

Homeless Management Information System

November 2004 Newsletter

DSI Contract Signed

We've got the contract signed and delivered from DSI! It was a long process of negotiating, emailing back and forth, and revisions, but it's finally complete and we've come to terms. So that means the software is now officially ClientTrack.net and we'll be using it for the HMIS project! Many of the provisions in the DSI contract affect the participating agencies, so please feel free to contact Mary or Justin for a copy. We will be developing the contracts between each agency and Fairview Recovery Services over the next month or two, and will be contacting the executive directors.

Signed Contract with Jim Hulse and Progress to Date

Fairview has signed a contract retaining Jim Hulse to work on the technical side of the HMIS project. He will be making the changes in the code of the Client Track software that will customize how each agency uses the software so that we can all meet HUD's requirement for collection of homeless data. Every agency has distinct processes, forms, and methods in their operations, and to the extent possible, given the limitations of our HUD funding, Jim will be working towards integration of the software with each agency's operations.

Jim has received around 15 hours of training with Brian Bingel at DSI and is now quite knowledgeable about ClientTrack.net. He is currently hard at work getting the system ready for the ACC and has a few of the forms up and running, already. Since we now have an active database of our own, Jim can perform demonstrations of ClientTrack. If your agency should have a need to look at the system, let Mary or Justin know.

Hired Justin Hoch

We are very pleased to announce that Justin has been hired to help in the implementation process. He is a recent graduate of Binghamton University and decided to stay in the area after finishing school in May. He will be conducting training, providing user support, and helping out in other ways as needed. His office is in the Merrick Halfway House on the Fairview campus. His phone number is 722-8987, ext. 226 and his email address is jhoch@stny.rr.com. Don't hesitate to contact him if you have any questions or concerns!

Training – Laptops & Projector

Six laptop computers and a projector unit were purchased from Dell for use in training agency employees and coordinating the HMIS implementation. Justin will be setting them up and conducting training sessions as the process necessitates.

HMIS Committee

The Homeless Coalition's HMIS subcommittee has elected a new chairperson in Jennifer Taylor from the City of Binghamton. The group will be meeting quarterly to stay informed about the progress of our implementation, and to determine how best to act as a liaison between us and the community.

*****USER GROUP MEETING*****

Don't forget that the user group meeting is on December 14th at noon at Fairview Recovery Services. Lunch will be served.