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
Humboldt 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
• Humboldt 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.