

Ohio Balance of State  
Continuum of Care:  
Introduction to HMIS  
Participation Fees

Not Surviving, but Thriving

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### Overview

- HMIS Background and Overview
  - History
  - Administration, Roles, and Responsibilities
- Rationale for Participation Fees
  - CoC Board involvement and approval
- Ohio BoSCoC HMIS Participation Fee Options and Pricing Structure

### Overview

- Timeline for Implementation and Payments
- Sources for Paying for HMIS Participation
  - How to use them

### HMIS-What is it?

- Homeless Management Information System
- A database used to record and store client level information about the characteristics and needs of persons who:
  - Use homeless housing and supportive services
  - Receive assistance for persons at risk of homelessness

### HMIS-What do we do with it?

- Measure program performance
- Inform understanding of best practices
- Drive system and program changes
- Manage reporting requirements for HUD, VA, HHS and ODSA

### HMIS- Who does it?

#### ODSA

- HMIS Lead for the Ohio BoSCoC
- Receives HMIS Grant from HUD
- Contracts with COHHIO for administration
- Participates in the HMIS Core Group

#### COHHIO

- Dedicates 3 FTE to HMIS administration
- Funds ServicePoint contract
- Participates in the HMIS Core Group
- Participates in all CoC Board committees

### HMIS Administration

- Training and TA
- Ensuring compliance
- HMIS Governance
- Data quality
- Local, state and federal reporting

### HMIS – Who pays for it?

- The Ohio BoSCoC HMIS has historically been funded almost entirely by the HUD HMIS Grant
  - FY2002-FY2006 = \$409,576
  - FY2007-FY2010 = \$235,000 (\$54,000 of that for ServicePoint)
  - FY2010-present = \$458,840 (\$111,750 for ServicePoint)

### HMIS Participation Fees

- Are common around the state and country
- Are encouraged by HUD as a means of maintaining the viability of a HMIS
- Are necessary to keep the Ohio BoSCoC solvent and continue to provide high quality administration service

### HMIS Participation-Who pays?

**Short Answer**

- Everyone

**Long Answer**

- All HUD, HHS, VA and state funded programs mandated to participate in HMIS
- All providers voluntarily participating in HMIS

### HMIS Participation – What cost?

**Per License**

- Pricing is based on the number of licenses an agency purchases

**By percentage of grant**

- 1% of total federal and state homeless assistance grant awards for unlimited HMIS participation during that grant period

### Per license – Pricing Structure

- Basic Rate (0-2 licenses) \$600  
– ALL providers pay this rate at a minimum
- Rate A (1-4 ADDITIONAL licenses) \$475 per additional license
- Rate B (5-10 ADDITIONAL licenses) \$400 per additional license
- Rate C (10+ ADDITIONAL licenses) \$375 per additional license

### Per license – Basic Rate

- Example 1  
Agency has 2 End Users. They pay the \$600 Basic Rate.
- Example 2  
Agency contracts with another agency to do their HMIS. The contracting agency pays the \$600 Basic Rate to COHHIO.

### Per license - Rates A,B &C

- Example 1  
Agency has 4 HMIS licenses. They pay the \$600 basic rate for 2 licenses, plus \$475 each for licenses 3 and 4 = \$1550 total.
- Example 2  
Agency has 10 HMIS licenses. They pay the \$600 basic rate for 2 licenses, plus \$400 each for licenses 3-10 = \$3800 total.

### By percentage of grant

- Includes CoC, HCRP, SHP, HOPWA, SSVF, PATH and RHY grants
- Minimum charge of \$600 to use this option

### Timeline

- 06/15/2016  
Renewal package released including Fee Structure Election Form
- 08/01/2016  
Completed renewal package due to COHHIO
- 01/01/2017  
Beginning of first billable year

### Timeline Continued

- 03/01/2017 payment due to COHHIO
- 04/01/2017 End Users from delinquent agencies deactivated in HMIS until payment is made

### Paying for Participation - Sources

- State Grants
  - HCRP
  - Supportive Housing Program (SHP)
- Federal Grants
  - CoC Program
  - VA Programs
    - SSVF
    - GPD
  - PATH
  - RHY

### Paying for Participation - Sources

- Other cash resources
  - This is easiest route

### Paying for Participation – How to Use Grant Sources

- State Grants
  - Build HMIS costs into your grant application due July 1, 2016
- Federal Grants
  - CoC Program
    - Work with field office to amend grant to add a new HMIS budget
  - Other Programs
    - Work with funders to amend grants as appropriate

## Paying for Participation – How to Use Other Sources

- Other Cash Resources
  - Simply use resources you already have to cover the annual costs. No grant amendments needed.

## Questions?

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