

Data Sharing Use Cases in Support of More Effective Homeless Services

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Use Cases

- Integrated Data Systems
- VA + CoCs
- Humboldt County
- Intersystem Dashboards
- Consent-based “systems” of care

Integrated Data Systems

- Linkage of HMIS with Array of Data: Education, Health, Human Services, Housing, Justice and Workforce
- Sustained sharing for policy analysis, planning and evaluation (NYC, PHL, CHI, LA, MIL, WA, FL, SC, RI, IN, CLE, PIT, TriCo/SV, VA, NJ)
- Can be used to develop “black box” scoring (future “super utilizers,” like Economic Roundtable for San Jose)

VA + CoC

- By Name Lists
- VA Guidance – Medical Emergency
- Exemptions for sharing under HIPAA and Privacy Act
- Good faith effort to notify, and obtain permission
- Can be used to assist in locating person for housing

Humbolt County

- HIPAA Privacy Rule permits the sharing of patient name and general condition, unless patient opts-out (covers emergency and inpatient)
- Jail admission/discharge data public information
- Humbolt Co gets priority client lists run against hospital and jail entry and exit lists to identify people for outreach contact

Intersystem Dashboards

- Two or more systems can match records for crossover
- Aggregate statistics can be generated daily
- Matched systems with publicly shareable names (jails) can show matches (with HMIS system approval, might require “notice”)

Consent-based Systems of Care

- Patients or clients in a “system of care” which can include, separately, HMIS/CoC and health care, can obtain consent to share information among “in network” providers
- Consent is strongest form of permission
- “Notice” may be sufficient in some systems