

ShelterNet

Homeless Management Information System Project

Progress Report June 2006 - August 2006

Since our last report in June 2006, the ShelterNet project has met a significant milestone. All emergency shelters are now online.

Budget Update

Budget allocation changes made in our HMIS budget review continue to be tracked closely. We have adjusted the budget projections to accommodate the changes we've experienced. While we are saving money by the Project Administrator doing the customization instead of incurring the higher cost of DSI doing it, we are working to further decrease the customization cost by creating a standardized client record. To this end, we have been meeting with the agency participants to develop a standardized case record that will be used by all participating programs while meeting the individual needs of each.

Software Update

The two updates to the latest version of ClientTrack that we received earlier in the year are now implemented and being utilized by staff. We have the ability to capture required signatures directly into forms, which, at the ACC is consistent with OASAS regulations. We can also now upload documents directly into client files, which saves a great deal of staff time. All of these updates significantly boost the usability, scope, and power of the ClientTrack software.

Continuing Implementation Update

The YWCA went live August 30, 2006 completing the first phase of the project with all of the shelter beds now online. The next phase of the project will bring the additional program beds onto the system including the YWCA's residential programs and the Fairview Recovery Services Community Residences, Supportive Living, and Shelter Plus Care programs.

Personnel

Justin Hoch, the HMIS Project Assistant, has left the project to move to New York City. The functions he performed for the project are now shared amongst the remaining members of the Administration Team – Michele Napolitano, Jim Hulse, and Gary Rein.

Website

The ShelterNet website is available at <http://www.shelter-net.org> has expanded to include information about resources available to flood victims that has been useful to providers and consumer of services alike.