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Using the Homeless Veterans Report and Active List and Completing the Homeless Veterans Assessment in HMIS

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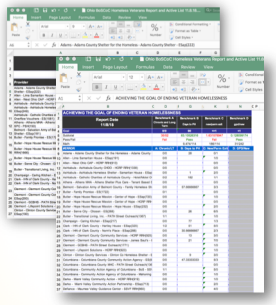
Homeless Veterans Report and Active List



- The **Homeless Veterans Report and Active List** identifies all currently homeless Veterans in the CoC.

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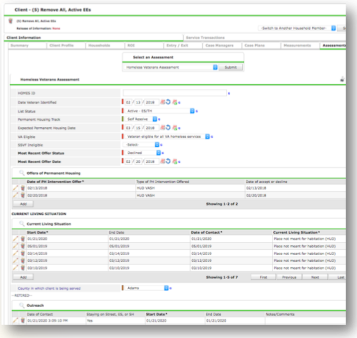
Homeless Veterans Report and Active List



The information on the **Homeless Veterans Report and Active List** comes from the data reported in the **Homeless Veterans Assessment** in HMIS.

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Homeless Veterans Report and Active List

- Used to calculate CoC performance related to the USICH benchmarks
- Used in case conferencing and coordination
- Used to identify and review housing plans for chronically homeless and long-term homeless Veterans in monthly Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Veterans Workgroup meeting
- Run report weekly to identify newly homeless Veterans in your service area

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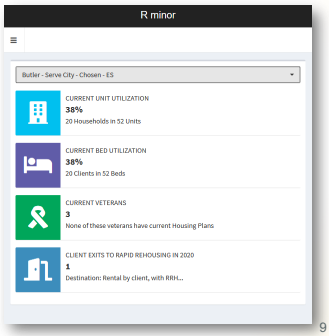
R minor Provider Dashboard

- R minor is a public site with metrics at the local provider level.
- The Provider Dashboard makes it easy to see if your shelter or transitional housing project has any Veterans staying there and whether they have a Housing Plan (which uses the Permanent Housing Track data to determine this.)
- There are 3 veterans without a housing plan at this shelter right now. (On June 11, 2020)



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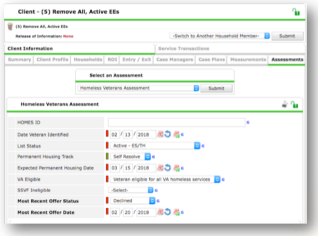
Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Used to report on Veteran housing plans, progress on plans, offers of housing



Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Available in Unsheltered provider, all Vet-dedicated providers, and most ES/TH projects
- Is accessed using the multiple assessments feature via a client's Entry/Exit

Homeless Veterans Assessment

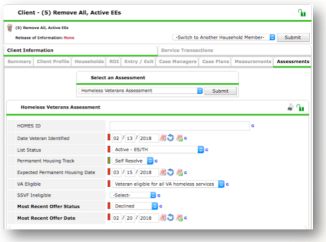
- Responsible Provider
  - The provider responsible for working with a homeless Veteran to assist them to move into Permanent Housing (PH). Responsible Providers are also charged with ensuring the Homeless Veterans Assessment in HMIS is updated regularly
  - The following are most commonly the Responsible Provider:
    - SSVF projects
      - Homeless Vets Report organized around this assumption
    - GPD projects
    - HCHV-ES projects
  - The Responsible Provider may change over time

Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Who is responsible for completing the Homeless Veterans Assessment in HMIS?
  - Responsible Provider
    - An ES/TH provider can also be the Responsible Provider
    - Homeless Veterans Report and Active List is organized around the assumption that SSVF providers are typically the Responsible Provider, thus Veterans in the report are sorted in some worksheets based on SSVF provider service areas

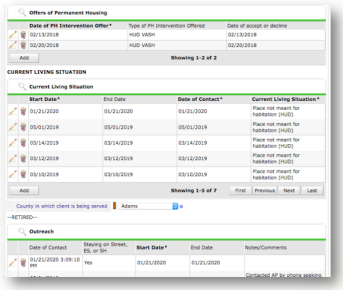
Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Some data elements can be answered by any ES/TH provider
- Don't necessarily need to wait for the Responsible Provider to do so.



Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Document offers of permanent housing, acceptance/decline, date of offer
- If Veteran declines housing offer, subsequent offers should be made every two weeks and documented



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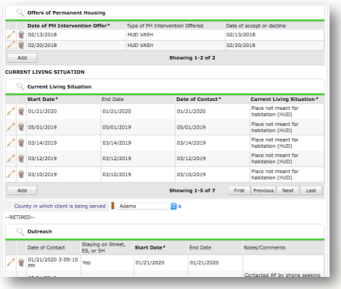
Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Additional information about housing offers and progress on housing plans can be documented in Current Living Situation section (Outreach section has been retired)



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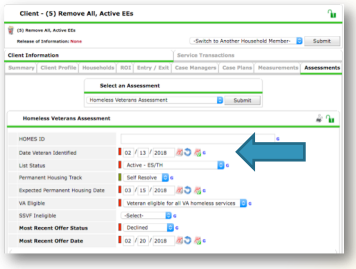
Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Date Veteran Identified
  - Date Veteran identified to the Ohio BoSCoC homeless system
  - In most cases, this date will align with their most recent ES, TH, or RRH program entry date.
  - If the Veteran has prior entries into the homeless system, the Date Identified field should be updated with the date of the most recent entry if there were at least 90 days between the current entry and the most recent exit to housing



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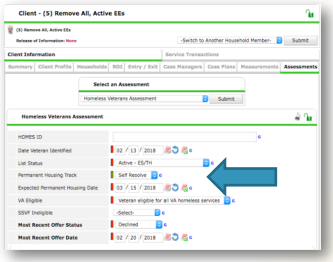
Homeless Veterans Assessment

- Permanent Housing Track
  - The type of permanent housing the Veteran is actively working towards obtaining.
    - The actual housing unit does not need to be identified, but the type of housing assistance must be generally available to Veteran
    - For example, if the Veteran is offered and accepts an offer to SSVF-RRH, that can be recorded as the PH Track because SSVF providers are generally able to assist every Veteran who is eligible who wants it. In contrast, if your local VASH program has no vouchers available currently, it would not be appropriate to offer that type of housing and document VASH as the PH Track, because that resource isn't actually available



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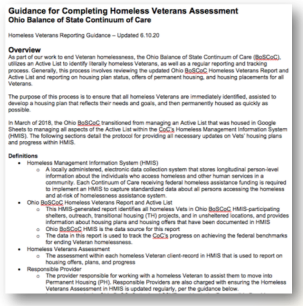
Homeless Veterans Assessment

- See guidance for definitions and basic guidance for entering data into Homeless Veterans Assessment



Guidance for Completing Homeless Veterans Assessment
Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

Homeless Veterans Reporting Guidance – Updated 6.10.20

Overview

As part of our work to end Veteran homelessness, the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC), utilizes an Active List to identify literally homeless Veterans, as well as a regular reporting and tracking process. Generally, this process involves reviewing the updated Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Veterans Report and Active List and reporting on housing plan status, offers of permanent housing, and housing placements for all Veterans.

The purpose of this process is to ensure that all homeless Veterans are immediately identified, assisted to develop a housing plan that reflects their needs and goals, and then permanently housed as quickly as possible.

In March of 2018, the Ohio BoSCoC transitioned from managing an Active List that was housed in Google Sheets to managing all aspects of the Active List within the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The following sections detail the protocol for providing all necessary updates on Vets' housing plans and progress within HMIS.

Definitions

- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - A locally administered, electronic data collection system that stores longitudinal person-level information about the individuals who access homeless and other human services in a community. Each Continuum of Care receiving federal homeless assistance funding is required to implement an HMIS to capture standardized data about all persons accessing the homeless and at-risk of homelessness assistance system.
- Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Veterans Report and Active List
  - The HMIS-generated report identifies all homeless Vets in Ohio BoSCoC HMIS-participating shelters, outreach, transitional housing (TH) projects, and in unsheltered locations, and provides information about housing plans and housing offers that have been documented in HMIS
  - Ohio BoSCoC HMIS is the data source for this report
  - The data in this report is used to track the CoC's progress on achieving the federal benchmarks for ending Veteran homelessness.
- Homeless Veterans Assessment
  - The assessment within each homeless Veteran client-record in HMIS that is used to report on housing offers, plans, and progress
- Responsible Provider
  - The provider responsible for working with a homeless Veteran to assist them to move into Permanent Housing (PH). Responsible Providers are also charged with ensuring the Homeless Veterans Assessment in HMIS is updated regularly, per the guidance below.

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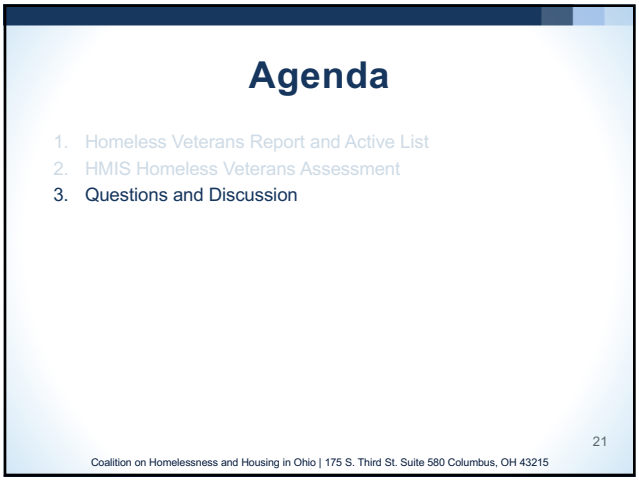
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