

# 2017 HMIS Data Standards

Optional review and Q&A on changes

# Quick Disclaimer!

This is a high level overview of the data standard changes -  
Make sure to consult with your HMIS Lead/ System  
Administrator for specifics in your implementation

# Organization of 2017 data standards

- Project Descriptor Data Elements
  - Element numbering continues to be 2.xx
  - Continues to apply to all projects
- Universal Data Elements
  - Element numbering continues to be 3.xx
  - Continues to apply to all projects
- Program Specific Data Elements – split into 2 categories
  - Common Data Elements
    - Required across most federal partner programs
    - Element numbering: 4.xx
  - Individual Federal Partner Program Elements
    - Maintained and required by a specific federal partner (other federal partners may use, though)
    - Element numbering: [Letter][Number], i.e R1
- Metadata
  - “Data about the data”
  - Element numbering continues to be 5.xx

## 2.2 Project Identifiers

- Operating Start Date and Operating end date added
- Enables activation and de-activation of a project

## 2.6 Federal Partner Funding Sources

- Added two response options for field 1
  - *HUD: Pay for Success*
  - *HUD: Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Programs*
- Renamed one response option for field 1
  - Response 27 **from** *VA: Community Contract Emergency Housing* **to** *VA: CRS Contract Residential Services*
  - This response now includes both the former Community Contract Emergency Housing and Residential Treatment Programs
- Retired the *VA: Community Contract Residential Treatment Program* response option for field 1
- Replaced the *VA: Grant and Per Diem Program* option with the following 6 options:
  - *VA: Grant Per Diem – Bridge Housing*
  - *VA: Grant Per Diem – Low Demand*
  - *VA: Grant Per Diem – Hospital to Housing*
  - *VA: Grant Per Diem – Clinical Treatment*
  - *VA: Grant Per Diem – Service Intensive Transitional Housing*
  - *VA: Grant Per Diem – Transition in Place*

## 2.7 Bed and Unit Inventory

- CoC Code added to help projects that cover multiple CoCs
- Inventory start and end dates are no longer optional
- Emergency Shelter bed type fields and responses modified to align with AHAR and HIC requirements
- Age categories for youth beds removed

## Element 3.6 (Gender)

New wording for response options:

- Female
- Male
- Trans Female (MTF or Male to Female)
- Trans Male (FTM or Female to Male)
- Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)
- Client doesn't know
- Client refused
- Data not collected

## Element 3.10 (Project Start Date)

- Project **Entry** Date is being renamed to Project **Start** Date
  - This semantics change is meant to better reflect the real world when collecting data for Permanent Housing projects
  - Recognizes that a Permanent Housing project typically begins serving a client *prior* to placing that client in housing (i.e. admittance vs. moving in)
  - Makes more sense when thought of in conjunction with tweaks to “Housing Move In” element (More on this in later slides...)
  - This change should NOT affect your understanding of when clients “enter” other, non-PH project types (i.e. Street outreach is still at first contact; ES/ SH/ TH is still first night in bed/ residence, etc.)



# What constitutes Project Start?

- **Street Outreach:** Date of first contact with the client
- **Emergency Shelter:** Night the client first stayed in the shelter
- **Safe Haven and Transitional Housing:** Date the client moves into the residential project
- **Permanent Housing, including Rapid Re-Housing:** Date following application that the client was admitted into the project (“admitted” covered on next slide)
- **Other Service Projects, including but not limited to services only, day shelter, homelessness prevention, coordinated entry, and health care:** Date the client first began working with the project and generally received the first provision of service

(Covered on page 45 of the [HMIS Data Standards Manual](#) and page 25 of the [HMIS Data Dictionary](#))

# Defining “Admittance/ Admitted” for PH projects

To be admitted (relevant to PH only) indicates the following factors have been met:

1. Information provided by the client or from the referral indicates **they meet the criteria for admission, regardless of whether or not all documentation has been collected;**
2. The client has indicated **they want to be housed in this project;**
3. The client is **able to access services and housing through the project**, meaning that the project has a housing opening (on-site, site-based, scattered-site subsidy) or expects to have one in a reasonably short amount of time.

# Introduction of Element 3.20 (Housing Move-in Date)

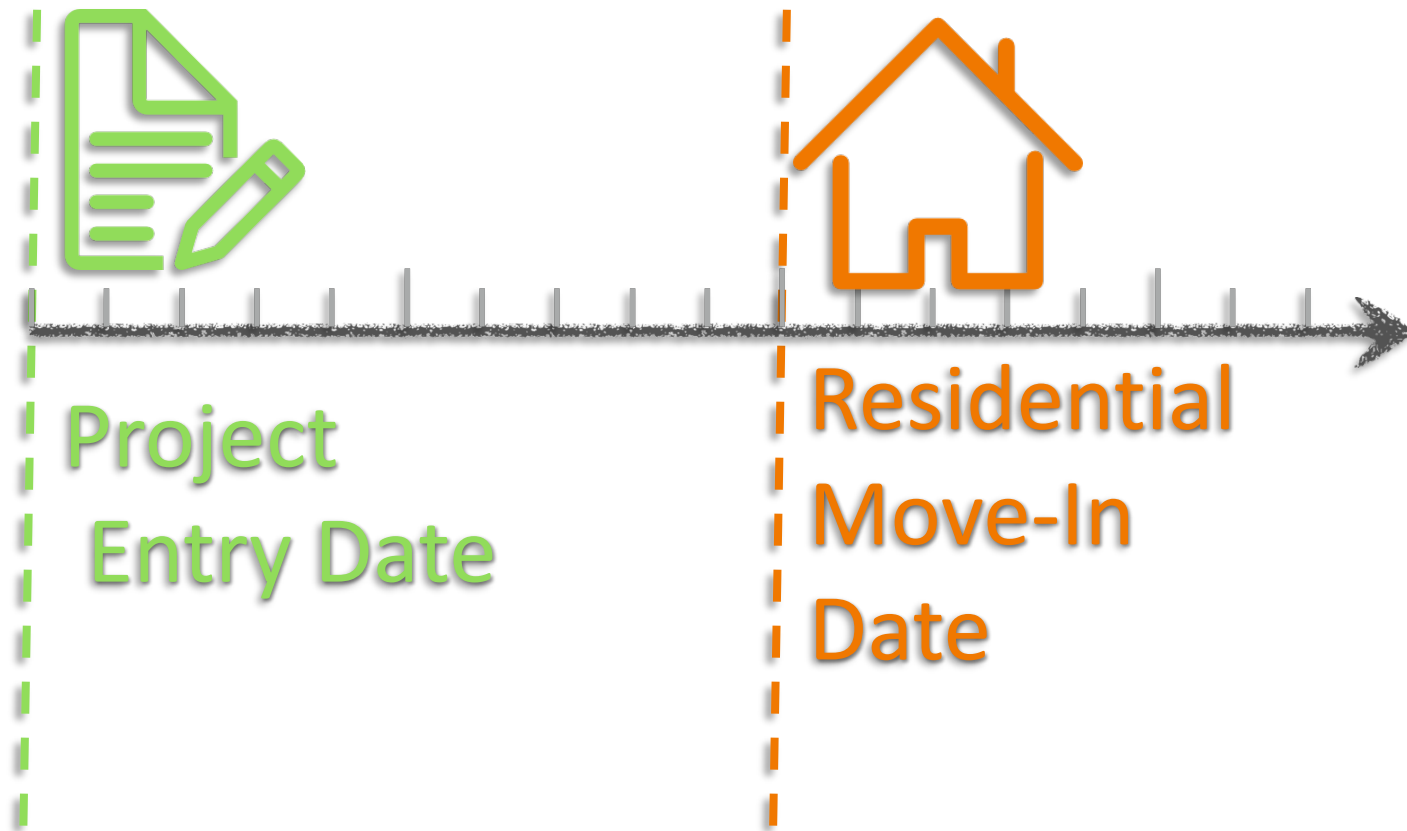
- Reworded: this data element used to be for RRH only and called “Residential Move-in Date”:
  - Category changed from program specific to universal
  - Number changed from 4.17 to 3.20
  - Now applies to all **Permanent Housing** Project Types
  - Requires the removal of any “pre-housing” projects

## Housing move-in date (cont.)

- With the exception of RRH projects, vendors have been instructed to replicate all of the former project “entry” dates for PH projects to this element (to go live 10/1/17)
- Moving forward, this element is intended to collect the date that a client occupies housing (all PH, including RRH, will be collecting this element the same way)

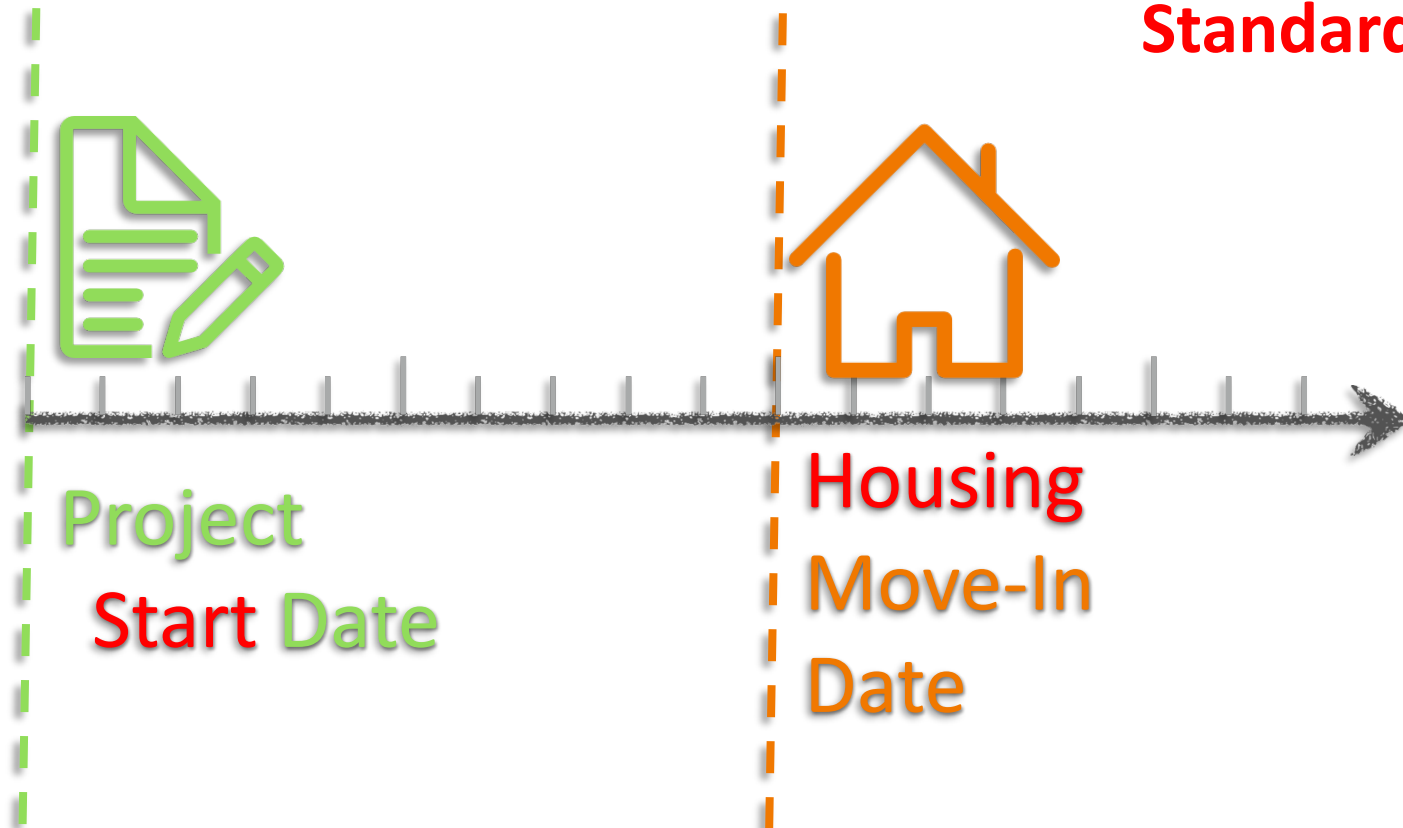
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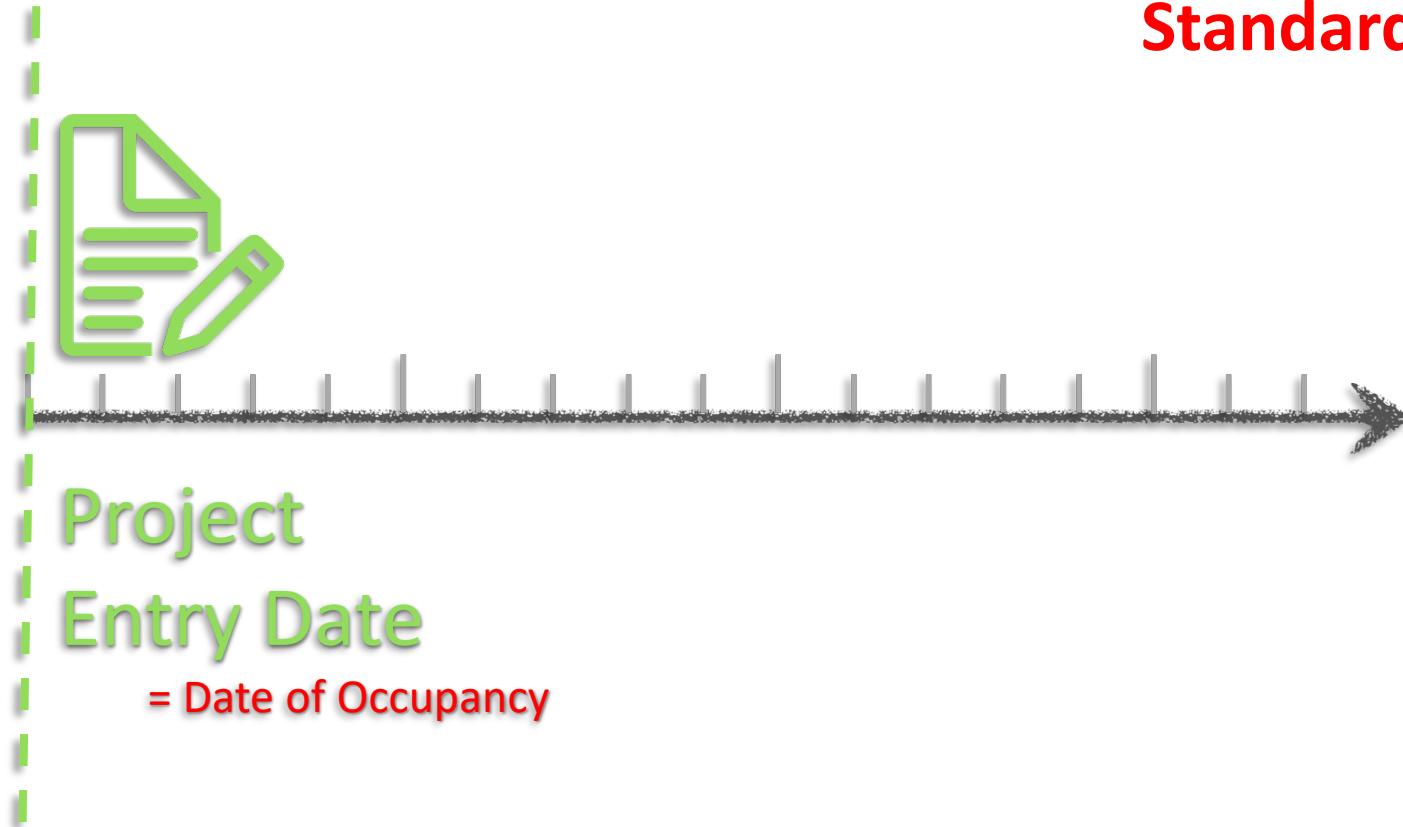


Name changes only – No mapping required\*

\*"pre-housing" projects need to be "merged"/ combined with the applicable PH projects

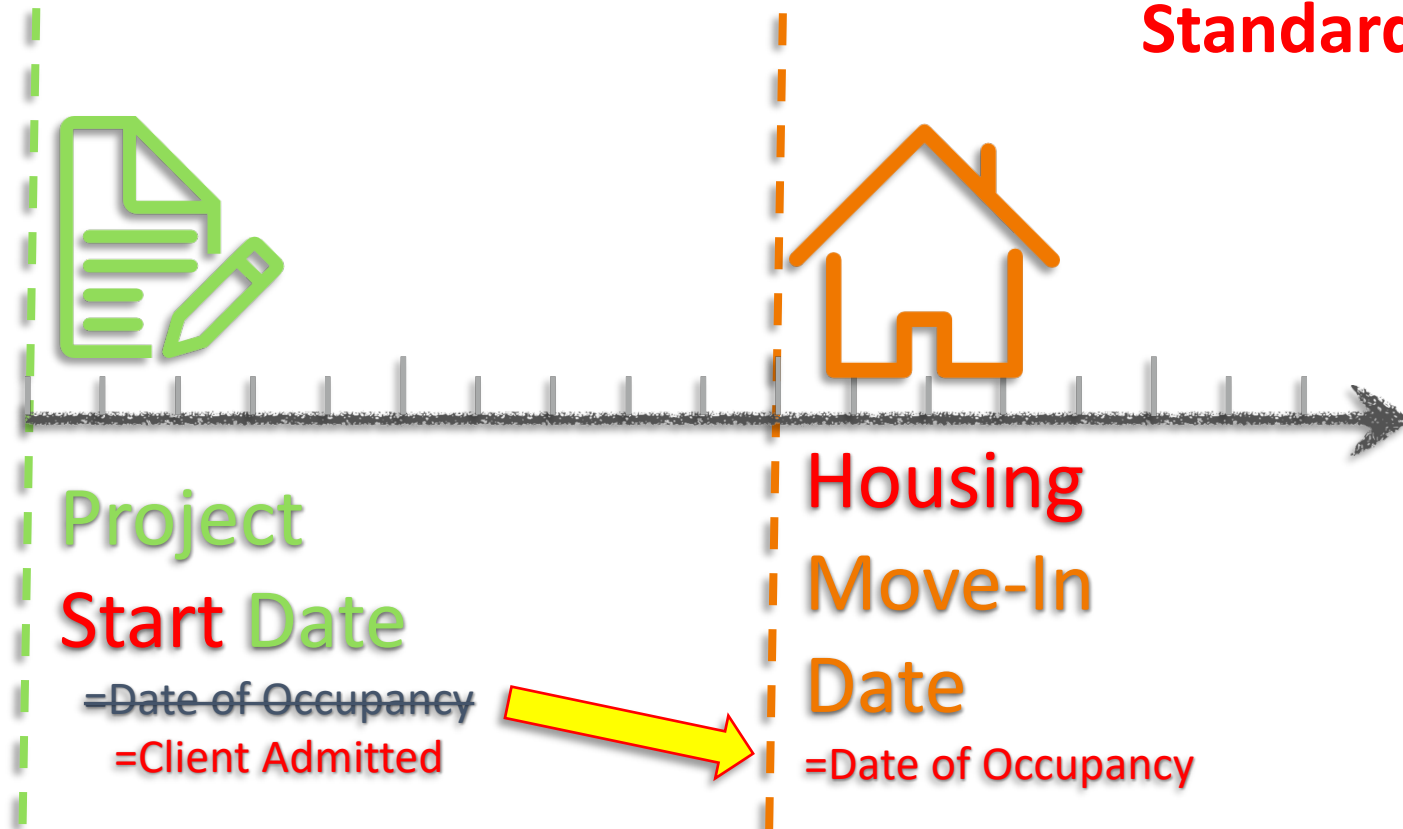
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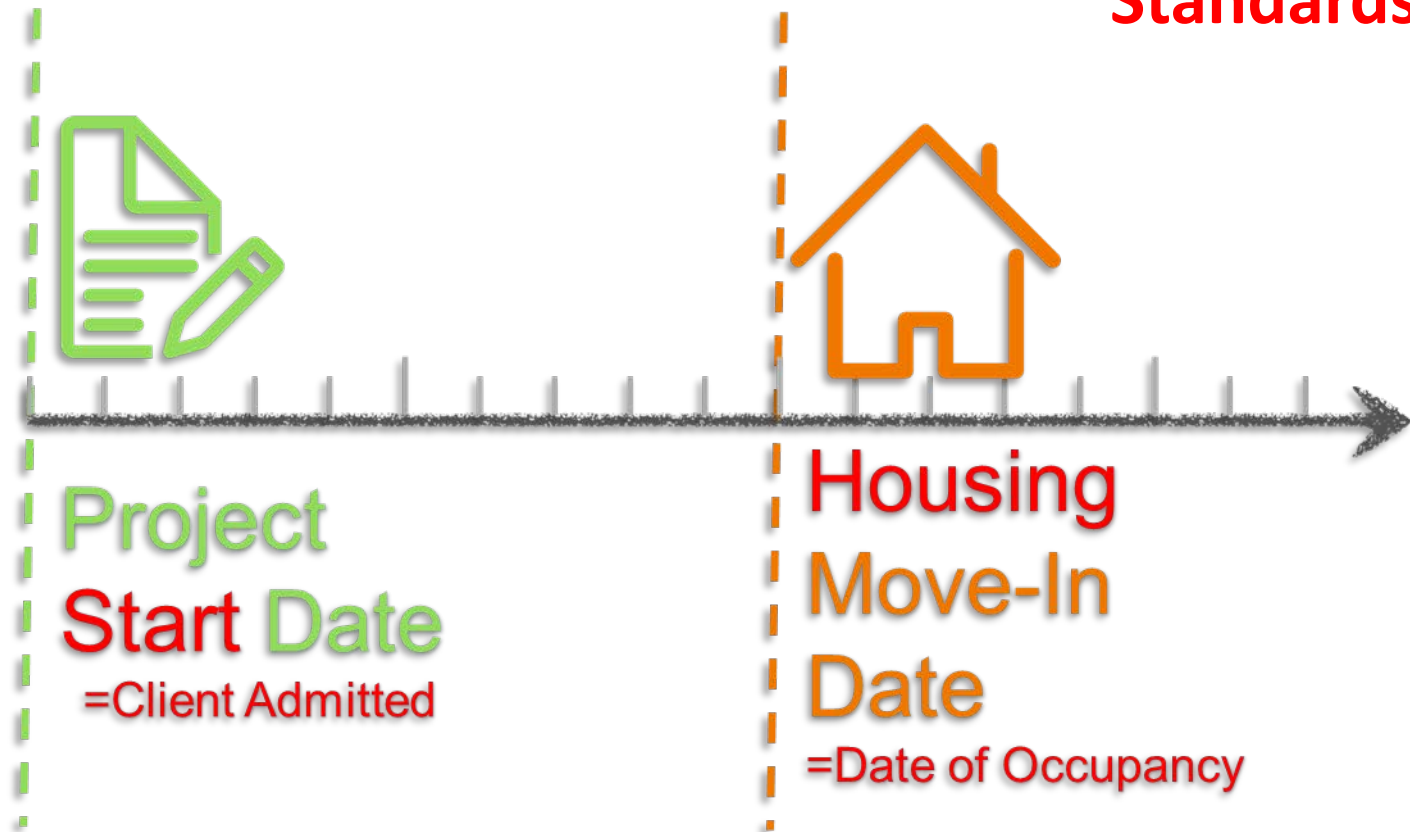
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**1. Name change**

**2. Expand use of a previously RRH-only data element**

**3. Vendor replicates already-existing data**

## Element 3.12 (Destination)

- Response option reworded for clarity
  - *“Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons (such as: CoC project; or HUD legacy programs; or HOPWA PH)”* **now reads**  
*“Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons”*
- *New response option added*
  - *“Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy”*

## Element 3. 917 (Living Situation)

- Response option reworded for clarity
  - *“Permanent housing for formerly homeless persons (such as: CoC project; or HUD legacy programs; or HOPWA PH)”* **now reads**  
*“Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons”*
  - *“Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy”* **now reads**  
*“Rental by client, with other housing subsidy (including RRH)”*

# Element 4.1 (Housing Status) and 4.3 (Non-Cash Benefits)

- Element 4.1
  - RETIRED – completely removed
- Element 4.3
  - Removed two unused response options:
    - Section 8, public housing, or other ongoing rental assistance
    - Temporary rental assistance

Communities may certainly continue to collect information under retired data elements, but they will not be utilized in federal reporting.

# Elements 4.5 through 4.10 (Disability-related elements)

- Removed following dependencies from all elements:
  - Documentation of disability and severity on file?
  - Client current receiving services/treatment for this disability?
  - Note: removing these dependencies simply means that this information isn't required to be stored in HMIS – has no bearing on programmatic documentation requirements (such as CH documentation requirements)
- Removed the PATH-only, “If yes, how confirmed” dependencies from 4.9 (Mental Health Problem) and 4.10 (Substance Abuse)

# Element 4.12 (Contact)

Changed field 2 name and corresponding responses

## From:

### • **Location of Contact**

- *Place not meant for habitation*
- *Service setting, non-residential*
- *Service setting, residential*

## To:

### • **Staying on Streets, ES, or SH**

- *No*
- *Yes*
- *Worker unable to determine*

This change should make the use of HMIS to identify those that may be chronically homeless more reliable.

# Metadata changes

- Element 5.3 – Data Collection Stage of *Post Exit* added to accommodate RHY data collection
  - Currently only applies to element *R20 – Aftercare Plans*
  - Reporting use not yet determined
- Element 5.6
  - Name changed from *Project Entry ID* to *Enrollment ID*
  - Applies to vendors only as it must be auto-generated by HMIS



# Federal Partner Program – PFS

- Pay for Success data collection requirements added (for Pay for Success demonstration projects)
  - 2.6 - Federal Partner Funding Source: HUD: *Pay for Success*
  - 2.4 - HMIS Project Type: *PH – Housing with Services (no disability required for entry)*
  - Applicable data elements: p. 75 in [HMIS Data Dictionary](#)

# Federal Partner Program – HOPWA

- Added additional project type applicability: SSO
  - Should be used when the services provided are independent from housing

# Federal Partner Program – RHY

- *4.36 - Transitional, Exit-care or Aftercare Plans and Actions* was repurposed for *R20 – Aftercare Plans*
- *R2 RHY – BCP Status (formerly element 4.22)*: Field 2 renamed and an extra dependency added: runaway youth?
- New elements added
  - *R18 Counseling* and *R19 Safe and Appropriate Exit*
  - [p. 93 and 94, respectively](#)
- Elements retired:
  - *4.16B – Referrals Provided*
  - *RHY; 4.38 – Family Unification Achieved*
- Vendor mapping required: applies to *Referral Source, Commercial Sexual Exploitation/ Sex Trafficking, Labor Exploitation/ Trafficking*
- Response options streamlined throughout to reduce data collection burden
- Data collection points changed and/ or added. Applies to R2, R4, R5, R6, R15, and R16
- See the [2017 mapping instructions](#) for more detail on tweaks, additions, and mapping

# Federal Partner Programs – VA

- SSVF
  - V6 – VAMC Station Number (previously 4.45): text field replaced with pick list; options provided to vendors
- HUD-VASH - New elements added
  - V8 (Voucher Tracking)
  - V9 (Exit Information)
  - See pp 107 and 108 in [HMIS Data Dictionary](#)
- Element retired: *4.49 – Use of Other Crisis Services*