shelter?
  - Question 3: There seems to be a large number of youth in the ES-IND category, particularly those under 1—please check to make sure these children are classified correctly, especially as your HIC does not indicate any shelters that specifically serve youth.
  - Missing data: Question 12 has a fairly high missing data rate.
- TH-FAM
  - Question 16b-e: No household counts included.
- TH-IND
  - Question 2: Your bed utilization rate continually rises from quarter to quarter, which can be a sign of an issue with providers not properly exiting clients.
  - Question 3: Wanted to confirm that the number of children in this category is correct, especially the children in the under 1 category.
- PSH-FAM
  - Question 1b/c: The HMIS bed coverage rate is currently too low for this category to be usable, as a minimum of 50% is required. Recommend double checking the HIC to make sure that all programs are accounted for and that nothing has changed in provider capacity since the HIC that should be reflected in this category.
  - Question 23: No households listed
- PSH-IND
  - Question 2: The bed utilization rates seem to be somewhat high, with 3 of the 4 dates having utilization rates over 100%. Is there a reason for this, or is it a data quality issue?

- Question 4: Double check the number of children, particularly those under 1, and make sure they are classified correctly.
- Question 11: The percentage of people who have a disability seems to be low, especially considering that, according to your HIC, all of your PSH-IND beds appear to be McKinney Vento funded.
- Question 18: A large number of exiters have “Other living engagement” (33%). Is this correct? If so, do you have any sense of where these people are going that is not encapsulated by the AHAR exit destination options?
- Summary
  - For questions 3, and 4, the unit and bed numbers do not appear to be correct and are the same for all 3 questions. For question 2, the number of year round beds does not appear to be correct—these should be pretty close to the totals for F and G since you did not list any seasonal or overflow/voucher beds unless you had new shelters open or shelters close and needed to pro-rate beds.
- General Comments
  - I’ll be looking to see if there are any changes in the gender question, place of last residence before program entry, and household counts after the Pathways updates are complete and you re-submit data.

*AHAR-VETERANS submission*

- No additional comments on veteran categories submitted—resolving the issues in the AHAR-ALL reports for these categories will resolve the issues in the VET categories.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the above feedback.

Thanks,

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