

# ShelterNet

## Homeless Management Information System Project Progress Report February 2006 – July 2006

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Since our last Newsletter in February 2006, the ShelterNet project has experienced a lot of change and progress.

### **HUD Continuum of Care Application**

An application was submitted May 25<sup>th</sup> to renew the funding for the HMIS (among other programs) for three more years, ending October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. It was a long process and a lot of people worked really hard to get it finished. A funding announcement should come out near the end of 2006.

### **Budget Update**

We received funding from one additional source, The Gannett Foundation. That notification exhausts our responses to applications for matching funds. In the final analysis, all eight of our matching fund requests were successful and overall we received 98% of the total requested.

### **Software Update**

We received two updates to the latest version of ClientTrack since February and we are anticipating a new full version upgrade in September. Among the new features in the newest release include the ability to capture signatures directly into forms, the possibility of uploading documents directly into client files, and more advanced ways of creating forms. All of these updates significantly boost the usability, scope, and power of the ClientTrack software. As we move forward in the implementation, we will further eliminate the use of paper forms in the day-to-day operations of the participating agencies.

### **Continuing Implementation Update**

The YMCA went live March 13<sup>th</sup> and has been an unqualified success. The staff over there seems very pleased. As of June 12<sup>th</sup>, we are also now online at the VOA. The YWCA will be going on next in the coming months.

### **HUD Review**

On April 6-7, HUD was on location here at Fairview performing a site review of, among others, the HMIS ShelterNet program. As a result of that review, Fairview was issued a citation as an Exemplary Practice that should be looked at by other HMIS implementations as prime example of a successful implementation. We are very excited and proud of the recognition. To see a copy of the HUD citation, visit the ShelterNet website at [http://www.shelter-net.org/documents/ShelterNet\\_Exemp\\_Pract.pdf](http://www.shelter-net.org/documents/ShelterNet_Exemp_Pract.pdf).

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Overall, we continue to move towards the goal of full implementation and are continuing to navigate around the obstacles that present themselves. We continue to look forward to completing the initial implementation on time and on budget.