



# 2020 Spring Conference

Minneapolis, MN

April 6 - 8, 2020

## Preliminary Agenda

The NHSDC Spring 2020 Conference will be held from April 6 - 8, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. To register, please visit [this link](#).

The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Minneapolis. The very reasonable negotiated room rate is \$119 if made by March 8, 2020. Please make your reservations by accessing this link: [Hyatt Reservations](#)

Questions can be directed to the following address: [info@nhsdc.org](mailto:info@nhsdc.org).



**HMIS + Communities: Working Together  
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### **Community Dashboards - A Journey of Data, Information, and Storytelling**

**[Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Gaither Stephens, Chief Technology Officer, Gulf Coast Partnerships*

### **Making the Switch: Considerations for Changing HMIS Vendors or HMIS Lead Agencies** **[Track: Working Better Together Across CoCs, HMIS Leads, & Vendors]**

*Presenter(s): Ian Fletcher, Principal, Windhover Impact*

### **Coordinated Entry - A Pathway to Ending Homelessness [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Belinda Hill, Executive Director and Ricardo Hernandez, Housing Navigator/Case Manager, Solo Por Hoy*

### **Driving Policy Change Through the Application of Data [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Connor Stephenson, Data and Compliance Administrator and Mia Ferreira, Shelter Program Manager, Friendship Shelter*

### **SDOH: How HMIS Can Change the Conversation around Health and Social Outcomes**

**[Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Gabriel Cate, Vice President of Business Development, WellSky*

### **Innovation Methods for Improving Service Delivery in Coordinated Entry**

**[Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Dan Watters, Senior Design Lead, SAP Palo Alto; Teddie Pierce, Managing Founder, Decipher HMIS*

### **But our Clients are Harder to Serve...Controlling for Client Characteristics in System Analysis**

**[Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Chris Weare, Lecturer, UC Berkley*

### **Peeling the Onion: Diving into Rapid Re-housing Data for Performance Improvement**

**[Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Chris Weare, Lecturer, UC Berkley*

### **When Coordinated Entry Needs More Coordination and Less Data Entry [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Jesse Jorstad, Lead Data & Program Analyst, Snohomish County Human Services; Julie McFarland, TA Provider, Julie McFarland Consulting*

### **Un-Siloing HMIS: A Journey to Systems Level Collaboration [Track: Working Together Across CoCs, HMIS Leads & Vendors]**

*Presenter(s): Allyson Thiessen, HMIS Director and Kellis Clark, HMIS System Administrator, CARES of NY*

### **Bringing in Outside Data: Tips and Techniques with an Example from Criminal Justice**

**[Track: HMIS+ Other Systems' Data]**

*Presenter(s): Ehren Stover-Wright, Senior Analyst, Institute for Community Alliances*

### **Technical Dashboard Workflows: From HMIS to Power Query in Excel and then to Tableau**

**[Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Ehren Stover-Wright, Senior Analyst, Institute for Community Alliances*

### **Race Equity: The Process Thus Far as Experienced in Iowa [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Ehren Stover-Wright, Senior Analyst, Institute for Community Alliances*

### **HUD Data Elements and Domestic Violence: Using Data to Inform Safety [Track: Improving Data Quality]**

*Presenter(s): Aaron Dunn, HMIS Product Manager, Ecovia Solutions; Debbie Fox, Senior Policy and Practice Specialist, National Network to End Domestic Violence*



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## **Developing an Inclusive Local Coordinated Entry Evaluation: Pierce County's Experience [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Aman Sanghera, Data Analyst and Evaluator Lead, Pierce County; Michael Hatch, Analytics Consultant, Focus Strategies*

## **Comparable Databases for Victim Service Providers [Track: Working Better Together Across CoCs, HMIS Leads, & Vendors]**

*Presenter(s): Ken Davidson, Senior Project Specialist, Collaborative Solutions; Aaron Dunn, Comparable Database Administrator, West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Debbie Fox, Senior Policy and Practice Specialist, National Network Against Domestic Violence*

## **Victim Service Provider Participation in Coordinated Entry: Community Best Practice Roundtable [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Ken Davidson, Senior Project Specialist, Collaborative Solutions*

## **HMIS and VA HOMES Data Sharing [Track: HMIS + Other Systems' Data]**

*Presenter(s): Lindsay Hill, Program Analyst and Nicole Harelick, National Coordinator, US Department of Veterans Affairs; Meradith Alspaugh, Chief Operating Officer, The Partnership Center, Ltd.*

## **Evaluating Coordinated Entry Through an Equity Lens [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Sasha Drozdova Caine, Staff Attorney, Homebase; Leila Qureishi, Senior Management Analyst, Santa Clara Office of Supportive Housing*

## **Using Data to Minimize the Middle [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Manager, Clark County Social Service; Julee King, Senior Project Administrator, Bitfocus, Inc.*

## **Stable Homes Stable Schools: Multi-System Collaboration to House Children Experiencing Homelessness [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Alyssa Erickson, Director of Research and Analytics, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority; Andrea Inouye, Director of Strategic Partnerships + Affordable Housing, City of Minneapolis; Charlotte Kinzley, Manager, Homeless/Highly Mobile Student Services, Minneapolis Public Schools; Katie Topinka, Housing Policy Coordinator, City of Minneapolis – Community Planning and Economic Development*

## **Exit from Subsidized Public Housing to Homelessness: Evaluating the Unexplored Pathway [Track: HMIS + Other Systems' Data]**

*Presenter(s): Bimal Raj Bhandary, Analyst; Wendy Smith, HMIS System and Implementation Administrator; Aurelia Moran, Housing Business Systems Analyst, City of Portland Housing Bureau*

## **Take Me Home, Country Roads, to High Data Quality [Track: Improving Data Quality]**

*Presenter(s): Bobbi Nielsen, HMIS Manager; David Henrion, HMIS Manager; Kaitlyn Poepsel, Data Analyst, Institute for Community Alliances*

## **Sometimes It Takes More Than A Village [Track: Working Better Together Across CoCs, HMIS Leads, & Vendors]**

*Presenter(s): Jon Magee, HMIS System Administrator, Ecovia; Joshua Gray, Senior HMIS Coordinator, Georgia Department of Community Affairs*

## **"Outside In" Collaboration to Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness in St. Paul, Minnesota [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Mark Herzfeld, Senior Program Evaluator and Dana DeMaster, Supervisor, Ramsey County Health and Wellness Administration*

## **Examining HMIS Data Using Survival Analysis [Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Aaron Flicker, Data Specialist, Strategies to End Homelessness*

## **Adult Shelter Connect: Removing Barriers and Creating a Better Shelter System [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Danielle Werder, Principal Planning Analyst, Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness; Sarah Broich, Single Adult Manager, Simpson Housing Services; Demetri Vincze, HMIS Director, Institute for Community Alliances*



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## **Empowering Teams through Data & Emerging Technology: Santa Monica's Approach to Coordinated Entry [Track: HMIS + Other Systems' data]**

*Presenter(s): Brian Hardgrave, Senior Administrative Analyst, City of Santa Monica; Erika Aklufi, Sergeant of Homeless Liason Program Team, City of Santa Monica Police Department; Jared Goodner, Chief Product Officer, Akido Labs*

## **Creative Approaches to Data Quality Improvement: Agency Change and System Change Perspectives [Track: Improving Data Quality]**

*Presenter(s): Emily Salvaterra, Data Analyst and Dani Gorman, System Administrator, Institute for Community Alliances; Heather Wilmot LeMay, Contract Manager, St. Stephen's Human Services*

## **Better Together: Health and HMIS Data, Best Practices and Examples from the Field [Track: HMIS + Other Systems' Data]**

*Presenter(s): Ian Costello, Program Manager and Annie Bacci, Senior Program Manager CSH; Joseph Kenkel, Researcher, National Healthcare for the Homeless Council*

## **From Implementation to Refinement: An Action-Oriented Project Management Approach to CES Refinement [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Danielle Bagg Wireman, Director of Coordinated Entry Refinement and Outcomes and Matt Holland, Coordinated Entry Specialist, Coalition for Homeless Intervention and Prevention*

## **Elevating Lived Experience in Coordinated Entry Evaluations: The Role of Qualitative Data [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Andrea Miller, Consultant, Waypoints Consulting*

## **Using Integrated Data to Improve Homeless Services in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania [Track: HMIS + Other Systems' Data]**

*Presenter(s): Andy Halfhill, Manager of Homeless/Housing Analytics, Allegheny County Department of Human Services*

## **Tracking Dynamic Housing Problem Solving Resources in HMIS [Track: Working Better Together Across CoCs, HMIS Leads, & Vendors]**

*Presenter(s): Janel Fletcher, Senior Project Administrator of Santa Clara County, Bitfocus; Julie McFarland, technical Assistance Provider, Julie McFarland Consulting; Leila Qureishi, Senior Management Analyst, Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing*

## **Data Viz 2.0: Animation! [Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Andrea Miller, Data Viz Enthusiast and Consultant, Waypoints Consulting*

## **From Housing Match to System Triage: Key Milestones in Coordinated Entry Development [Track: Coordinated Entry 2.0]**

*Presenter(s): Victoria Ewing, Housing and Homelessness Evaluator, King County Department of Community and Human Services; Alex Ebarahimi, Housing Referrals Supervisor, King County DCHS Coordinated Entry for All; Stacy Holmes, King County HMIS System Administrator, BitFocus*

## **Integrating data to drive progress ending student homelessness [Track: HMIS + Other Systems' Data]**

*Presenter(s): Eric Grumdahl, Deputy Director, Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness; Ann Masten, Regents Professor and Maria Hanratty, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota; Kristy Piescher, Director of research and Evaluation, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare; Alyssa Palmer, Doctoral Student, Institute of Child Development*

## **Using Dashboards to "Pulse Check" Your CoC [Track: Technical Applications]**

*Presenter(s): Colin Sorensen, Policy Analyst, Homebase*

## **Creative Calculations: Using HMIS Data to Advocate and Collaborate with Diverse Stakeholders [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Alyssa Gooch, Planning Manager, South Alamo regional Alliance for the Homeless*

## **HMIS Personnel Certification [Track: HMIS + System Change]**

*Presenter(s): Kathleen "Kat" Freeman, Principal Trainer, HomeFire Training and Consulting*



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