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Section: Entry Point Diversion and Shelter Bed Referral Workflow Summary

When a client presents at Entry Point, the following steps summarize the steps Entry Point staff will take:

- 1. Confirm eligibility (as listed below), gain consent, disclose mandatory reporting.
- 2. Begin HMIS data entry.
- 3. HARK assessment and safety planning.
- 4. Diversion conversation.
 - a. If client can be diverted, conduct follow-up case management if diversion is temporary.
- 5. Conduct HOPWA screen, Veteran screen for potential diversion resources.
- 6. If client cannot be diverted, explore shelter options.
- 7. Conduct medical vulnerability screen, explore special population shelter options.
- 8. If shelter beds are available, refer to shelter. If not, put on shelter wait list.
- 9. If client refuses shelter and is unsheltered, conduct VI-SDPAT and screen for SOAR eligibility.
- 10. Follow up with client if referral is unsuccessful (shelter declines, client declines, no-show).

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Section: Eligibility

Eligibility for Entry Point Services

To receive services from Entry Point, persons must be Category 1, Category 2 or Category 4 Homelessness as defined below. All others should receive referrals to other resources in the community.

Category 1 Homelessness (Literal Homelessness): A state in which a person lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, as defined by one of the following conditions:

- a. An individual or household has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, camping ground; or
- b. An individual or household is living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government program for low-income individuals); or
- c. An individual or household is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Category 2 Homelessness: When a person or household will imminently lose their housing (within 14 days), no subsequent residence has been identified, and the person or household lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.

Category 4 Homelessness: When an individual or household is fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, has no other residence; and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

Eligibility for Shelter Referral

To receive a referral to Urban Ministries of Durham or Families Moving Forward, a household must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1. Experiencing homelessness (as defined in Eligibility for Entry Point Services)
- 2. Participated in a diversion conversation at Entry Point. A diversion conversation must precede any shelter referral.
- 3. Durham resident (as defined below) OR
 Person experiencing Category 1 homelessness in Durham County OR
 Person experiencing Category 4 homelessness in Durham County OR
 Person being relocated by HUD to Durham County by a natural disaster.
- 4. Not on sex offender registry. Check https://www.nsopw.gov.
- 5. Not currently suspended from shelter.
- 6. Households must also meet the household composition requirements for each shelter (i.e. a single adult household cannot be referred to Families Moving Forward or a family with children cannot be referred to UMD's adult shelter).

Durham residency defined:

A household is a Durham resident if they meet <u>one</u> of the following conditions:

- 1) Possesses a Durham ID.
- 2) Has slept within Durham County for the previous 30 days or more (including institutional stays like jail, prison, or health care institutions in Durham County), with interruptions of no more than 3 consecutive days.
 - If someone has lived in Durham their whole life or for a long time, they meet this criterion.
 - If someone very recently came to Durham, count how many consecutive days they have lived in Durham. If they left Durham for 3 days or less, continue to count consecutive days of residency. If they left for more than 3 days, start over. For example:

- It is August 1. Joe says he started living in Durham on July 1. He says he lived in Alamance County for 7 days in the middle of July. That means he is NOT currently a Durham resident: because his break in residency was 7 days, start counting his total time in Durham from the end of his stay in Alamance County.
- 3) Had slept within Durham County for at least 30 days with interruptions of no more than 3 days immediately before an institutional stay outside of Durham County from which the client was released no more than 29 days previously.
 - This is for people returning to Durham after they were in an institution in another county (like prison or a health care institution).
 - If they were in Durham before they left for 30 days or more, and are now coming back to Durham, they are still counted as a resident.
 - To count under this criteria they must have been released from the institution at most 29 days ago.

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Section: Mandatory Reporting

All staff of Front Door Units that meet with clients are mandatory reporters for child abuse and neglect, senior abuse and neglect, and abuse and neglect of people with disabilities. Before beginning any client intake, Front Door Units must disclose that they are mandatory reporters and explain what this means. Clients should be specifically given information regarding mandatory reporting in cases in which a child is present during intimate partner violence or substance abuse.

Staff should complete the online Child and Protective Services training prior to interacting with clients. https://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-f-z/social-services/protective-services-training-kit

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Section: HARK and Safety Planning

Entry Point staff should screen all clients for experiences of violence using the modified HARK screen tool, below.

- Clients who proactively disclose experiencing/fleeing violence do not have to be screened
- Clients may refuse to be screened
- Clients presenting with additional adults, especially couples, should not be screened for safety reasons

Entry Point staff should explain their mandatory reporting responsibilities before starting the screen. This disclosure should include an explanation that Entry Point staff must report when a child witnesses' domestic violence.

Modified HARK Screen Tool	Yes	No
Within the last year, have you or a member of your household been humiliated or emotionally abused in other ways by a partner or ex-partner?		
Within the last year, have you or a member of your household been afraid of a partner, ex-partner, or anyone else you lived with?		
Within the last year, have you been raped or has anyone forced you to have any kind of sexual activity?		
Within the last year, have you or a member of your household been kicked, hit, slapped, or otherwise physically hurt by a partner, ex-partner, or anyone else you lived with?		

If the client answers yes to at least one question, they screen positive. Clients who screen positive for intimate partner or family violence or sexual abuse should be offered a referral to a victim service provider or providers appropriate for the client's stated needs. If client accepts the referral, the staff member should offer to sit with the client while they call. The phone number for Durham Crisis Response Center is:

919-403-6562 (English) 919-519-3735 (Español)

If a client declines the offer, the client should be offered the contact information for the victim service provider or providers. If the client accepts the offer of contact information, a staff member should discuss safety precautions with the client to ensure that the information does not further endanger the client.

If a client declines to call DCRC or another victim service provider, Entry Point staff should develop a safety plan with the client while they work on diversion and shelter placement.

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Section: Daily Waitlist Management Summary

Every morning and when new vacancies are reported Entry Point staff will first refer clients to open shelter beds from the waitlist. To pull a referral from the wait list, Entry Point staff will follow these steps:

- 1. Update shelter vacancies in the *Bed Placement* Inventory Project in HMIS.
- 2. Update client records in HMIS to resolve all referrals from the previous day.
- 3. Pull the Waitlist Prioritization Report and sort waitlist.
- 4. Review HMIS records of clients to find Communication and Contact information
- 5. Call and refer prioritized clients on waitlist to open shelter beds.

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Section: Initial Intake

Step 1. Eligibility, Disclosure, Client Consent and Release of Information

When a client arrives, first screen for eligibility to receive Entry Point services

STOP: If the client is not eligible (see Section 1) refer to another resource.

If client is eligible:

- Disclose that you are a mandatory reporter and explain what that means
- Gain consent to enter client's data into HMIS, as outlined below.

HMIS consent

Everyone client should consent to having their data in the HMIS. Entry Point staff should make sure a client feels it is safe for their data to be entered into HMIS, especially if they disclose they are fleeing or have experienced domestic violence.

If the client arrives in-person, use the paper Release of Information (ROI) form to document their consent. The most up to date ROI form is on the HMIS Administrative website: ncceh.org/hmis/admin. Scan and attach a copy of the ROI to the client's electronic ROI if the client declines to consent to some or all sharing.

If the client calls Entry Point, use the privacy conversation to obtain verbal consent. Use <u>Case Notes</u> on the Client Profile tab to record any limits to the consent given.

Protecting Client Data in HMIS

Client data in HMIS is always protected with online encryption, closed system default settings, and individualized authorization. Local sharing between agencies is listed online on the Client Consent website: https://www.ncceh.org/hmis/clientconsent/. If a client has concerns about the privacy of their

data in HMIS and wants to limit how their data is shared in the system, there are two choices to further protect client data:

- Client information can be de-identified in HMIS (aka an unnamed profile) or
- Searchability can be removed for that client.

Entry Point staff should use these options rarely, as they may make it more difficult to serve the client effectively. In general, creating a de-identified record or a record that isn't searchable should only be used if he client has specific safety concerns about their identified information being shared in HMIS or if they specifically request that their information not be shared in HMIS.

See the section on de-identified records and reducing searchability for step-by-step instructions.

Step 2. Create Client Profiles

HMIS Client Profile Search and Creation documents who is presenting for services.

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm Enter Data As (EDA) for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Go to *ClientPoint* to begin searching for the Head of Household.
- 3. Search three different ways to confirm if a client already has an HMIS profile.
 - a. Three ways to search:
 - i. One or two letters of the first name and full last name (Ja Doe).
 - ii. Full first name and one or two letters of the last name (Jane Do).
 - iii. Last four numbers of the SSN using the *Exact Match* box.

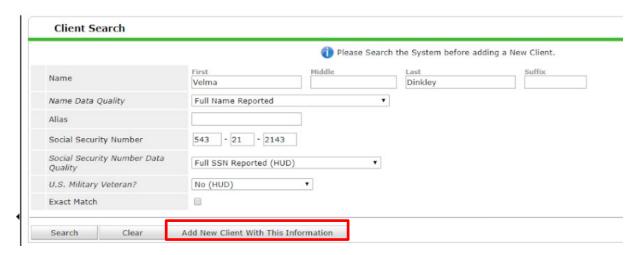


- b. If the client does have a profile, click on the name or pencil icon to navigate to their profile.
 - i. Use the last four digits of the SSN, the Date of Birth, Alias, and Gender to determine if this is the right client.



- c. If the client does not have a profile, you will need to complete as much of the *Client Search* fields as you can.
 - i. These fields include:
 - 1. Full Name and Name Data Quality dropdown.

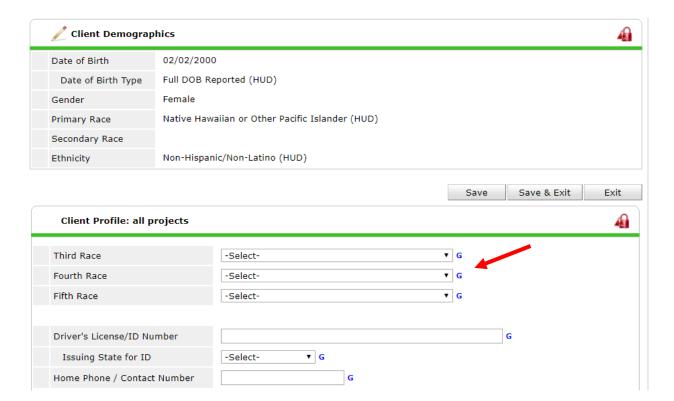
- 2. Alias if applicable or helpful to serve client.
- 3. Full Social Security Number and SSN Data Quality dropdown.
- 4. U.S. Military Veteran?
- ii. Then click on Add New Client with This Information.



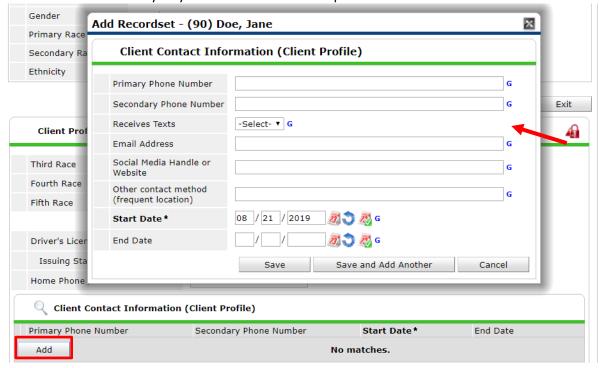
iii. A pop-up will appear to confirm that a new client profile should be created and that the *Client Search* area is complete.



- 4) Confirm or add all Client Demographics are complete.
 - a) To add Client Demographics, use the pencil icon next to the section header.
 - b) Remember that clients may identify up to five *Races* but only the *Primary* option is required.



- 5. Next, try to collect *Contact Information* for the *Head of Household*.
 - a. If available, click the Add button in the Client Contact Information sub-assessment.
 - b. Record as many ways to contact the client as possible.

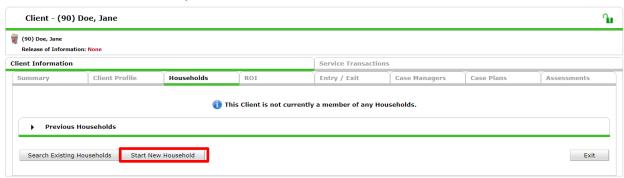


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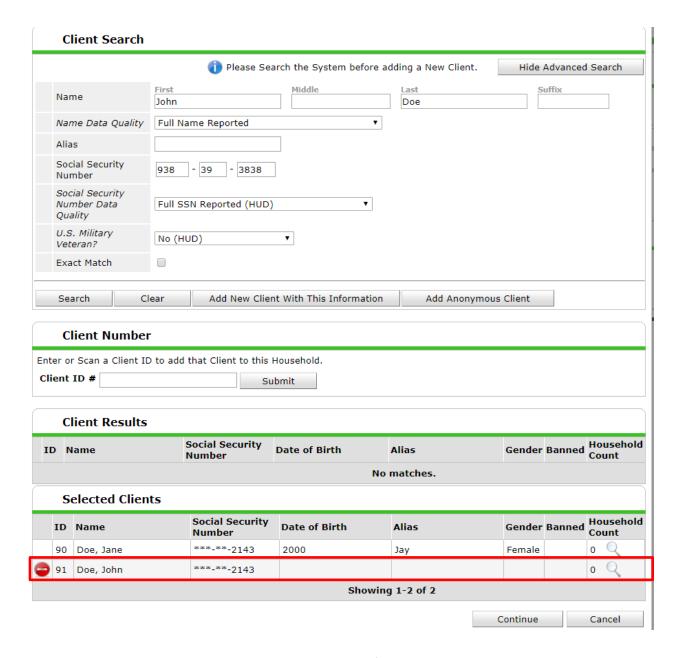
Step 3. Create Households

Create Households for multiple clients presenting together.

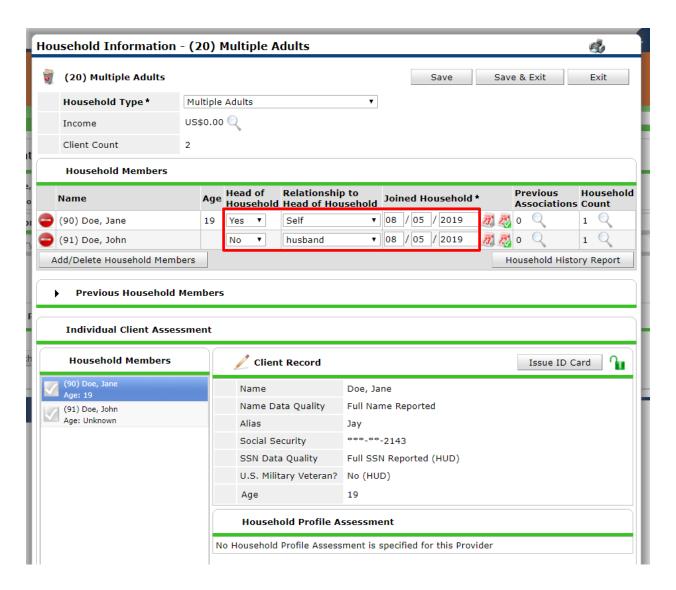
- 1. Begin on the *Head of Household*'s profile and go to the *Households* tab.
- 2. Determine if the *Household* tab is complete.
 - a. If the client is presenting for services by themselves, skip the *Household* tab.
 - b. If there is a *Household* already created, confirm the members are accurate.
 - i. A new household can be created for a new group of clients.
 - ii. Or a new client can be added to an already existing household.
 - iii. Do not delete household members, you do not have to add them to entries or referrals.
- 3. To create a household, click on Start New Household.



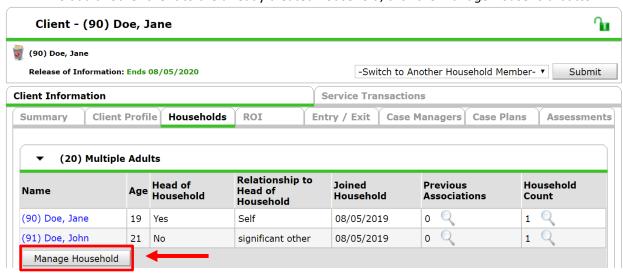
- a. Search for the next client using the same steps to search for profiles in the system as for the *Head of Household*.
 - i. If an existing client profile matches, click the Green plus sign to add them to the Selected Clients section.
 - ii. If a client profile is not found, complete all the fields in the Client Search section.
 - 1. Then, click on the Add New Client with this Information button.
- b. Click Continue after all household members have a profile in the Selected Clients section.



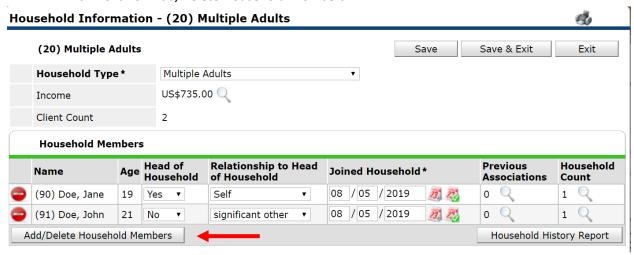
- c. Complete the three household questions for each client.
 - i. Head of Household Yes or No.
 - ii. Relationship to Head of Household (heads of household list Self).
 - iii. *Joined Household* is the date when these clients presented for services together in HMIS.
 - 1. Today or earlier.
 - 2. Not the date of first dates, marriages, or initial family events.
- d. Click Save & Exit (at the top or bottom of page).



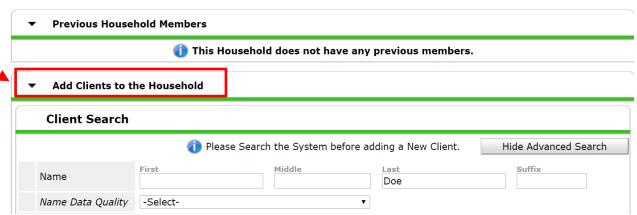
- e. A pop up may appear to remind you to confirm all parts are complete.
- 4. To add another client to the already created household, click the Manage Household button.



a. Click on Add/Delete Household Members.

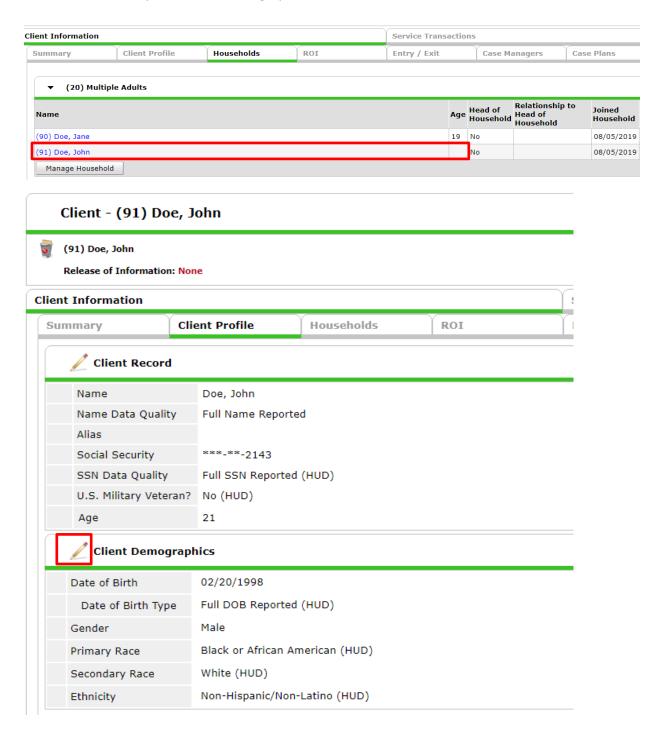


- b. Open the black arrow to Add Clients to the Household.
 - i. Use the client search steps to find or create the household member's profile.
 - ii. Repeat the search and add steps until all new household members are in the *Selected Clients* section.



- c. Click Continue.
- d. Complete the three household questions for each client.
 - i. Head of Household Yes or No.
 - ii. Relationship to Head of Household (heads of household list Self).
 - iii. *Joined Household* is the date when these clients presented for services together in HMIS.
 - 1. Today or earlier.
 - 2. Not the date of first dates, marriages, or initial family events.
- e. Click Save & Exit.
- f. A pop up may appear to remind you to confirm all parts are complete.

- 5. Complete the Client Demographics for every household member.
 - a. Click on each member's name in the household tab and then navigate to the *Client Profile*.
 - b. Add Client Contact Information for adults if available.
 - c. All clients in the active group on the *Household* tab should have an age to indicate completed *Client Demographics*.



Step 4. Add electronic Release of Information (eROI)

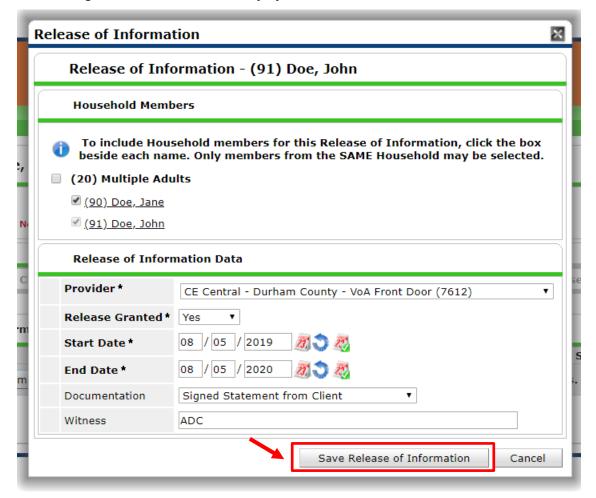
HMIS needs a confirmation of the privacy and consent conversation with the client.

- 1. Click on the ROI tab.
- 2. Check if the client has an electronic *Release of Information* (eROI) covering the specific HMIS project you enter data for and today's date. If one already exists, continue to the *Entry/Exit* tab.
- 3. If one does not already exist, click on Add Release of Information.



- 4. Complete eROI information.
 - a. Check all appropriate *Household Members*. The eROI confirms in HMIS what the client has given consent to for their data.
 - i. Heads of Household and all other Adults must have separate signed ROI documents or respond separately for verbal consent.
 - ii. The legal guardians will give sign or respond for their children or other dependents.
 - iii. All household members must have an eROI recorded in HMIS.
 - b. Confirm the *Provider* is the correct project. If it is not, cancel the eROI and change your *EDA* mode.
 - c. Confirm Release Granted or not:
 - i. If the client consents verbally on the phone or on a signed paper ROI document, select *Yes*.
 - ii. If the client does not consent to portions of their data being shared, contact the Data Center as soon as you can after the conversion to help lock down those portions. Select *Yes or No* temporarily at your discretion.
 - iii. If the client or household does not consent to any sharing, enter *No* to release granted.
 - d. Select the dates that apply for the eROI.

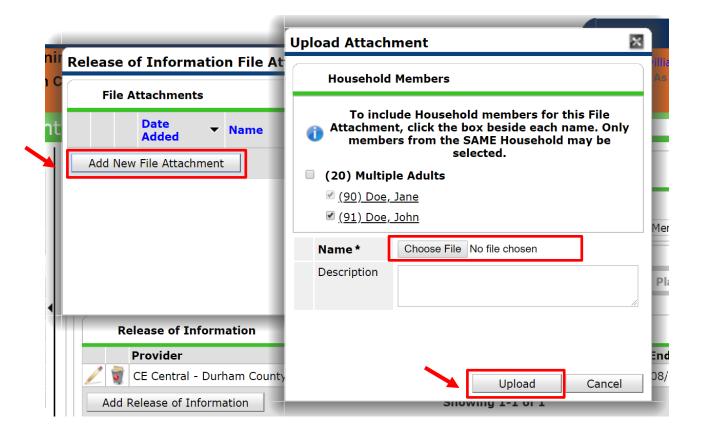
- i. For clients on the phone giving verbal consent, the ROI lasts for 10 days.
- ii. For clients in person signing the form, the ROI lasts for 1 year.
- e. Record the type of *Documentation* from the dropdown.
- f. For *Witness*, write in the initials of the staff who conducted the privacy conversation with the client/household.
- g. Then click Save Release of Information.



5. Click on the binder clip icon to the right of the new eROI to attach a scanned paper copy of the documentation.



- i. Select Add New Attachment.
- ii. Upload the file (any file type) with ROI in the name.
- iii. Add a description at your discretion.



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Section: Diversion Conversation

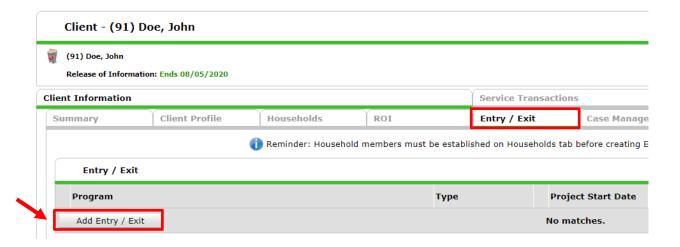
Every client must receive a creative problem-solving conversation to help them identify alternatives to homelessness. An HMIS Project Start Assessment will be used to record some of the information collected during that conversation.

Record the Diversion Conversation via HMIS Project Entry

Add an Entry

Add a *Project Start* on the *Entry/Exit* tab to show the client is seeking emergency shelter.

1. On Entry/Exit tab, click Add new Entry/Exit.

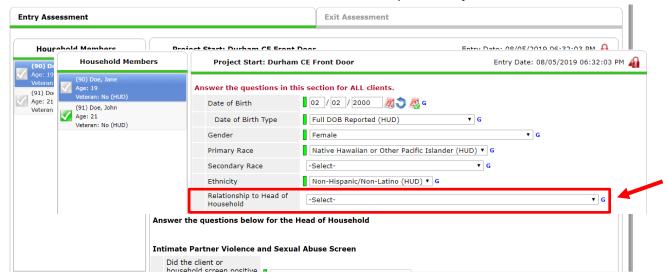


- 2. Complete the *Project Start Data*.
 - a. Check all Household Members who present for services together.
 - b. Confirm the *Provider* is accurate. If it is not, cancel the *Project Start* and change your *EDA* mode.
 - c. Select HUD as the entry Type.
 - d. The *Project Start Date* will appear as today's date and time.
 - e. Click Save & Continue.



3. Confirm the top table with the client demographic information to the *Project Start: Durham CE Front Door* Assessment.

- a. **ALL** household members are required to have questions through *Relationship to Head of Household* completed.
- b. A Head of Household should have the Relationship set to Self

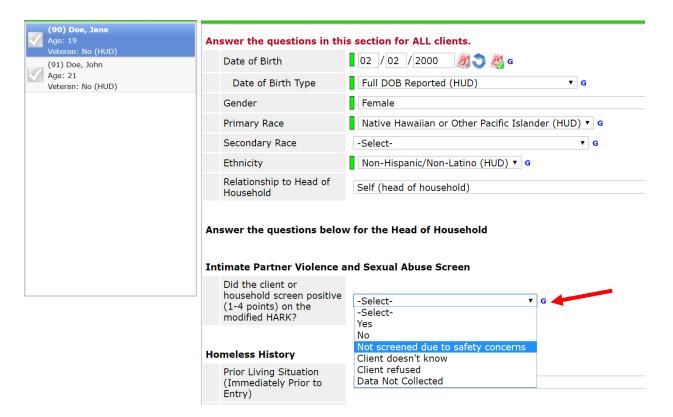


4. Head of households will have the results for the diversion conversation recorded on their Project Start Assessment. Other clients are not required to have the full conversation recorded.

Conduct and Record Result of the HARK

Before you begin the full diversion conversation, record the result for Heads of Household on the *Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Abuse Screen*.

- 1. Select the appropriate result for the modified HARK
 - a. Use a Yes result for a score of 1-4.
 - b. Use a No result for a score of 0.
 - c. Use a *Not screened due to safety concerns* if it was not safe for either you or the clients to conduct the full screen.
 - d. Use Client Doesn't Know or Client Refused if the client cannot provide a response
 - e. Use *Data Not Collected* if the screen was never completed and safety was not a concern (rarely if ever used).



- 2. This result is for the Head of Household, not necessarily the other adult Household members
- 3. You may need to offer a referral to the local Victims Services Provider. Check the <u>Section: HARK</u> and <u>Safety Planning</u> for further instructions.

Record the Results of the Diversion conversation

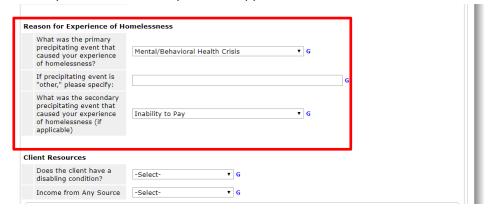
- 1. Record the client's response to, *Is there a home, apartment, or other housed situation where you can stay tonight?* The result should prompt the appropriate response below in the next questions.
 - a. If Yes is selected, answer the number of nights and reason questions.
 - b. If No is selected, answer the question about why they cannot stay.



- 2. Record the Homeless History of the client
 - a. Prior Living Situation refers to what type of housing the client had last night.
 - i. Never use Safe Haven or Interim Housing.
 - ii. If a client stayed at the Durham Rescue Mission last night, use *Residential* project or hallway house with no homeless criteria.
 - b. Length of stay refers to how long the client had stayed at last night's location.
 - c. The start staying date question refers to continuous stays on either the streets or in emergency shelters.
 - i. If the client was precariously housed last night, but has nowhere to go tonight, the date would be today.
 - ii. If the client was precariously housed last night, and can stay there for one or more nights, the date is left blank.
 - d. *Housing Status* asks for the Homeless Category under HUD's definition (see <u>Eligibility for Entry Point Services</u>).
 - e. The County of residence is this section's last question.

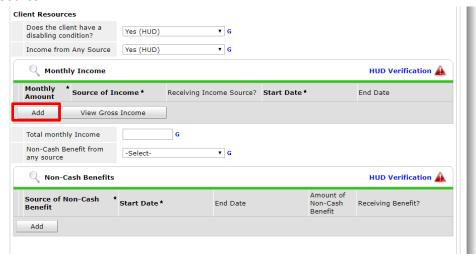


- 5. The next section is the *Reason for Experience of Homelessness*.
 - a. If the client is not included in one of HUD's Categories of Homelessness, leave blank.
 - b. Otherwise complete one or two responses as applicable.

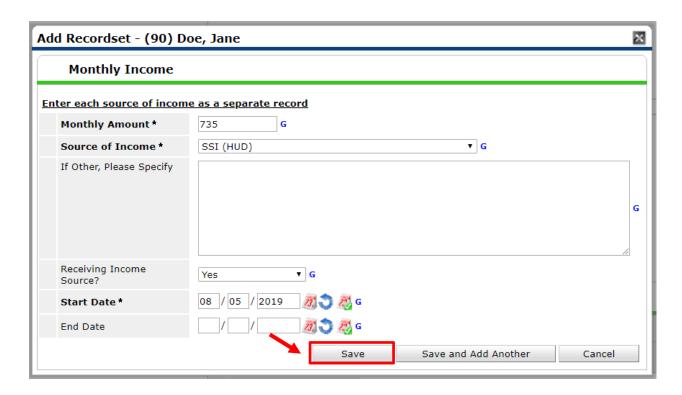


6. Under the *Client Resources* section, complete information about disabling condition, income, and non-cash benefits.

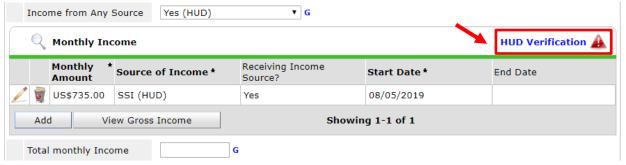
- a. Disabling condition (Yes/No) refers to the HUD definition.
 - i. A physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including an impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that:
 - 1. Is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration;
 - 2. Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently; and
 - Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions.
 - ii. A developmental disability.
 - iii. HIV or AIDS.
- b. *Income* refers to this client's on-going monthly income and documentation is not needed. Indicate the client's response to every option by following the steps below.
 - i. Select the Yes/No response for the general gateway question, *Income from Any Source*.



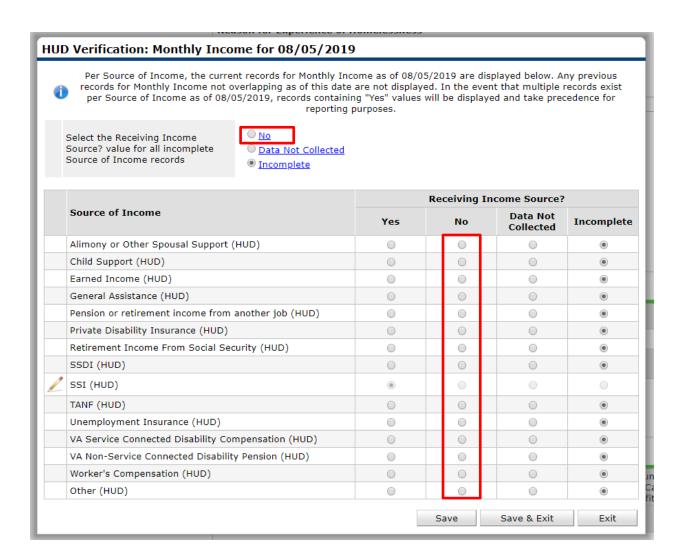
- ii. If they do have income, add the applicable source of income and complete the detailed questions by clicking *Add*.
 - 1. Complete the Monthly Amount.
 - 2. Select Source of Income.
 - 3. Select Yes for Receiving Income Source.
 - 4. Start Date refers to the first date this information was known (today!).
 - 5. Click Save.
 - 6. Repeat as necessary for each source of client's income.



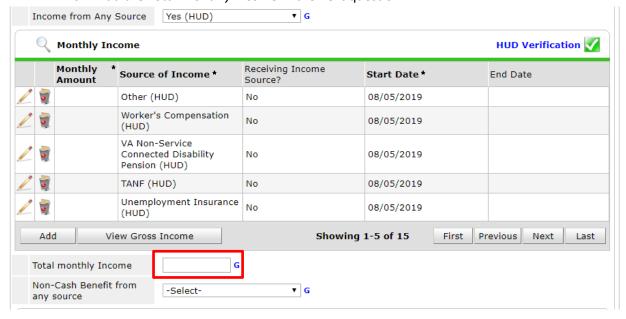
iii. Select the *HUD Verification* button to complete the no responses for the remaining *Sources of Income*.



- 1. Click *No* for each *Source of Income* in the list or click *No* near the top for all incomplete *Source of Income* records.
- 2. Click Save & Exit.
- 3. HUD Verification should have a green check mark next to it when complete



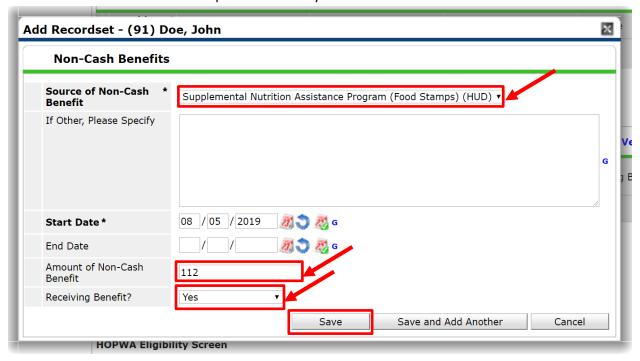
c. Add the *Total Monthly Income* in the next question.



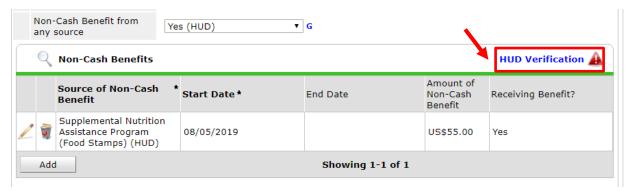
- d. Non-Cash Benefits refers to on-going monthly benefits and documentation is not needed. Indicate the client's response to every option by following the steps below.
 - i. Select the Yes/No response for the general gateway question, *Non-Cash Benefit from Any Source*.
 - ii. If the client receives non-cash benefits, add the applicable source of benefits and complete the detailed questions by clicking *Add*.



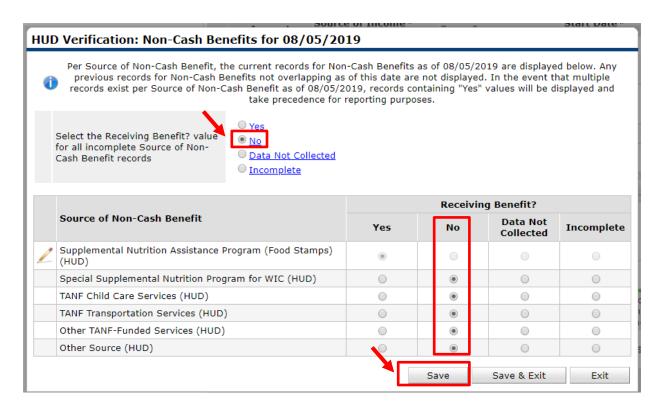
- 1. Select the Source of Non-Cash Benefit.
- 2. Start date refers to the first date this information was known (today!).
- 3. Complete Amount of Non-Cash Benefit.
- 4. Select Yes for Receiving Benefit?.
- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Repeat as necessary for each source of client's non-cash benefits.



iii. Select the *HUD Verification* button to complete the no responses for the remaining sources of *Non-Cash Benefits*.

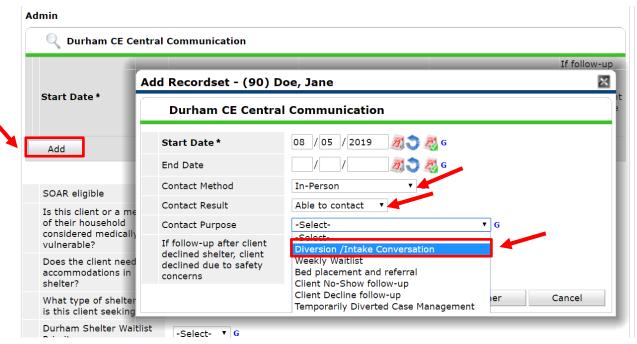


- 1. Click *No* for each *Source of Non-Cash Benefit* in the list or click *No* near the top for all incomplete *Source of Non-Cash Benefit* records.
- 2. Click Save & Exit.
- HUD Verification should have a green check mark next to it when complete

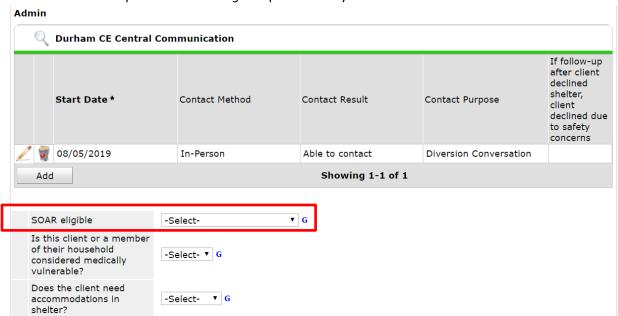


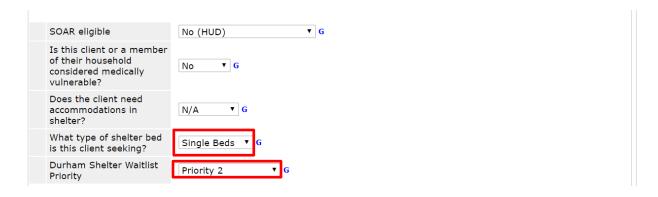
- 7. All Heads of Household must have the Admin section completed.
 - a. Click *Add* in the *Durham Entry Point Communication* sub-assessment to create a contact for the Diversion Conversation.
 - i. The Start Date will be today's date.
 - ii. End Date is optional.
 - iii. Add the Contact Method as In-Person or Phone.
 - iv. Add the Result as Able to contact.
 - v. Add the Diversion Conversation as Contact Purpose.

- vi. Skip *If follow-up after client declined shelter.*
- vii. Click Save.

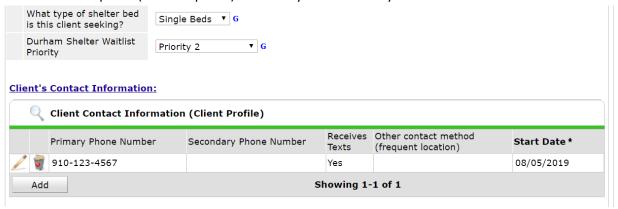


b. Complete the SOAR Eligible questions at your discretion.





c. Update (with the pencil) or Add any additional ways to contact the client if needed.



8. Save & Exit the Project Start Assessment.

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Diversion Resources

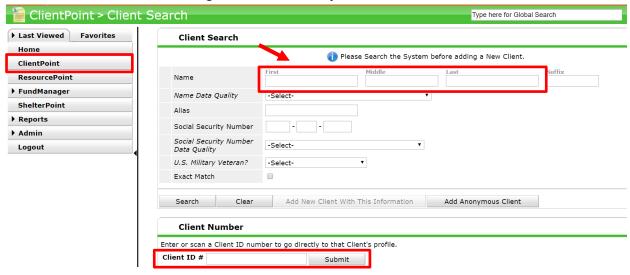
Many clients will not need financial assistance to successfully avoid homelessness. For those who do need assistance, first screen for DSS program eligibility, then for other available community resource eligibility, and use VOA's City-funded diversion assistance last.

City-Funded Diversion Assistance

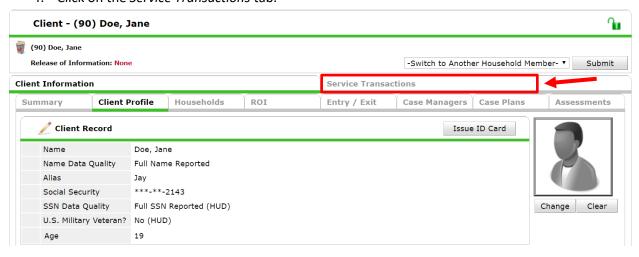
If using City-Funded Diversion Assistance, complete service transaction with fund manager to document diversion funds used.

- 1. Confirm EDA for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Confirm the correct date is selected.
 - a. If the financial assistance was paid today, you don't need to change the date.

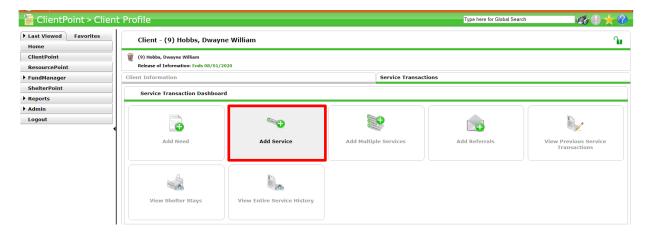
- b. If the financial assistance was not paid today, change Backdate mode to the correct date.
- 3. Go to ClientPoint and navigate to the Client Profile.



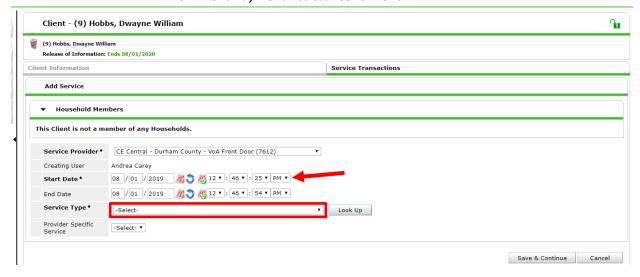
4. Click on the Service Transactions tab.



5. Click on the Add Service box.

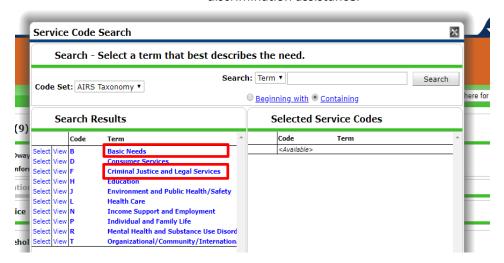


- 6. If working with a household, make sure only the *Head of Household* has a checked box under *Household Members*. Leave other household members boxes unchecked.
- 7. Confirm the Service Provider is the correct Front Door Project.
 - a. If not, change EDA mode and restart recording this Service Transaction.
- 8. Add the End Date for the same date.
- 9. Select the appropriate Service Type.
 - a. If available, select the Service Type from the drop-down list.
 - i. The most common services for Diversion Housing Solutions are:
 - 1. Homeless Motel Vouchers for hotel or motel stays.
 - 2. Rental Deposit Assistance for security deposits.
 - 3. Rent Payment Assistance for rent.

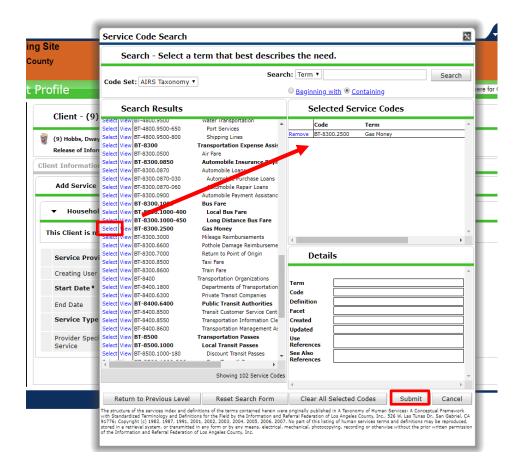


- If the appropriate Service Type is not there, click Look Up.
 Specific types of services can be navigated to through the categories on the left or searched for through the Search Term bar on the right.
 - i. Most common categories:

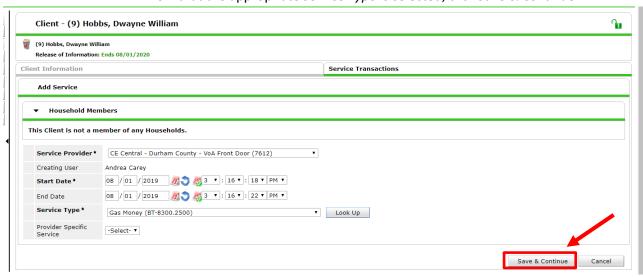
- 1. *Basic Needs* for food, housing, material goods like household appliances, transportation, or utilities.
- Criminal Justice and Legal Services for legal services or legal education services related like landlord/tenant assistance or fair housing discrimination assistance.



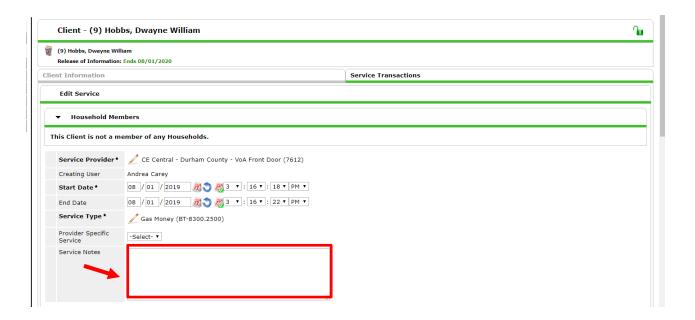
- ii. Use the blue Select link to identify the appropriate service code.
- iii. Then click on Submit at the bottom.



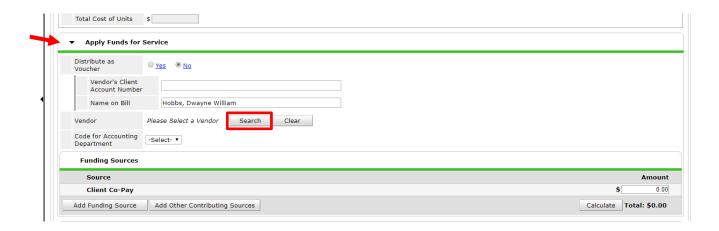
iv. Now that the appropriate Service Type is selected, click Save & Continue.



10. Add Service Notes specific to this service.

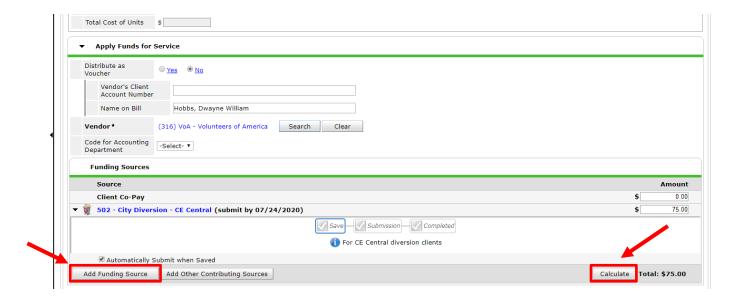


- 11. Skip Service Costs section.
- 12. Find the Apply Funds for Service section and open by clicking on the black arrow.
 - a. Distribute as Voucher should be set to No.
 - b. Vendor's Client Account Number should be blank.
 - c. *Name on Bill* should be the correct name of the client (for matching to finance/accounting department).
 - d. Vendor should be your agency name.
 - i. Click Search and enter DSS or VoA in search bar and click Search button.
 - ii. Click on the green plus sign to select the correct *Vendor*.
 - e. Code for Accounting Department should be blank.

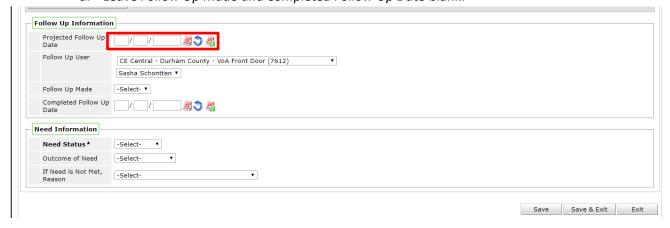


13. Add a *Client Co-Pay* to *Funding Sources* if applicable.

- 14. Find the Funding Sources section and click on Add Funding Source.
- 15. Find the appropriate fund called 502 City Diversion Entry Point and click on the green plus sign next to it.
- 16. Add the amount of financial assistance used and click *Calculate* for the total to appear.



- 17. Skip the Conditional Commitments and Support Documentation sections.
- 18. If the client is being diverted to a temporary location, add Follow-up Information.
 - a. Add the appropriate date for Projected Follow Up Date.
 - i. If one is decided with the client, use that.
 - ii. If no date is agreed to, select a date in one week.
 - b. Confirm the Follow Up User has the Front Door project selected.
 - c. Select the appropriate Case Manager from the drop-down under the project name.
 - d. Leave Follow Up Made and Completed Follow Up Date blank.



- 19. Scroll to the *Need Information* section and change *Need Status* to *Closed* and *Outcome of Need* to *Fully Met*.
- 20. Click Save & Exit to complete the record for diversion funds used.

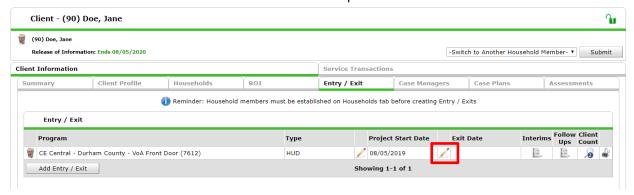


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Successful Diversion and Exit

If client can be diverted, exit them in HMIS (skip to unsuccessful diversion section if not). Make sure to indicate whether this is a stable or temporary diversion.

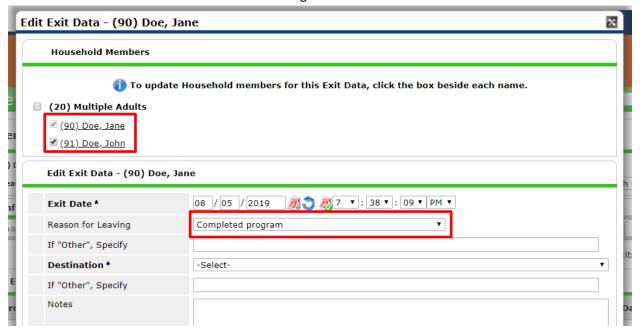
- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm EDA for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Go to ClientPoint to search for the Head of Household.
- 3. Go to the Entry/Exit tab.
- 4. Find the blank area for Exit Date and click on the pencil.



- 5. Complete the Edit Exit Data section.
 - a. If the client is in a household, check the boxes for all members who are being diverted.
 - b. Complete the Reason for Leaving and Destination.

i. Common Reasons for Leaving:

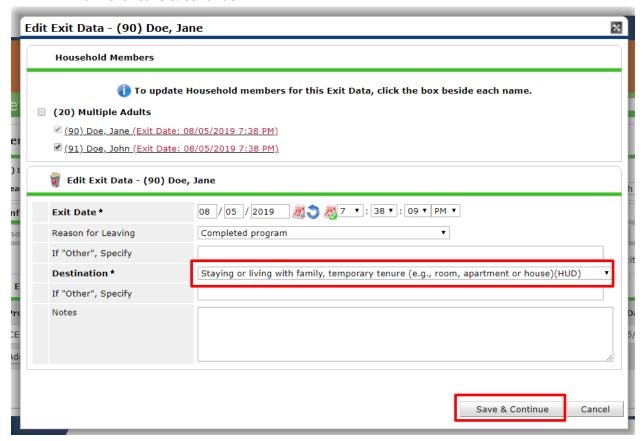
- 1. *Completed program* is when a client leaves after moving into housing with support from the shelter.
- 2. Left for housing opp. before completing program means that the client found other shelter or housing without the support from Entry Point.
- 3. Does not or no longer qualifies for the program is used when the client can no longer use diversion services (financial or mediation) and is no longer eligible for shelters.
- 4. *Unknown/Disappeared* is used when Entry Point staff do not know the reason for leaving.



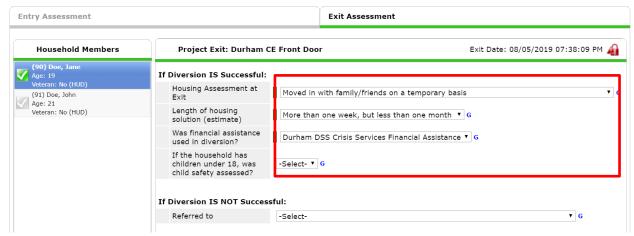
ii. Common Destinations:

- Emergency Shelter, including hotel or motel stay paid for with emergency shelter voucher. Use this if the diversion location refers to a temporary location paid for by Entry Point or another community nonprofit.(Also used for shelter bed placement)
- 2. Hotel or motel stay paid for without emergency shelter voucher is when the client pays for a temporary location themselves.
- 3. *Rental by client, no ongoing subsidy* is for clients renting without formal program or non-profit support beyond one-time arrears or deposits.
- 4. Residential project or hallway house with no homeless criteria is utilized for clients choosing to enter Durham Rescue Mission's program.
- 5. Permanent Housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons refers to Permanent Supportive Housing or Other Permanent Housing that does not require a disability but is dedicated to folks experiencing homelessness.

- 6. *Staying or Living with Family* has two options, temporary and permanent tenures.
- 7. *Staying or Living with Friends* has two options, temporary and permanent tenures.
- 8. No Exit Interview Completed is used when no information about where the client is sleeping that night is available despite best efforts to collect the information.
- c. Click Save & Continue



- 6. Complete the *Project Exit: Durham CE Front Door* Assessment with the diversion results. There are three Sections to review.
- 7. Complete all three questions in *If Diversion is Successful* section.
 - a. Select appropriate option for Housing Assessment at Exit.
 - b. Select the estimated length of time the client/household can stay at the location they are being diverted to.
 - c. Record whether financial assistance was used and what type.
 - d. Select whether the location was assessment for child safety (if applicable).



- e. Skip the questions under If Diversion is not Successful.
- f. Fill out everything in the Complete for EVERY Client section.
 - i. Identify what happened to the client's housing situation with the *Housing*Assessment at Exit.
 - ii. Record *What housing barriers* remain an obstacle for the client/household in the text box.
 - iii. Update or add additional *Client Contact Information* for future follow-up.
- g. Click Save & Exit.



Diversion to a Permanent Situation

- 8. If diverted to a permanent or ongoing housing situation (estimated to last more than four months):
 - a. No further data entry required.

Diversion to a Temporary Situation

If diverted to a temporary situation of four months or less, go to <u>Section: Temporary Diversion Case</u> <u>Management</u>.

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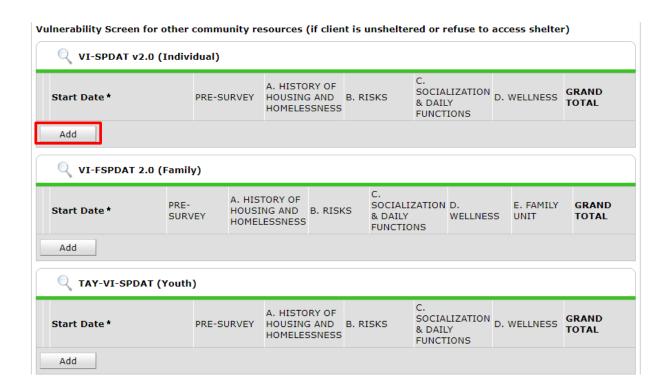
Section: Unsuccessful Diversion and Shelter Referral

If client is unable to be diverted and is still seeking shelter:

- 1. Do not Exit client/household.
- Complete the HOPWA Eligibility Screen for clients identifying a Disabling Condition and at your discretion.
- 3. Complete the *Veteran Diversion Screen* for clients identifying as a U.S. *Military Veteran* at your discretion.



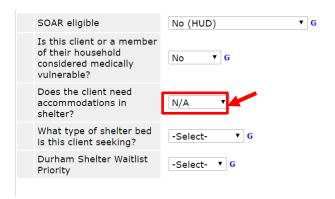
4. Complete the appropriate version of the *VI-SPDAT* assessment for clients who are currently unsheltered or ineligible for emergency shelter in Durham.



- 9. Conduct SOAR Eligibility screen at your discretion (if they have a disability but are not receiving SSI/SSDI).
- 10. Complete the Medical Vulnerability Screen and record result in HMIS.



- 11. Complete whether or not this client needs accommodations if referred to a shelter. Make sure to include information on any accommodation in shelter referral notes.
 - a. Select *Safety* if there are things that can be done in the shelter to make the client feel safe, such as selecting a bed closest to the front desk.
 - b. Select Mobility if the client may need support with physical access to the shelter
 - c. Select *Language* if the client may need assistance communicating and/or if the client's primary language is not English
 - d. Select Hearing if the shelter could take steps to assist a client who is hard of hearing
 - e. Select N/A if the client does not need accommodations if referred to a shelter.



- f. The next two questions help Shelter Waitlist Prioritization and should be answered for all Heads of Households and other adults without children.
 - i. Record *what type of shelter bed this client is seeking*, given their household composition.
 - 1. Select *Family Room* if a client is a Head of Household with a group including children 17 and younger.
 - 2. Select *Single Beds* if a client is an individual adult or an adult with a group of adults.
 - ii. Record the *Durham Shelter Waitlist Priority* level given their previous responses. Follow the table below to assign the correct Priority.

Experiencing Category 1 or 4 Homelessness	Has a medical vulnerability + Durham resident	1
	Durham resident	2
	Has a medical vulnerability + NOT Durham resident	3
	NOT Durham resident	4
Experiencing Category 2 Homelessness	Durham resident	5
	NOT Durham resident	Refer to home CoC

- 12. Determine if the client has an active Referral Suspension
 - a. Save & Exit the Diversion/Intake Assessment
 - b. Select the Client Profile tab
 - c. Find the Incidents sub-assessment box by scrolling to the bottom o the page
 - d. Determine if today's date is covered by the date range and the Ban column says "Yes"
 - i. Ban = Yes, client cannot be referred to the Provider listed

ii. Ban = No or blank, client can be referred to the Provider listed



If a Year-Round Bed or Room is available

- 1. If the Shelter Waitlist is empty and bed is available:
 - a. Note the Head of Household Client ID.
 - b. Change *EDA* to Entry Point Bed Placement project.
 - c. Follow the steps for checking clients into shelter beds (below).
- 2. If the S Waitlist is not empty:
 - a. Check if the client is next on the priority list based on eligibility (household size, gender, etc.) and prioritization. Go to <u>Section: Prioritization of Waitlist</u> for the steps to find the next client/household to place in shelter.
 - b. If this client is next, refer to steps to check clients in for bed placement (next section).
 - c. If client is not next, do not check household into bed placement.
 - i. Household is already on waitlist because of open Front Door project entry.
 - ii. Record case notes on the *Client Profile* tab. Go to <u>Add Case Notes to *Client*</u> <u>Profile</u> for steps.
 - iii. Confirm additional contact information is correct so timely referral can take place in the future.

If a Year-Round Bed or Room is unavailable

Do not exit the client. Leave their entry (on the Entry/Exit tab) open. This will keep the client on the Shelter Waitlist.

If a White Flag Bed or Room is available

The goal is to not present barriers to receiving a white flag bed while still trying to get as many people as possible through the diversion process.

1. Communication, as always, is paramount. The Shelter with White Flag beds (UMD) will alert Entry Point as soon as it is clear beds will be available.

- 2. White Flag beds will not be filled with a referral from Entry Point. The UMD can fill them directly.
 - a. If someone comes to Entry Point who needs a White Flag bed, complete a normal diversion and intake conversation. If that person still needs a bed tonight, Entry Point will direct them to UMD for a white flag bed.
 - b. No direct bed placements can be made.
- 3. Entry Point will send staff (if available) in the late afternoon/early evening hours after the daytime intakes at DSS close, to do intakes at UMD.
 - a. The purpose is to increase communication and make sure that people still get access to diversion assistance and onto the on-going Shelter Waitlist.
- 4. If Entry Point cannot send someone to UMD, UMD will direct people to call the Referral line to complete an intake over the phone.
 - a. Entry Point intakes are not required to receive a White Flag bed, but having an intake done opens up other resources.
- 5. The next morning after a White Flag night, Entry Point will review who was in the white flag beds the night before and make sure everyone received an intake.
 - a. If possible, Entry Point staff will attempt to complete an intake:
 - i. At the shelter (if it's a multi-day event), or;
 - ii. Through contact information. Work with UMD staff to contact them in another way for an intake, if possible.

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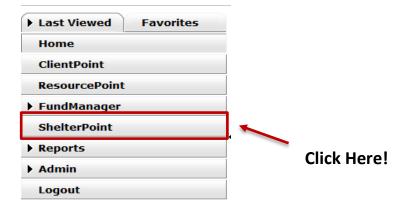
Section: Shelter Vacancies and Bed Placement

All shelter beds at United Ministries of Durham and Families Moving Forward will be tracked in HMIS. Entry Point will keep track of which beds are filled and which are available in the Master Inventory project for Bed Placement in HMIS. Entry Point should keep this inventory as up to date as possible and update the inventory as soon as vacancies are reported by shelters.

View Master Bed Placement Inventory

The master bed inventory tracks the total beds and all clients in the beds in each of the three shelters at any given time.

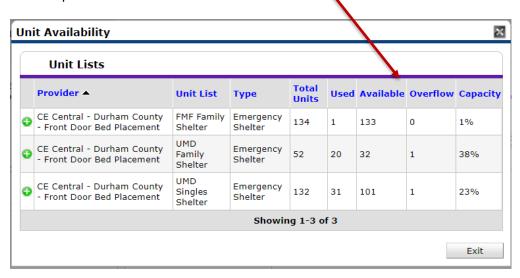
1. To see the full list, first access the *ShelterPoint* module from the menu on the left side of the HMIS home screen.



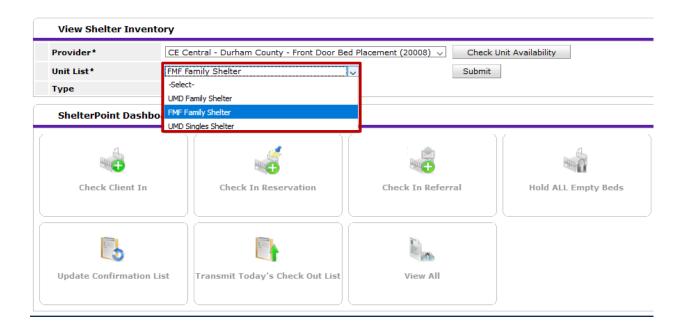
2. Optional: use Check Unit Availability button for a quick view on available beds and overall usage.



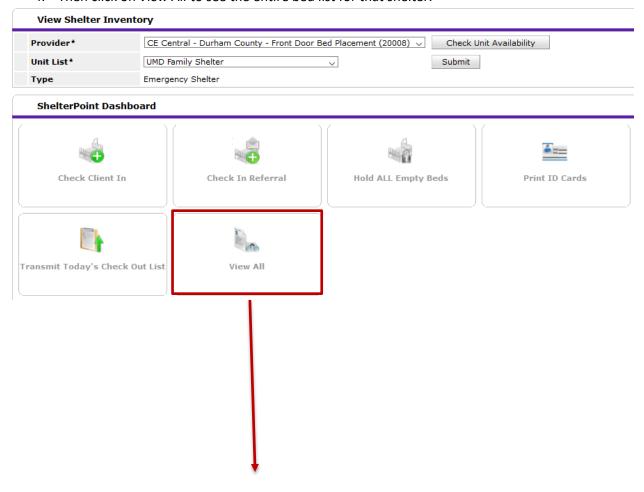
a. *Units* in this view are beds (not rooms) and *Capacity* is calculated from the number of occupied and held beds.

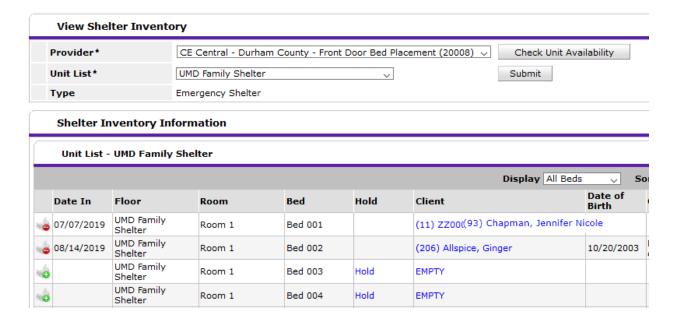


- b. Always check clients in before telling a client there is a bed for them.
- 3. Then use the dropdown menu under *Unit List* to access the list. **Please note that each shelter** has a separate inventory that is accessed by selecting the correct shelter from the menu.



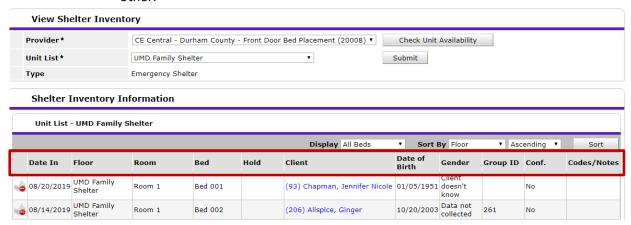
4. Then click on *View All* to see the entire bed list for that shelter.



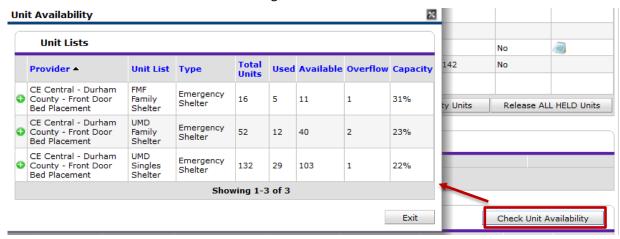


- 5. *ShelterPoint* bed lists contain a lot of information beyond whether a client is checked in or not. There are 11 columns and each contains important details about client stays.
 - a. Date In this indicates the date that the person was assigned the bed.
 - b. Floor each shelter will be represented as a floor. There are currently 3 floors:
 - i. UMD Singles Shelter
 - ii. UMD Family Shelter
 - iii. FMF Family Shelter
 - c. Room this indicates the unit/shelter section that has those beds (e.g. UMD Singles Shelter has two "rooms" → Female Wing and Males Wing) to ensure that people are assigned to an eligible bed.
 - d. Bed this indicates the actual bed and/or bunk where the person will stay.
 - e. *Hold* all empty beds automatically show a "Hold" in this column. This column will not be useful for Entry Point staff as they are checking in every applicable person.
 - f. Client the name of the person checked into the bed.
 - g. Date of Birth person's birthdate.
 - h. *Gender* person's self-identified gender.
 - i. *Group ID* each unique household will have a Group ID. This ID number will identify at a glance when people are presenting together for shelter.
 - j. Conf. this indicates whether the client has been confirmed as actually needing and/or staying in the bed. This feature is not part of the Entry Point workflow.

k. *Codes/Notes* – this is one of the ways Entry Point staff can communicate with each other.



3. Optional: Scroll to the bottom of the bed list to use *Check Unit Availability* button for a quick view on available beds and overall usage



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Check-In Clients into Shelter Beds

- 1. Entry Point staff determine if the client is next for shelter waitlist priority and eligible to have a Entry Point Bed Placement.
- 2. Once staff determines that the person/household needs a bed placement, they will need to access the project in HMIS.

- a. Staff clicks on the *Enter Data As* button in the upper right side of screen to access a list of available projects.
 - *Please note that you will see your own name instead of "Durham CE Administrator." *



b. Staff clicks the plus sign next to the correct project to access the community bed list: Entry Point – Durham County – Bed Placement (20010).



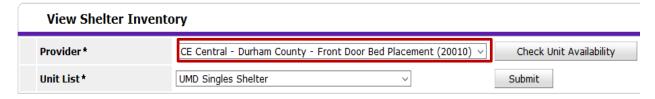
c. Double check that you selected the correct project by hovering over the blue words to see the project name that appears.



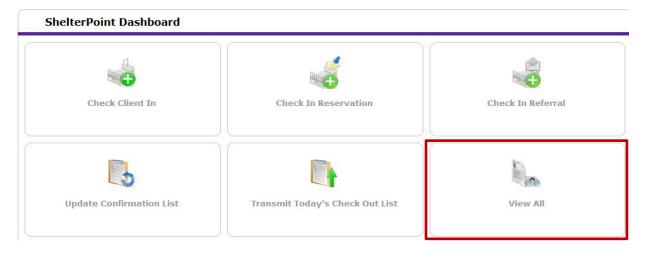
3. Click on the *ShelterPoint* module from the menu on the left side to get to the community bed list.



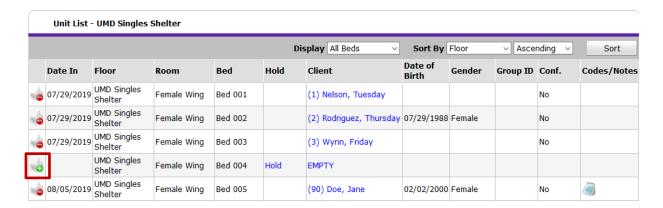
4. Make sure that the *Provider* reads *Entry Point – Durham County – Bed Placement (20010)* and the *Unit List* reads the name of the shelter that you want to refer to before clicking the *Submit* button.



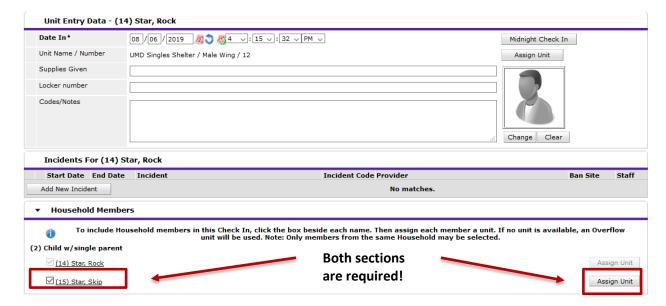
5. Click the View All button to access the full shelter bed list.



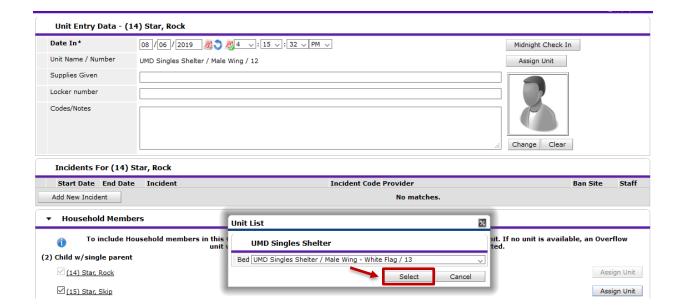
- 6. The bed list represents the beds for Coordinated Entry participating shelters. Identify the appropriate bed.
 - a. They are represented by name (Floor), by specification such as for males, females, or families (Room), and by bed (Bed).
- 7. Click on the green plus sign to assign a client to the open bed.
 - a. Make sure to use the EID chat system to alert other Entry Point staff of the client/household about to be checked in.



- 8. If the client is in a household:
 - a. Place each household member into the correct bed by checking their box and then clicking on *Assign Unit* to place member in a bed.



- b. Select the appropriate bed for the household member, depending on family composition, age, and availability of beds and click *Select*.
 - i. Households should be grouped together. In this example, Rock Star is in bed 12 in the UMD Male Wing so Skip Star should be in bed 13 in the same wing.



ii. Now the household is assigned to the right beds, either in the same room or same wing.



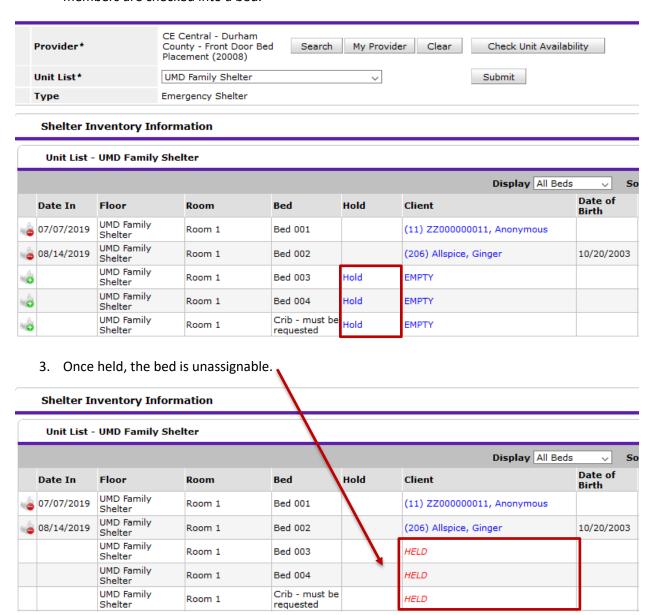
9. Confirm that the client is checked into the correct bed.

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Hold Entire Room for Families

1. Family shelters place each family in a room so unused beds must be "held" to prevent another household from being placed into the same room.

Click each "Hold" to keep others from being assigned a bed in that room after all family members are checked into a bed.



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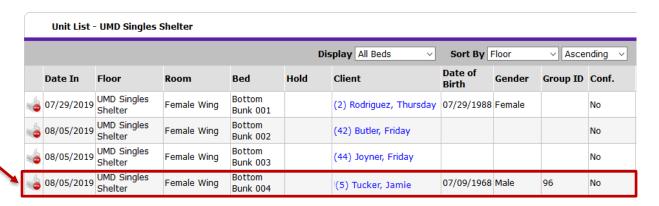
Fixing Accidental Bed Placements

- 1. If a household is accidentally assigned to the wrong bed, room, or shelter, then they must be removed from the bed list and re-entered properly.
 - a. Sometimes households are accidentally assigned to *Overflow* beds or the wrong room.

i. Clients are placed in *Overflow* beds accidentally when two staff try to assign a bed at the same time. The *Overflow* is not a real bed and the client will need to be re-assigned.



ii. Clients can also be placed in beds they are ineligible for. The client Jamie Tucker (5) is in a household and is not female identifying. The client will need to be re-assigned an appropriate bed.



- 2. Click on the red minus sign to remove the client from the incorrect bed.
 - a. Select the Reason for Check Out with the response Internal Shelter Movement.

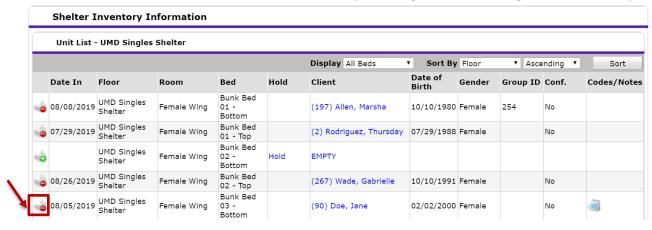


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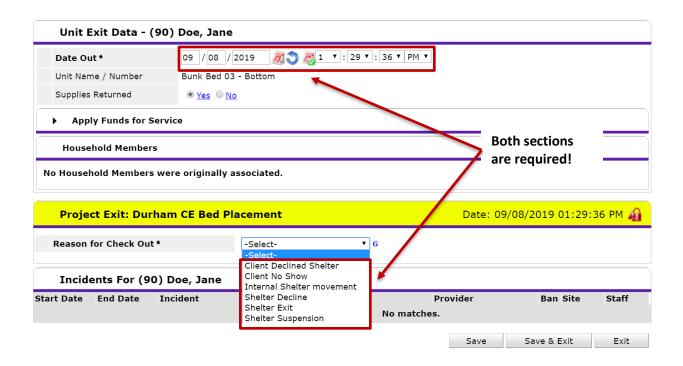
Check-Out Clients from Shelter Beds

When clients are no longer using a bed, check them out from the Master Inventory project via *ShelterPoint*.

- 1. Confirm your EDA mode is the *Bed Placement* project.
- 2. Follow steps 1-3 from the View Master Bed Inventory section above.
- 3. Check-out client/household out of bed/room by selecting the red minus sign next to the entry.



- a. Confirm the Date Out is accurate.
- b. If the client is part of a family household, check each member's box to include them in the exit process.
- c. Complete the *Reason for Check Out* for the bed removal.
 - i. *Client Declined Shelter* The client or head of household contacted either the shelter or Entry Point to cancel the shelter stay.
 - ii. Client No Show The client or head of household did not contact the shelter or Entry Point and never presented for the shelter stay.
 - iii. Internal Shelter Movement Either the client accidentally was checked into the wrong bed and is being moved, or the client was moved by the shelter to a different room or bed.
 - iv. Shelter Declined The shelter declined the client referral but will accept a future referral.
 - v. Shelter Exit The client left the shelter after staying at least one night.
 - vi. Shelter Suspension The Shelter declined the referral due to a new or active suspension.
- d. Click Save & Exit.



Vacancy Reports from shelters

Entry Point will receive vacancy information from shelters every morning around 8 am and during the day when additional beds open. Shelters will only report beds as vacant once the beds are turned over and ready for the next client. Shelters use a link on the <u>Durham CE resources page</u> to submit updates to Entry Point.

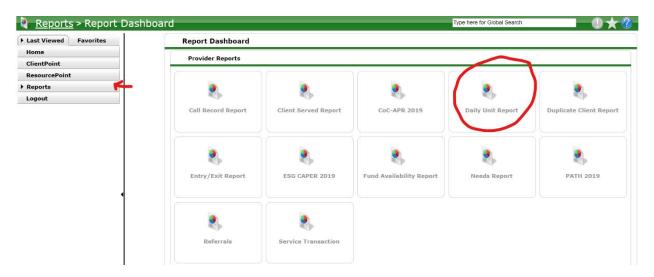
Entry Point should update the Bed Placement project for inventory after receiving vacancy information by checking clients out of the listed beds.

Comparing the Bed Placement Bedlist with Shelter Bedlist records

If you notice that the number of Vacancies in the form doesn't match what is in the Bed Placement project:

- 1. Check the Vacancy Forms.
 - a. Review the past several days to see if an exit was accidentally missed.
- 2. Check the Shelter's Bedlist.
 - a. Use the Ready Only (and share) HMIS Login.
 - i. For UMD Shelters (Singles or Families), the username is "umdbedlist".
 - ii. For FMF Shelter, the username is "fmfbedlist"
 - The password will either need to be shared or rest every time a new staffer logs in.
 Use the Forgot Password option and an email will be sent to cecentral@voacarolinas.org.

- c. Pull the Daily Unit Report for the shelter's bedlist.
 - i. Go to the Reports Dashboard on the left hand side
 - ii. Find the Daily Unit Report



iii. Complete the Prompts

Provider: UMD Singles
 Start: today's date
 End: today's date

4. Filter: All

5. Sort By: Level 3 (Bed Number)

iv. Click Build Report



3. Contact the shelter with specific questions, concerns or suggested corrections, copying CE Admins.

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Section: Shelter referrals

If diversion is not successful, and client is eligible for a shelter referral (see section 1 on shelter referral eligibility), refer household to a CE-managed shelter bed. CE-managed shelters beds are at Urban Ministries of Durham Families, Urban Ministries of Durham Singles, and Families Moving Forward – the Nest.

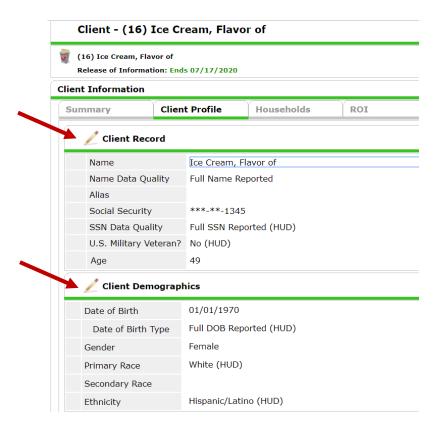
Sending referrals in HMIS

If a household is eligible for an available shelter bed and is the next person on the waitlist (if there is a wait list), Entry Point will send a referral in HMIS to the appropriate shelter. They will also check that household into the appropriate bed or unit in the Bed Placement project for inventory (see section above).

- 1. Change or confirm EDA mode is Entry Point Front Door project
- 2. Record Referral through service transaction for "Emergency Shelter" for all household members
 - a. Set Need to In Progress
 - b. Set Status to Service Pending
- 3. Record necessary notes under Need Details
 - a. Use Note to identify the bed/room clients were placed into and any unique needs the client has identified
 - b. Confirm intake details with household (families have an appointment for intake, singles have designated time at 5 pm).
 - c. Save & Exit

Create Referral to Shelter

- 1. Change or confirm EDA mode is Entry Point Front Door project
- 2. Click on ClientPoint.
- 3. Search for prioritized client that will be referred to available shelter bed and navigate to client's profile.
- 4. Confirm information on *Client Profile* tab is correct.



5. Check *ROI* tab to confirm appropriate electronic Release of Information.



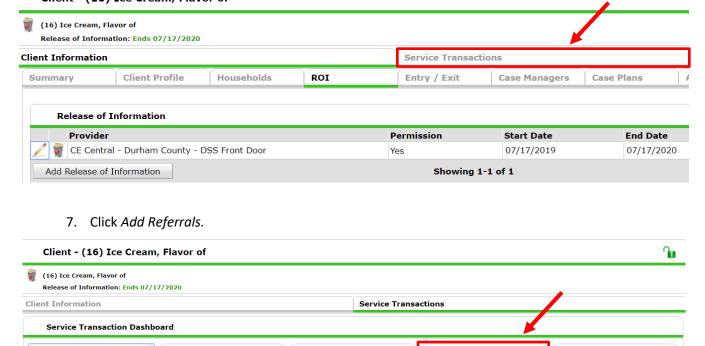


6. Click Service Transactions tab.

Add Service

Client - (16) Ice Cream, Flavor of

Add Need



8. Include additional household members by checking the boxes next to their names if the client has a household.

Add Multiple Services

Add Referrals

▼ Household Members
 i) To include Household members for this Service Transaction, click the box beside each name.
 ii) (4) Male Single Parent
 iii) (17) Phillips, Wednesday.
 iii) (18) Phillips, july.

View Previous Service Transactions 9. Select Emergency Shelter from the Service Code Quicklist and click Add Terms.



10. Select the appropriate shelter from the Referral Provider Quicklist and click Add Provider.



11. Ensure box is checked in Referrals.



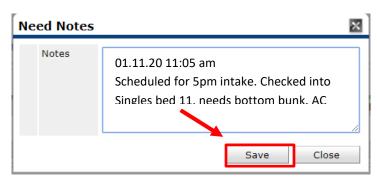
12. Update Need Status to In Progress and Outcome to Service Pending in Selected Needs.



13. Click notepad to add a note.



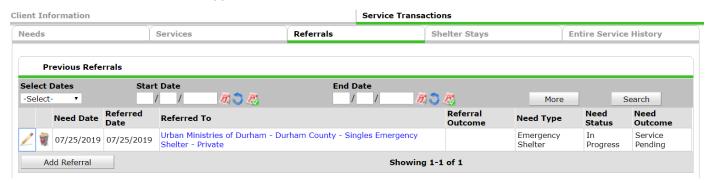
- 14. Notes about a client/household's referral will be added to the *Need Information Notes* section in Service Transactions. Add note with room/bed client was placed in and any unique needs then click *Save*. If this is for a family, please identify the Family Composition (number of adults and children).
 - a. The most recent note will go on top. The first row will be Date and Time. The second row will be the note itself and after the note, the staff's initials.



15. Click Save All.



16. Confirm referral appears.



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Referral Resolution

After a household is referred to shelter there are four possible outcomes of that referral:

- 1. A successful referral: household arrived for intake and is now in the shelter.
- 2. The shelter declined the referral.
- 3. The client declined the referral.
- 4. The client didn't show up for their appointment (no-show).

The shelters will communicate with Entry Point via email or phone and by indicating in HMIS the outcome of each referral.

The chart below outlines how to resolve each potential referral outcome.

Outcome	Shelter Action	Entry Point Action	Entry Point HMIS Action	Client Action
Successful referral	Resolve referral in HMIS	See HMIS action	Exit client in HMIS	None
Shelter declines	Resolve referral in HMIS, Email Entry Point	Attempt to find more appropriate shelter option for client	Send another referral	Keep in contact with Entry Point
Client declines	Resolve referral in HMIS, attempt to find another shelter option, Email Entry Point	Follow up within 24 hours;	Mark decline in HMIS	Keep in contact with Entry Point
Client no-shows	Resolve referral in HMIS, Email Entry Point	Attempt to contact same day; If no contact, send new referral;	Mark attempts to contact in HMIS; exit if client has housing plan	Contact Entry Point by 10pm next day

Successful Referral

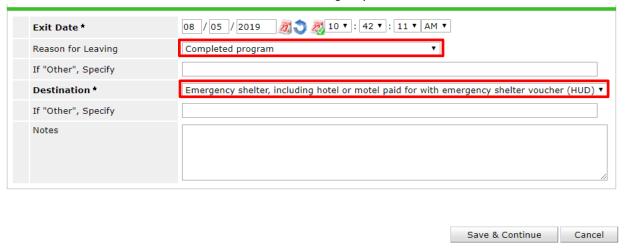
If a client successfully receives a shelter bed, the shelter will indicate on the referral in HMIS. Entry Point will exit the client from the Entry Point project in HMIS.

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm *EDA* for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Go to ClientPoint to search for the Head of Household.

- 3. Exit from Front Door project the next day, when/if referral is accepted by shelter and destination is confirmed.
- 4. Go to the Entry/Exit tab.
- 5. Find the blank area for *Exit Date* and click on the pencil.



- 6. Complete the Edit Exit Data section.
 - a. If the client is in a household, check the boxes for all members who are being exited.
 - b. Complete the Reason for Leaving and Destination.
 - i. Change the Reason for Leaving to Completed program.
 - ii. Record the Destination as Emergency Shelter.



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Shelter Declines

If a shelter declines the referral for a client to enter the shelter, the shelter will contact Entry Point and record the decline in the HMIS referral.

Entry Point will follow up with the client within 24 hours.

- 1. Change your *EDA* mode to the *Bed Placement* project.
- 2. Go to the ShelterPoint list.

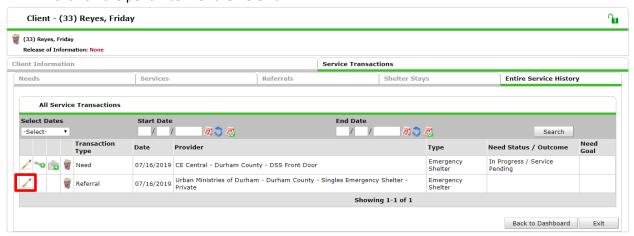
- 3. Check-out client/household out of bed/room.
 - a. Complete the Reason for Check Out for the removal.
- 4. Change EDA mode to the Front Door project.
- 5. Use ClientPoint to navigate to the Head of Household's profile.
- 6. Go to the Service Transaction tab and select View All Services.
- 7. Click on the pencil icon for the Referral.
 - a. For Need, record Identified.
 - b. For Outcome, record Not Met.
 - c. For reason need not met, record Client was denied service.
- 8. Click Save ALL.

Clients Declines/Cancels

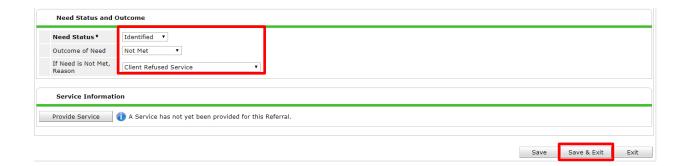
If a client arrives at the shelter but then declines to enter the shelter, the shelter will attempt to find the client another place to stay that night and record the cancellation appropriately in the HMIS referral.

Entry Point will follow up with the client within 24 hours.

- 1. Change your *EDA* mode to the *Bed Placement* project.
- 2. Go to the ShelterPoint list.
- 3. Check-out client/household out of bed/room.
 - a. Complete the Reason for Check Out for the removal.
- 4. Change EDA mode to the Front Door project.
- 5. Use ClientPoint to navigate to the Head of Household's profile.
- 6. Go to the Service Transaction tab and select View All Services.
- 7. Click on the pencil icon for the Referral.



- a. For Need, record Identified.
- b. For *Outcome*, record *Not Met*.
- c. For reason need not met, record Client Refused Service.



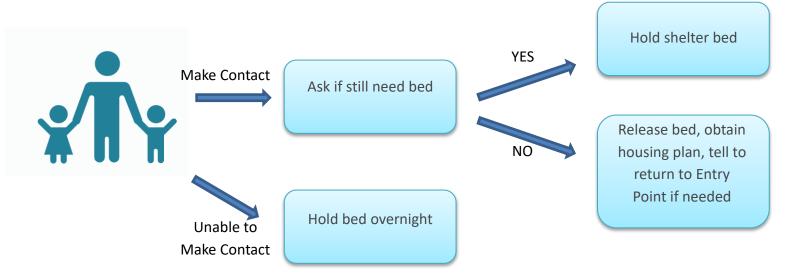
8. Client remains on waitlist. Do not exit the client from the Front Door project unless the client no longer requests a shelter referral.

Client No-Shows

If a client does not make their appointment at the shelter, Entry Point will try to contact that client.

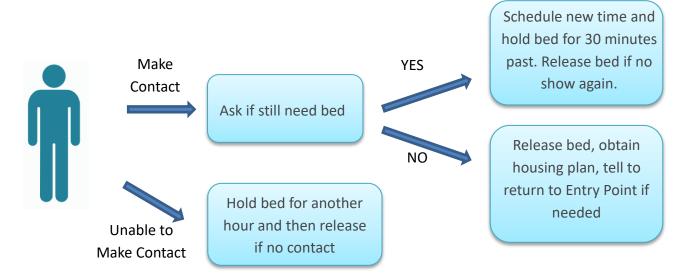
Entry Point will take slightly different actions for families and singles.

For family no-shows:



If a family no shows for intake 2 times in 3 months, then the bed will not be held overnight, but Entry Point does need to attempt to contact.

For single no-shows:



If a single adult no shows for intake 2 times in 3 months, Entry Point will attempt to make contact before immediately releasing the bed. If staff contact client after a no show, they will establish a deadline for arrival and release the bed after missing the deadline.

The following chart summarizes how to resolve no-shows on the wait list.

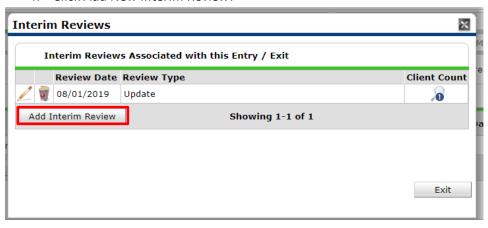
No show with a housing plan for the night	Remove from the waitlist
No show with no housing plan	Add/keep on waitlist Told to contact Entry Point the next day If no contact, remove from waitlist at 10 PM the day after no show
No show with no contact with Entry Point	Attempt to contact the following day Add/keep on waitlist If contact, refer to shelter If no contact, remove from waitlist at 10 PM the day after no show
Client is a no show 3 days in a row	Remove from waitlist Client will have to come back to Entry Point for a new intake

Record the contact attempts for Client No-Shows and Cancels in HMIS:

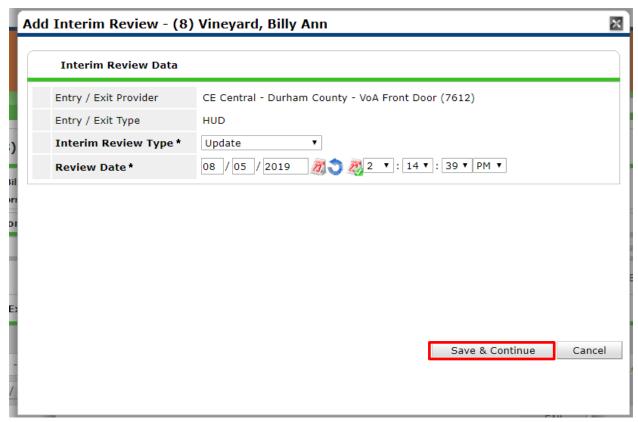
- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm EDA for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Use ClientPoint to navigate to the Head of Household's profile.
- 3. Go to the Entry/Exit tab and find the open Front Door entry.
 - a. Click on the document icon under the *Interims* column.



4. Click Add New Interim Review.



- a. Confirm the *Provider* is correct. If it is not, cancel the interim and change your *EDA* mode.
- b. Select *Update* for *Interim Review Type*.
- c. Confirm the Review Date.
- d. Click Save & Continue.



- 5. Review the responses to the *Project Interim: Durham CE Front Door* and update anything that has changed.
 - a. Update the Homeless History section if the client's housing situation has changed.
 - b. Update the *Client Resources* section if the *Income* or *Non-Cash Benefits* have changed.
- 6. Add the *Communication* to record the client follow-up by clicking *Add* in the communication sub-assessment.
 - a. Confirm date for the contact as the Start Date.
 - b. Complete the Contact Method, Result, and Purpose.
 - i. For follow-up communication to Client canceled, determine from the client if their cancellation was related to safety concerns and select either Yes or No for the last question.
 - c. Click Save.



- 7. If the client either no-showed or canceled because they realized that they do not want shelter services, consider completing a *VI-SPDAT* assessment on their *Interim*.
- 8. Click Save & Exit.
- 9. Do not exit the client from the Front Door project unless:
 - a. The client no longer requests a shelter referral
 - b. Within the last 72 hours a communication attempt has failed twice.
 - c. Then go to Section: Project Exit

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Checking Clients Out from the Bed Placement project

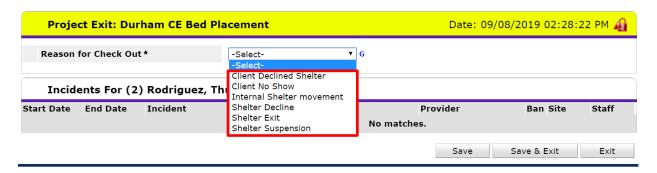
If a referral outcome is shelter declines, client declines, or no-show after more than one night, the client's bed is released, and the client is checked out of their bed in the Bed Placement project for inventory.

1. Return to the bed list when it's time to check the client out. Find the name and click the red minus sign.



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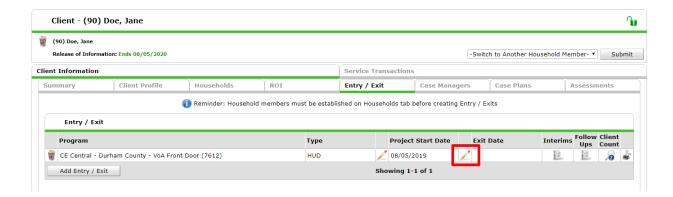
- 2. Use the drop-down menu to select the reason that the person is being removed from the bed list.
- 3. Select Save & Exit.



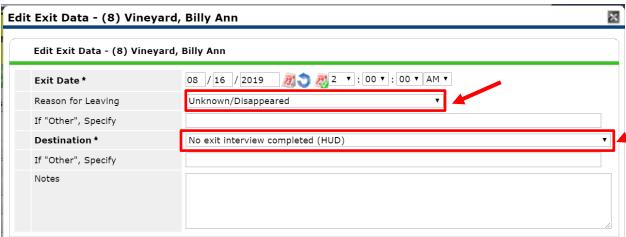
Removing clients from the Waitlist

If the client no longer wants shelter services, the client is not eligible for shelter services, shelter services are unavailable, or Entry Point loses contact with the client, staff may remove the client from the Waitlist.

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm *EDA* for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Use ClientPoint to navigate to the Head of Household's profile.
- 3. Go to the *Entry/Exit* tab and find the open Front Door entry.
- 4. Find the blank area for Exit Date and click on the pencil.



- 5. Complete the *Edit Exit Data* section.
 - a. If the client is in a household, check the boxes for all members who are being diverted.
 - b. Complete the Reason for Leaving and Destination.
 - i. Common Reasons for Leaving:
 - 1 Use *Unknown/Disappeared* if the client loses contact with Entry Point
 - 2 Use *Needs could not be met* if the client does not want shelter services anymore.
 - 3 Use *Does not or no longer qualifies for program* if eligibility and access to shelter is the obstacle.
 - ii. Common Destinations:
 - 1 Use *Staying or living with friends, temporary* or the similar response for *family* if the client found another home to crash for the night or up to four months longer.
 - 2 Use Hospital, Psychiatric hospital, Substance abuse treatment facility, or Long-term care facility if the client is staying in a more institutional setting for medical needs.
 - 3 Use *No Exit Interview Completed* if the client's next location is not available from the client themselves, other HMIS entries, or other community staff. Make sure all *Client Contact Information* is being utilized before selecting this.

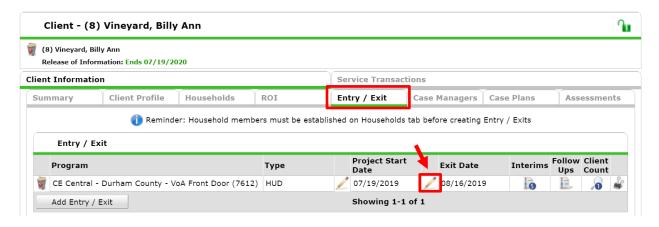


6. Click *Save & Continue* to update any information gathered about the client's context upon exiting.

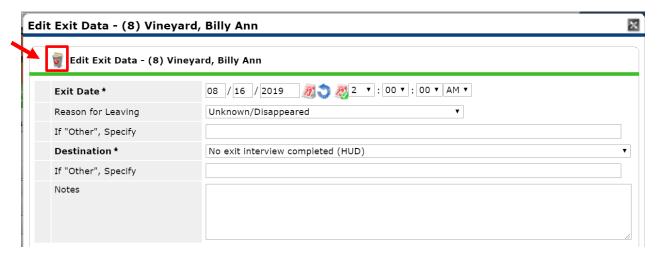
How to add clients back to the Waitlist

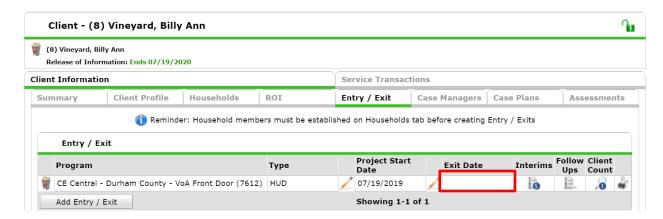
If a client loses contact with Entry Point and then reconnects, their most recent Front Door project entry may be re-opened. To lose contact means a client has at least two failed communication attempts in a 72 hours period. Clients can be added back to the waitlist if they communicate with Entry Point within 48 hours after their removal. Case by case discretion is allowed and expected.

- 1. If a client needs to be added back to the waitlist, go to ClientPoint to find the client.
- 2. Click on the client's Entry/Exit tab.
- 3. Click on the pencil icon next to the client's Exit Date.



- a. Next to the Exit Data title, click the trash bin icon to remove the exit.
 - Caution: there is no undo option in HMIS. Any mistakenly deleted data will need to be re-entered.





1. The client is now on the waitlist for the original start date.

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Section: Unsheltered Clients

If a client refuses shelter or is known to Entry Point as someone who regularly refuses shelter, Entry Point should attempt to link the client to available outreach resources, such as:

Alliance Behavioral Health

Lincoln Health Center

Homes for New Hope Street Outreach

Open Table Ministry

Entry Point should also attempt to conduct a VI-SPDAT, if one has not been already completed (or has not been completed recently) and should screen for SOAR eligibility.

- 1. Complete the appropriate version of the *VI-SPDAT* assessment for clients who are currently unsheltered or ineligible for emergency shelter in Durham.
 - a. Select *Add* for the appropriate VI-SPDAT assessment. Select the most appropriate version.
 - i. Use *VI-SPDAT* (*Individuals*) for adult clients presenting by themselves or in a group without children 17 or younger
 - ii. Use VI-FSPDAT (Family) for the head of household in a group with children 17 or younger
 - iii. Use TAY-VI-SPDAT (Youth) for adult clients age 18 to 24 years old
 - b. Completing the appropriate VI-SDPAT assessment will help connect the client to permanent housing resources.

 A Reminder: the recommendation that appears next to the grand total score does not guarantee any services. The permanent housing resource By Name List is prioritized and depends on availability.

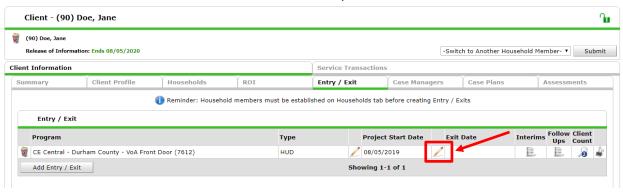


- 2. Complete the SOAR Eligibility screen and record the results under SOAR eligible.
 - a. If the client already receives SSI or SSDI there is no need to complete the screen.
 - b. Record Yes or No for the results.
 - c. Go to the SOAR Eligibility Screening Questionnaire for the survey.

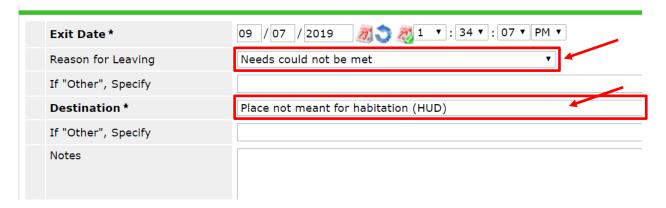


Entry Point should then exit the client in HMIS and choose "Place not meant for human habitation" as the exit destination.

- 3. Go to the Entry/Exit tab.
- 4. Find the blank area for Exit Date and click on the pencil.

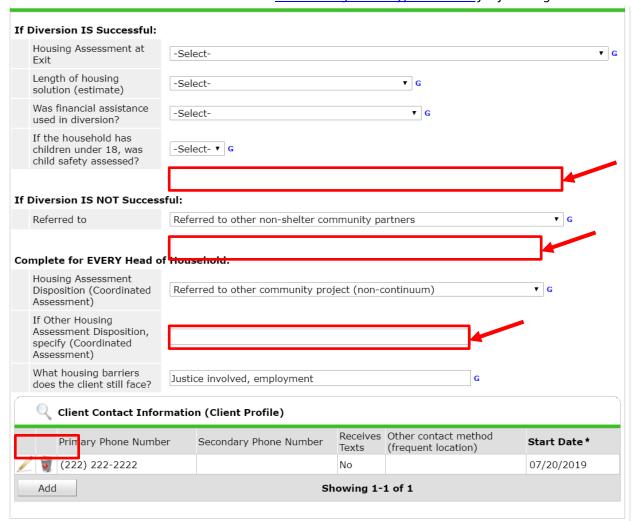


- 5. Complete the Edit Exit Data section.
 - a. If the client is in a household, check the boxes for all members who are being diverted.
 - b. Complete the Reason for Leaving and Destination.
 - i. Use Needs could not be met for the Reason for Leaving.
 - ii. Use *Place not meant for human habitation* for the unsheltered *Destination*.



- c. Select Save & Continue to finalize the client's data.
- 6. Complete the Project Exit: Durham CE Front Door assessment.
 - a. Skip the If Diversion is Successful section.
 - b. Under If Diversion is Unsuccessful, select the appropriate response to Referred to:
 - i. Use *Referred to other non-shelter community partners* if referrals to outreach services was completed.
 - ii. Use *No referrals available* if no referrals were completed (either by the choice of the client or for ineligibility).
 - c. For the *Complete for EVERY Head of Household* section, select the appropriate responses.
 - i. For Housing Assessment Disposition:
 - 1. Use *Referred to street outreach* if the client was successfully connected to a project for unsheltered clients.
 - 2. Use *Unable to refer/accept within continuum; ineligible for continuum projects* if the client is ineligible for shelter.
 - 3. Use *Referred to other community project (non-continuum)* if the client is connected to a non-homeless dedicated project. For example, if the client wishes to go to the Durham Rescue Mission, select this option.
 - 4. Use Applicant declined referral/application if the client does not want shelter referrals.
 - ii. For What housing barriers does the client still face:
 - 1. This list does not need to be exhaustive. Identify obstacles to permanent housing that a diversion conversation has not solved.
 - d. Update the *Client Contact Information* sub-assessment if any additional ways to reach the client are discovered.
 - e. Click Save & Exit

If no referral to another community project was available or made, schedule time with the client to contact them within a week. Continue to the <u>Case Management Type B section</u> for further guidance.



Case Management Type B

Case Management Type B are the follow-up services required to connect unsheltered client who removed from the Shelter Waitlist with additional community services. These services continue until a connection to CoC housing services (such as Street Outreach) is completed.

These services should be used in specific circumstances, when a client is currently unsheltered (staying a place not meant for human habitation):

- 1. Refuses to ever be referred to and placed in a Shelter Bed.
- 2. Is ineligible for currently available Shelter Beds.

Complete Case Management Type B services in HMIS through the steps for scheduling and recording Follow-Up Assessments.

- 1. Schedule the next contact with the client
- 2. Add the appropriate staff as the Case Manager (who will follow-up?)
- 3. At the next engagement with the client, complete the Follow-Up Assessment

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Section: Medical Vulnerability Screen

People who would be at particular risk for mortality or significant health problems if they slept outside should be identified as medically vulnerable in HMIS. They receive priority for available shelter beds.

The following categories of households should be identified as medically vulnerable

- Households with children under the age of 5
- Households with members above the age of 60
- Households with people with disabilities (identified by receipt of SSI/SSDI or other documentation)
- Households with people receiving medical treatment requiring supplemental machinery/equipment or electricity such as oxygen, nebulizer, cpap, motorized wheelchair, access to refrigeration for insulin.
- Households with people receiving active current treatment that is debilitating such as dialysis, or radiation/chemotherapy.
- Households with a pregnant member of the household

Staff at Entry Point may also identify someone with another circumstance that is not listed above as medically vulnerable if it is documented by a clinician.

Section: Special Population Screens and Outside Resources

Entry Point should ask whether clients would like to receive referrals to additional resources and describe each resource below. If a client would like to be screened for additional resources and seems likely to be eligible, screen for resources as outlined below:

Veterans

Clients who screen positive for veteran status should be offered a referral to the Homeless Program at Durham Veterans Affairs. Should the offer of referral be accepted, the staff member should make a warm referral for the client via the VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838).

Durham Access Care Transitions

If someone needs a higher level of care than a traditional shelter can provide Entry Point should refer the client to Durham Access Care Transitions for medical respite. This referral is *in addition to a referral* to traditional shelter.

Referrals must be for:

- Single adults only, living in Durham
- With a recent emergency department visit
- Must be too sick to stay at a traditional shelter, but if they need to be at the hospital, you should call an ambulance or otherwise get them to a hospital.

To refer to medical respite, complete this form:

https://redcap.duke.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=LHMC3FN99F

If the referral is urgent call Julia Gamble as well at 919-452-8366.

HOPWA

Entry Point Staff should attempt to screen all clients for HOPWA eligibility by asking "If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you?" If a client is unfamiliar with HOPWA, it should be explained that HOPWA offers housing assistance specifically to people who have an HIV or AIDS diagnosis.

If a client answers yes to the screening question or self-discloses that they have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis, the client's HOPWA eligibility should be documented in HMIS.

Clients who screen positive for HOPWA eligibility should be either re-connected with the HOPWA case workers at DSS (for clients already connected) via warm referral or referred to HOPWA via warm referral.

Entry Point Staff should not ask directly whether someone has an HIV/AIDs diagnosis.

Behavioral health challenges

If Entry Point Staff Door Unit believes, due to observed behavior or self-disclosed information by the client, that a client may have behavioral health challenges, the staff member should offer to make a referral to or provide information for Alliance Behavioral Health's 24-Hour Access and Information Line 1 (800) 510-9132 for assessment and assistance.

SOAR Eligibility Screening Questionnaire

SOAR is a program that helps people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with disabilities successfully apply for disability benefits and Medicaid. Clients could receive either Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which is monthly income for people with disabilities without a significant work history, or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) which is social security benefits for people with disabilities with a work history.

Use the screening below to see whether someone with a disability without income might be eligible to receive SOAR services. If they screen as eligible, mark in HMIS.

- 1. Have you ever received a monthly check for Social Security disability or SSI? If so, are you still receiving checks? If not, when did they stop?
- 2. Tell us about any mental or physical health problems that make it difficult for you to work.
- 3. Have you received any treatment for these conditions in the past (in the past year)?
- 4. Have you been able to earn more than \$1,220* per month in the past 5yrs?
- 5. Are you currently applying for disability benefits?
- 6. Do you want to speak to someone about applying for benefits?
- 7. Are you interested in talking with someone about employment supports?

Assessor, please note any concerns you notice with this person in the following areas:

- A. Understand, remember or apply information (ability to learn, understand instructions, provide explanation, problem solve, use reason and judgment in work related decisions)
- B. Interact with others (ability to relate to and work with supervisors, co-workers and the public)
- C. Concentrate, persist or maintain pace (ability to maintain focus, complete tasks, attend appointments, remain on task at a sustained pace)
- D. Adapt or manage oneself (regulate emotions, control behavior, maintain well-being in the work setting, respond to demands, adapt to changes)
- E. Physical activities (walking, standing, sitting, lifting, etc.)

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Waitlist, Referrals, and Case Management Type A tools with the Counts Dashlet Report

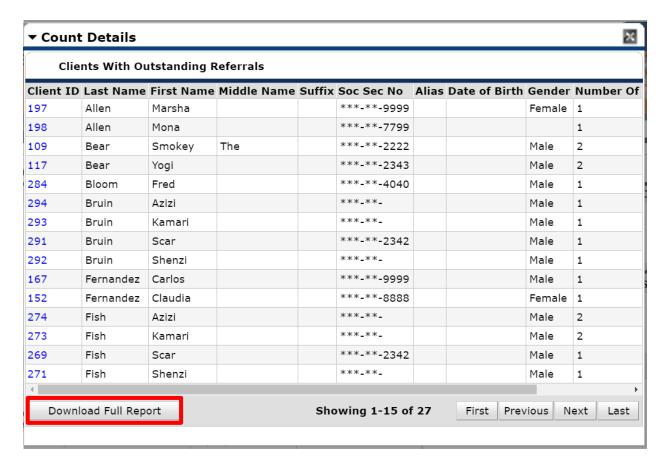
1. Login to HMIS and find your Counts Dashlet Report.



- 2. Click Refresh in the bottom right hand side.
 - a. The top two quadrants are pre-set as *Clients With An Entry But No Exit* for Front Door projects.
 - i. The top left is set to DSS
 - ii. The top right is set to VoA
 - b. The bottom left quadrant is pre-set to *Clients with Outstanding Referrals*. This number includes all client referrals from both Front Door projects.
 - c. The bottom right quadrant is pre-set to *My Clients with A Follow Up Scheduled*. This number displays the temporarily diverted clients (Case Management Type A) with a follow-up planned for this week.



3. Click on the blue numbers to download the list of clients with key details like name and client ID.



- 4. To edit the Dashlet Reports, click on the pencil icon next to *Counts Report*.
 - a. Then select the tab with the quadrant you wish to edit.
 - b. A limited selection of measurements are available.
 - c. Dates and projects can be specified for most reports.
 - d. After edits, press OK.



Daily Waitlist Management

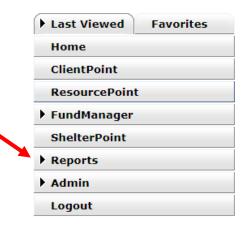
At the beginning of each shift (if there are shelter bed vacancies), and whenever new vacancies are reported, Entry Point should first attempt to fill all vacancies from the shelter bed waitlist. Entry Point staff will download a report to find who is next on the waitlist for shelter bed placement.

Pull the Durham CE Waitlist report from *ReportWriter*

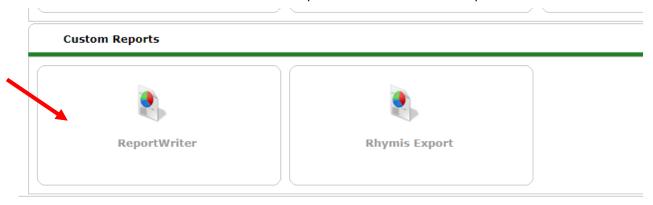
Use this workflow at the beginning of each shift and as new vacancies occur.

- 1. Check for empty rooms or beds that have been submitted by the Vacancy Forms from shelters.
- 2. Make sure you are not in a Front Door or Bed Placement projects Enter Data As mode. Use your default EDA mode of *Entry Point -Durham County* to ensure you see clients from both Front Door projects.
- 3. Pull waitlist report from HMIS.

a. Click Reports from left hand menu.



b. Scroll to the bottom and click ReportWriter in the Custom Reports section.



c. Find the Durham CE Waitlist Prioritization report and click the magnifying glass to the left of it.

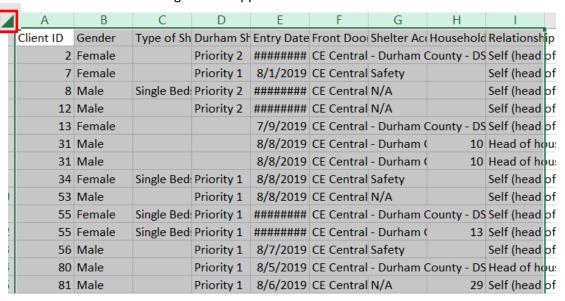


- d. Check to make sure this is the report you need by viewing it on the *Preview* tab.
- e. Click *Download Full Report* to download an excel version that can be filtered and sorted as needed.

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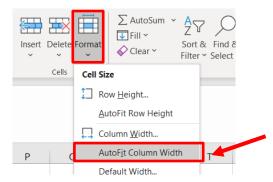
Prioritize the Waitlist

- 1. Open the downloaded report from ReportWriter in the Excel.
 - 2. Click the triangle in the upper left corner of the cells to select the whole sheet.

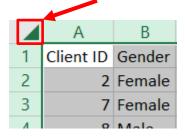


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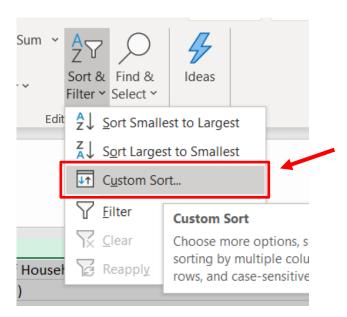
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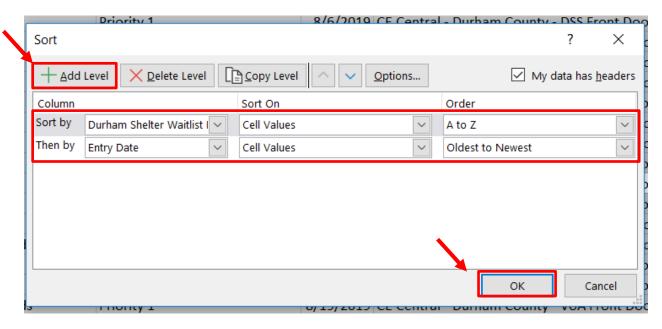


- 6. Click Sort & Filter (under the default Home tab)
- 7. Then click Custom Sort



- 8. Fill in the fields to sort.
 - a. Use Durham Shelter Waitlist Priority sorted from A to Z as level 1.

- b. Click Add Level
- c. Then sort by Entry date from Oldest to Newest.
- d. Click OK.



9. The report is now sorted with highest priority group and oldest entry on top! Review the list along with Type of Shelter Bed, Gender, and Accommodations columns to determine who is appropriate for open shelter beds.



Attempt to shelter the highest priority

- Contact this highest priority and longest waiting client/household who is eligible for available beds first (use all available contact methods). Note any referral declines and adjust place on wait list accordingly.
 - a. Go into HMIS and the correct EDA mode (listed as *Front Door Project on the* report) and find the client through *ClientPoint*.
 - b. Go to the client's Entry/Exit tab

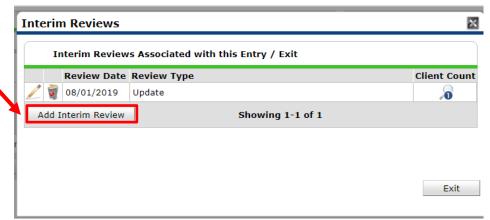
- c. Click on the *Interims* notepad icon and click *Add New Interim*
- d. Select *Update* as the type of *Interim*
- e. Click Save & Continue
 - i. Record the communication attempt and results in the *Durham CE Communication* sub-assessment.
- 2. If client is contacted and still in need of shelter services, refer them to shelter.
- 3. If client cannot be contacted, mark the attempt to contact on interim assessment in contacts sub-assessment in HMIS.
 - a. If staff is able to leave a message for the client (voicemail, text, or with a third party), do not give intake details or guarantee a bed. A referral to shelter cannot be completed based on a left message.
 - b. If the client cannot be contacted within 2 hours of Entry Point closing, go back to beginning of waitlist workflow, find another client who can fill the bed.

Record the Contact in HMIS

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm *EDA* for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Use ClientPoint to navigate to the Head of Household's profile.
- 3. Go to the *Entry/Exit* tab and find the open Front Door entry.
 - a. Click on the document icon under the *Interims* column.

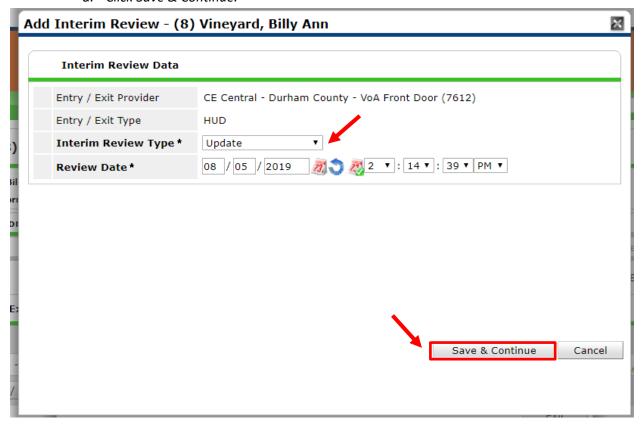


4. Click Add New Interim Review.



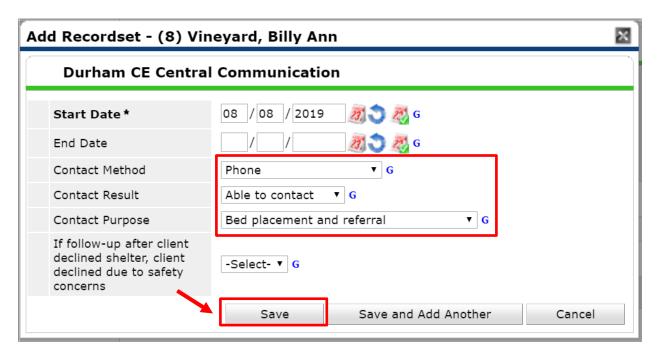
- a. Confirm the *Provider* is correct. If it is not, cancel the interim and change your *EDA* mode.
- b. Select *Update* for *Interim Review Type*.

- c. Confirm the Review date.
- d. Click Save & Continue.



- 5. View the Communication and Client Contact Information sub-assessments at the bottom.
 - a. If the client has declined shelter placement two times in the last three month for a non-safety reason, get a hard confirmation from the client for a specific intake time. Advise them that the bed will not be held for them.
 - i. If staff contact an adult client after a no show, they will establish a deadline for arrival and release the bed after missing the deadline.
 - ii. If a family no shows for intake 2 times in 3 months, then the bed will not be held overnight, but Entry Point does need to attempt to contact.
 - b. Reach out to the client using this information.
- 6. If the client is reached, review the responses to the *Project Interim: Durham CE Front Door* and update anything that has changed.
 - a. Update the *Homeless History* section if the client's housing situation has changed.
 - b. Update the Client Resources section if the Income or Non-Cash Benefits have changed.
- 7. Add the contact to record the client no-show follow-up by clicking *Add* in the *Contact* sub-assessment.
 - a. Confirm date for the contact as the Start Date.
 - b. Complete the Contact Method, Result, and Purpose.
 - c. Click Save.

d. Try as many available ways to contact the client as possible and available. Record additional attempts at communication if the method or result is different.



- 8. If the client declines or cancels their shelter request for a non-safety related reason:
 - a. Record the result in *If follow-up after client canceled shelter, client canceled due to safety concerns.*
 - b. Exit the client from the Front Door project.

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Daily Referral Resolution

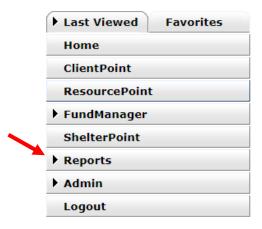
To keep the waitlist current, Entry Point must resolve all referrals from the previous day and remove anyone who no longer needs shelter from the wait list. The following steps should be completed daily:

- 1. Pull referral report for previous day.
- 2. Make sure all referrals are resolved by shelter. If not, ask the shelter to resolve previous day referrals.
- 3. Exit in HMIS any clients who were successfully referred to shelter the previous day.
- 4. Follow up with anyone who declined or no-showed their shelter bed the previous day to figure out if client still needs to stay on waitlist.
 - a. When contact is made, complete interim assessment, including contact sub-assessment.
 - If client is unsafe at original shelter to which they were referred, keep on top of waitlist, re-refer to another shelter if possible.

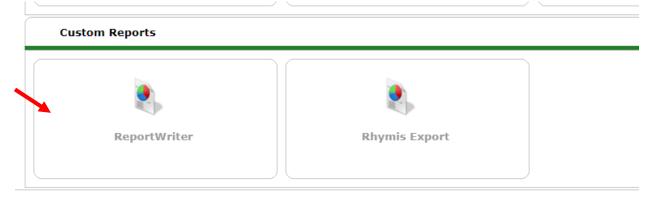
ii. If client did not have a safety reason for declining the referral, note in interim assessment.

Pull the report from *ReportWriter*

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- 2. Click Reports from left hand menu.



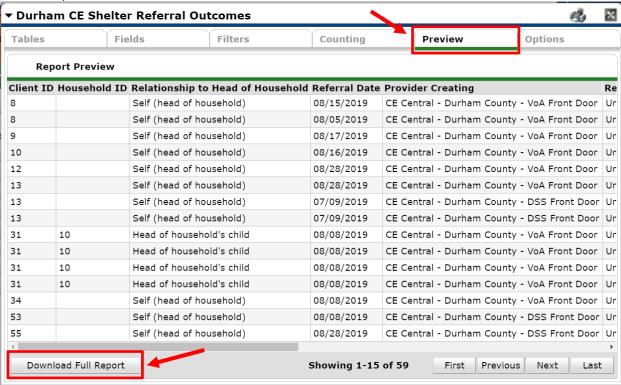
3. Scroll to the bottom and click *ReportWriter* in the *Custom Reports* section.



4. Find the *Durham CE Shelter Referral Outcomes* and click the magnifying glass next to it.



5. Most of report can be viewed in the *Preview* tab of report. You can also click *Download Full Report* to download an excel version that can be filtered and sorted as needed.

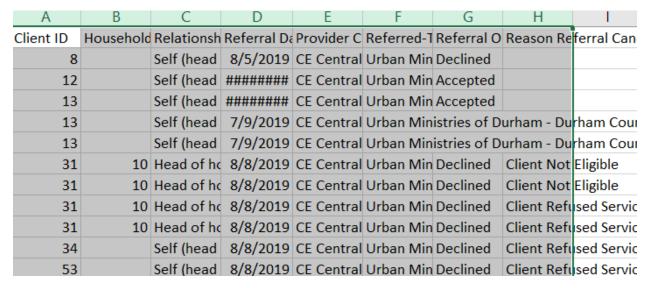


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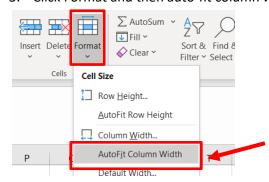
Review the Referral Outcomes

After downloading the report from ReportWriter open the excel document.

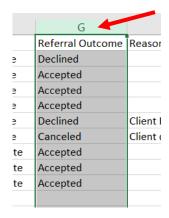
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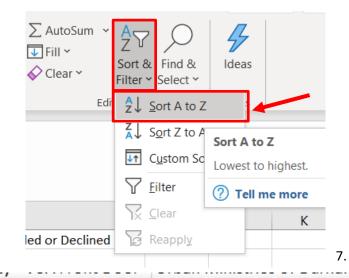


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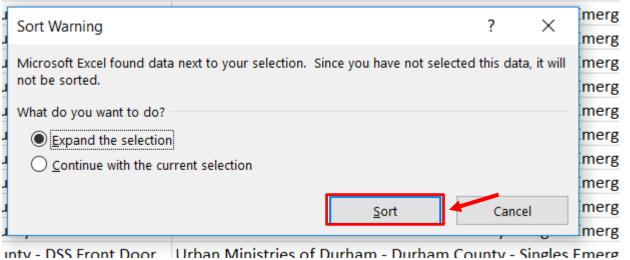


5. Click Sort & Filter under the default Home tab.

6. and then Sort A to Z.



Select Expand the selection in the Sort



Warning that pops up and then click Sort.

- 8. Referrals are now sorted by their outcome and you can see which referrals were accepted and declined or cancelled and why. Update client records accordingly in HMIS.
 - a. Exit clients from Entry Point project if their referral was Accepted.
 - b. Clients that no-showed or declined shelter should be contacted for follow-up.
 - c. Clients that with the *Reason* listed as *Client was denied services* should be contacted to attempt to discover or find alternative shelter.

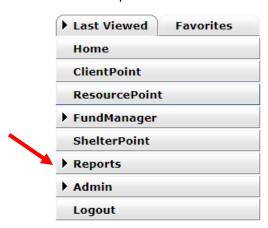
Referred-To Provider	Referral Outcome	Reason Referral Canceled or Declined
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Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Families Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Families Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Families Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Families Moving Forward - Durham County - The NEST - City ESG State ESG	Accepted	
Families Moving Forward - Durham County - The NEST - City ESG State ESG	Accepted	
Families Moving Forward - Durham County - The NEST - City ESG State ESG	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Families Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Families Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Families Emergency Shelter - Private	Accepted	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Canceled	Client did not return/complete application
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Canceled	Client Refused Service
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Canceled	Client Refused Service
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Canceled	Client Refused Service
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Declined	
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Declined	Client Not Eligible
Urban Ministries of Durham - Durham County - Singles Emergency Shelter - Private	Declined	Client Not Eligible

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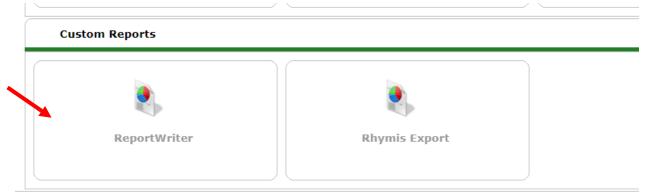
Client Canceled Referral Resolution

Pull the report from *ReportWriter*

- 1. Make sure you are not in a Front Door or Bed Placement projects Enter Data As mode. Use your default EDA mode of *Entry Point -Durham County* to ensure you see clients from both Front Door projects.
- 2. Click *Reports* from left hand menu.



3. Scroll to the bottom and click *ReportWriter* in the *Custom Reports* section.

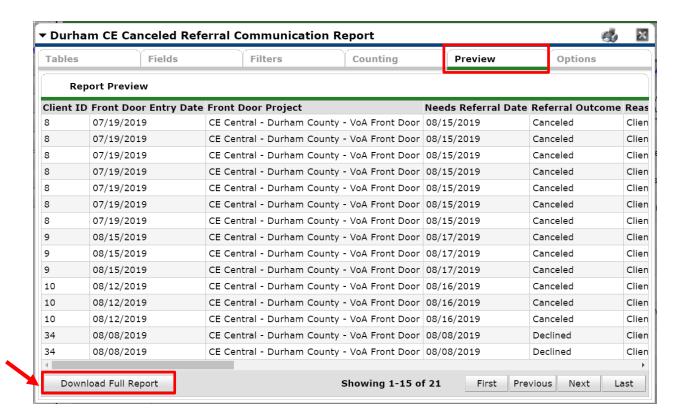


4. Find the *Durham CE Referral Report* and click the magnifying glass next to it. ReportWriter



5. Go to the *Preview* tab and click *Download Full Report*

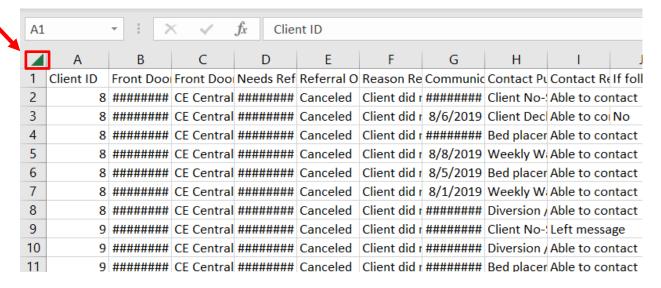




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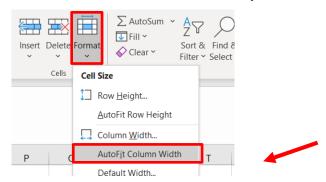
Find this week's No-Shows

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- 2. Click the triangle in the upper left corner of the cells to select the whole sheet.

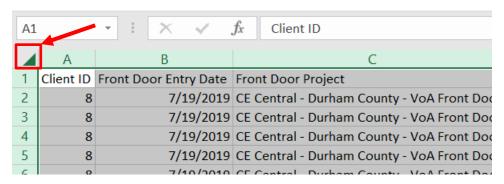


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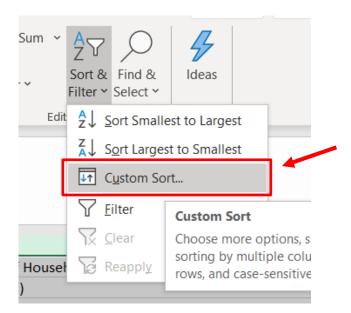
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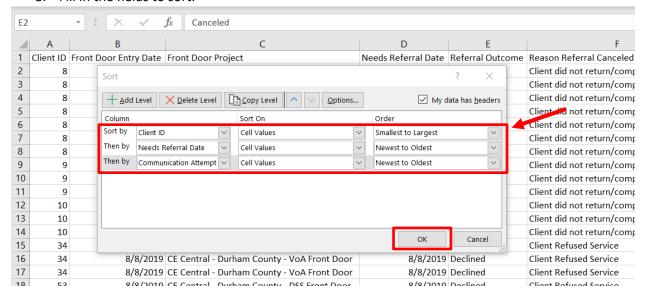
5. Click the triangle in the upper left corner of the cells to select the whole sheet.



- 6. Click Sort & Filter (under the default Home tab)
- 7. Then click Custom Sort



8. Fill in the fields to sort.



9. Find anyone who no-showed the previous day and did not make subsequent contact.

Select Expand on the pop-up warning that appears.

- a. To do this, remove all of the old communication history by using Remove Duplicates.
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Ocontinue with the current selection

b. Uncheck all columns except Client ID. Only Client ID should be checked to have duplicates removed.

Client did not return/complete application

Client did not return/complete application

Remove Duplicates.

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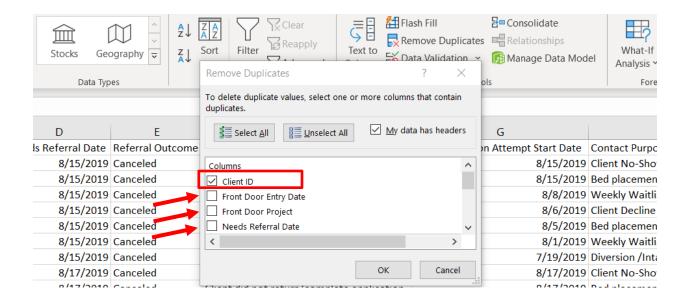
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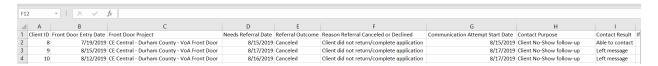
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Cancel



- c. The list now contains the most recent Referral Outcome and the most recent Communication for each client. Review each client to see if the most recent communication is for the purpose of *Client No-Show Follow-up* and if the result was *Able to contact*.
 - i. Each client has until 10 pm the next day to contact Entry Point. For referrals sent on 8/15, staff would find clients without communication on 8/16. After 8/16, the client could be removed from the waitlist and exited in HMIS.
 - ii. See client 9 and 10 in the example below.
- d. If the clients make contact during the day, note a successful contact on interim assessment contact sub-assessment. Keep HMIS entry open and on shelter waitlist.
 - i. See client 8 in the example below.



10. Exit clients at your discretion. Go to for full steps.

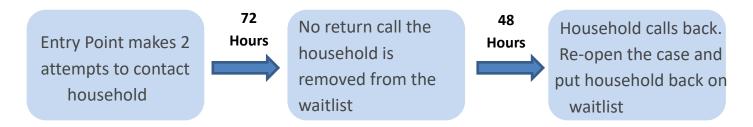
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Weekly Contacts to Waitlisted Households

Everyone on the shelter waitlist should be contacted at least weekly. Use the following steps to contact people on the waitlist:

Waitlist weekly call workflow

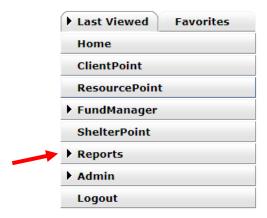
- 1. Weekly follow up: Entry Point staff should call everyone on the waitlist at least once per week to confirm their shelter needs.
 - a. If a client no longer needs shelter at follow-up, exit them from the Front Door project in HMIS.
 - b. If a client continues to need shelter, record the successful follow up attempt on an *Interim* assessment in the *Communication* sub-assessment.
 - c. If client cannot be contacted, record the unsuccessful follow up attempt on the *Interim* assessment in the contacts sub-assessment.
- 2. Check for households that have had two unsuccessful attempts to contact in a row. If it has been more than 72 hours since the last contact, remove from waitlist by completing an exit from the front door project in HMIS. Go to Removing clients from the Waitlist for complete steps.
- 3. If a client that was exited calls back within 48 hours of exit, reinstate on waitlist by deleting their project exit in HMIS. Go to How to add clients back to the Waitlist for complete steps.



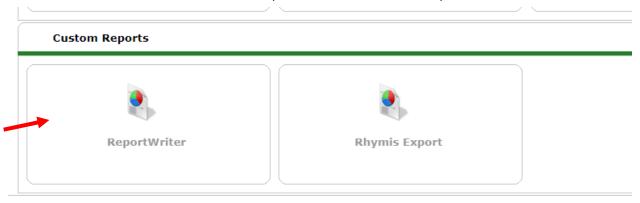
7. Exit anyone who has no-showed 3 days in a row after repeatedly being offered a shelter bed referral.

Pull the Waitlist Weekly Calls report

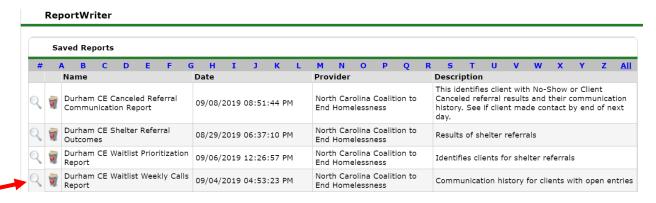
1. Click Reports from left hand menu.



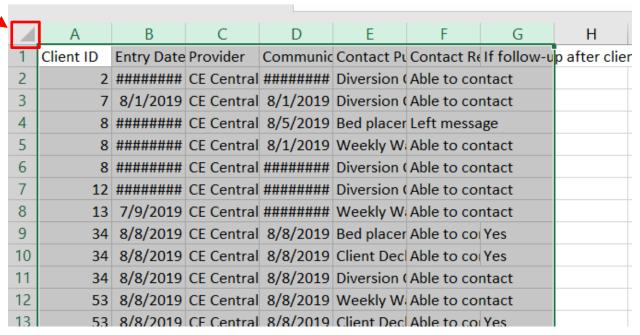
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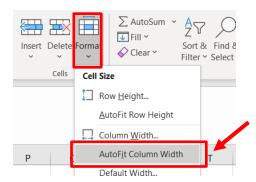
3. Find the Durham CE Waitlist Weekly Calls Report and click the magnifying glass next to it.



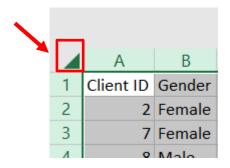
- 1. After downloading the report from ReportWriter open the excel document.
- 2. Select the first 7 columns.



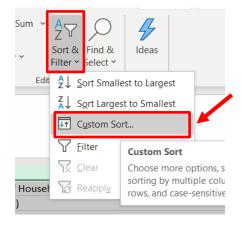
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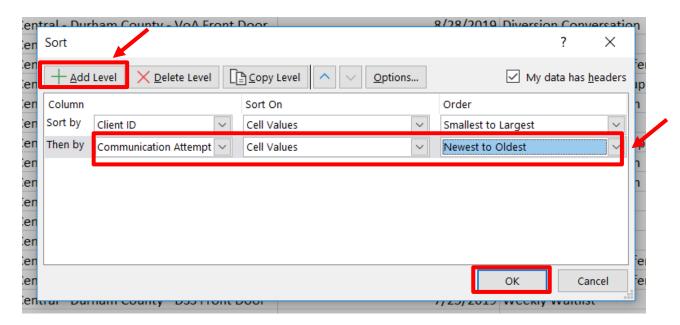
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5. Click Sort & Filter and then Custom Sort



6. Fill in the fields to sort first by Client ID Smallest to Largest and then click Add Level to add a sort by Communication Attempt Start Date from Oldest to Newest to Oldest. Click OK.



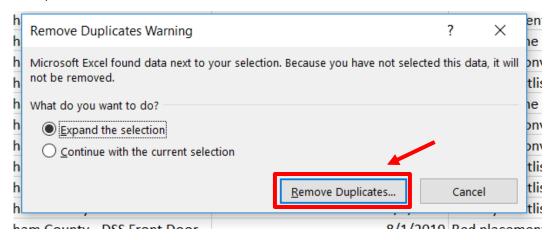
7. Select Column A.

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1	Client ID	Entry Date
2	2	7/29/2019
3	7	8/1/2019
4	8	7/19/2019
5	8	7/19/2019
6	8	7/19/2019
7	12	8/28/2019
8	13	7/9/2019
9	34	8/8/2019
10	34	8/8/2019
11	34	8/8/2019
12	53	8/8/2019
13	53	8/8/2019
14	53	8/8/2019
15	81	8/6/2019
16	87	7/5/2019
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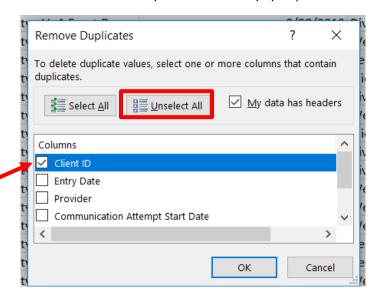
8. Click Data and then click Remove Duplicates



9. Select Expand the selection in the Remove Duplicates Warning that pops up then click Remove Duplicates

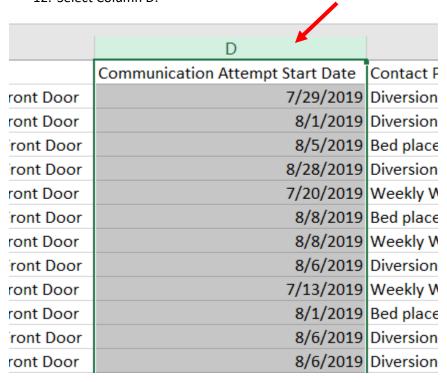


10. In the Remove Duplicates box that pops up click Unselect All then click the box next to Client ID.

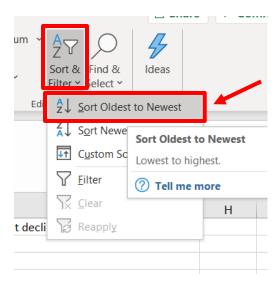


11. Each client now only has their most recent contact on the report.

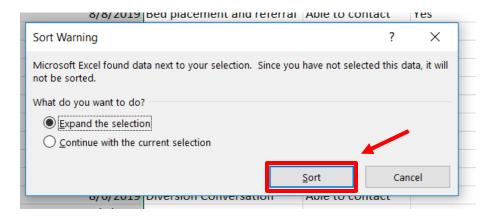
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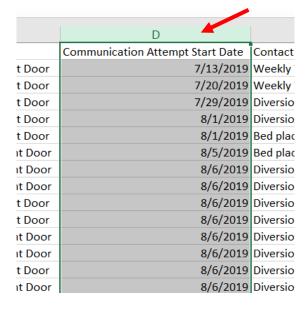
13. Click Sort & Filter then click Sort Oldest to Newest.



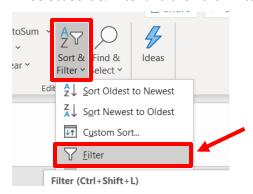
14. In the Sort Warning box that pops up select Expand the selection and click Sort.



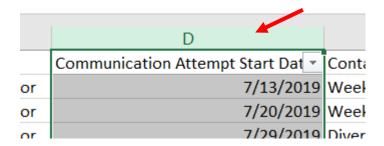
- 15. The clients that have the oldest contact are now at the top of the list and the most recently contacted are at the bottom. Review this list for the clients not yet contacted this week or per the policies and procedures.
- 16. If you'd like you can filter out contacts made this week to assist. Select column D.



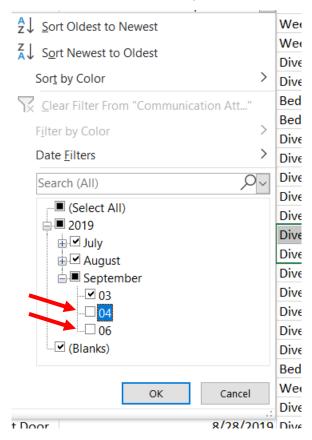
17. Select Sort & Filter and then click Filter



18. Click the box with the arrow that appears in the cell at the top of the column



19. Uncheck the boxes next to the dates that you want to filter out (this week's dates) then click OK.



20. The report now contains all the clients that have not been contacted this week (or whatever dates you chose).

Section: Case Management Type A (Temporary Diversions)

Entry Point should regularly provide case management to households that were diverted to a temporary diversion destination (less than four months). This is called Case Management Type A

Each case manager will have a caseload, determined by the Entry Point Coordinators. Case management will be tracked on every staff's HMIS dashboard.

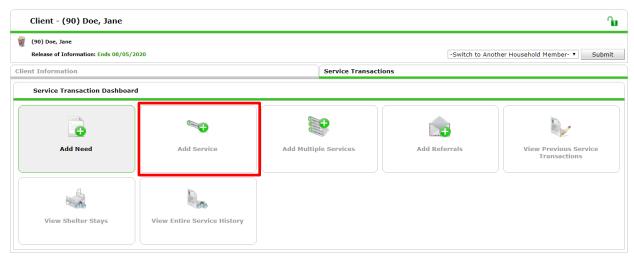
- 1. Look at dashlet on HMIS Home screen for clients with scheduled communication this week.
- 2. Record outcome of case management communication on the *Entry/Exit* tab under *Follow Up* column.

Record Case Management Follow-up

Communication attempts and engagement results after a client's exit are called *Follow Ups* in HMIS under the *Entry/Exit* tab. Planning future communication with a client is called *Project Follow-up* within Service Transactions. Both types of "Follow Ups" are used in the HMIS workflow when clients are supported after a Entry Point exit (i.e. leaving the Shelter Waitlist).

Schedule the next Communication

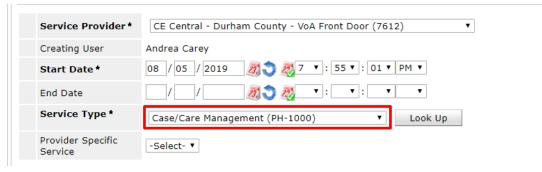
- b. After recording the Front Door project exit, go to Service Transaction tab
- c. Select Add Service.



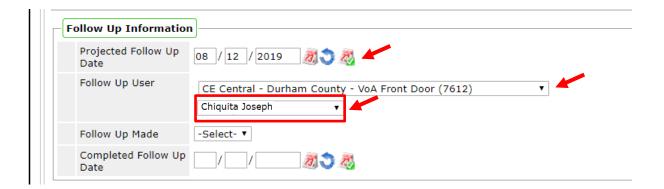
d. Only select the *Head of Household* in the *Household Members* section (since you're going to follow-up one household at a time).



e. Select the Service Type for case management service.



- f. Click Save & Continue.
- g. Scroll to the Follow Up Information section.
- h. Identify the follow-up date if one was selected with the client.
 - i. If a specific date was not agreed to, select a day for the correct week (weeks based on Monday-Sunday, particular day of week does not matter)
- i. Complete Follow Up User information.
 - i. First identify the home project (or Default EDA mode) for the user. Most staff will be listed under *Entry Point Durham County*.
 - ii. Then select the name of the staff from the list.



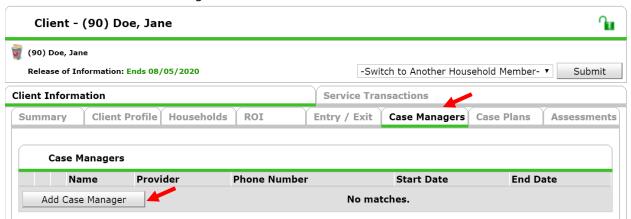
- j. Under *Need Information*, mark the *Need Status* as *Closed* and the *Outcome* as *Fully Met* for today's case management.
- k. Click Save & Exit.



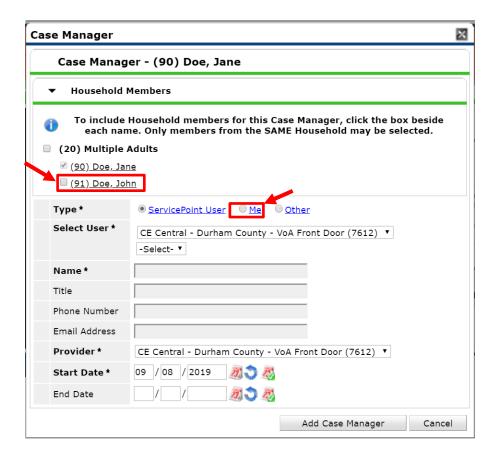
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Add a Case Manager

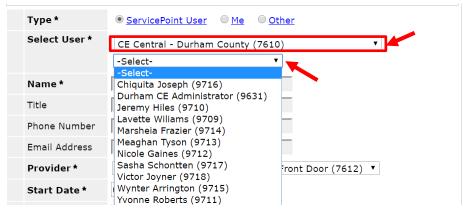
- 1. Click on the Case Managers tab
- 2. Click on Add Case Manager



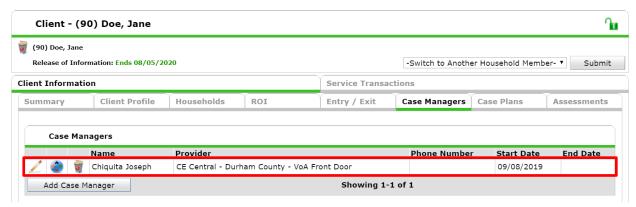
- a. Check the box of all current *Household Members* so that no matter which client is selected, the correct staff member will appear.
- b. If the Case Manager will be you, select Me as the Type



- c. If the Case Manager will be another Entry Point staff member, keep *Type* as *ServicePoint User*.
 - i. Next, change the *Select User* dropdown to the *Entry Point Durham County* project where staff are assigned.
 - ii. Then, select the name of DSS or VoA staff who is the client's Case Manager.
- d. Contact information will automatically appear if it is connected to the staff's HMIS profile.



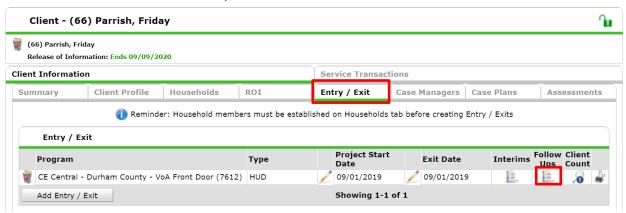
- e. Provider will list your current EDA mode. Keep that to confirm the agency staff work for.
- f. Click Add Case Manager to save.



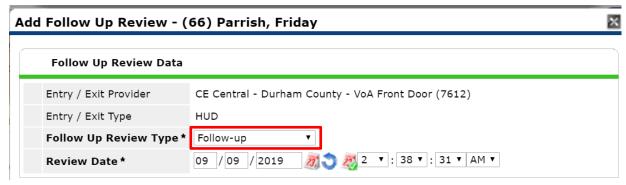
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When a Case Management after Exit is completed

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm Enter Data As (EDA) for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Go to ClientPoint to find the Head of Household.
- 3. Go to the Entry/Exit tab.
 - a. Click on the notepad icon under Follow Ups.
 - b. Click on Add Follow Up Review.

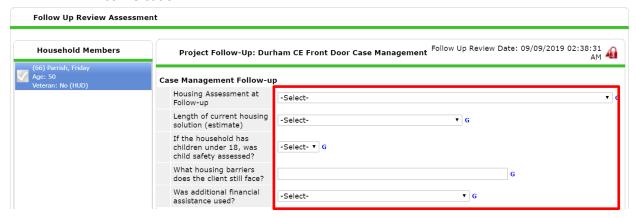


- 4. Add the Follow-Up Type as Follow Up.
- 5. Click Save & Continue.



6. If the client was reached, record client responses to the Case Management Follow-up section.

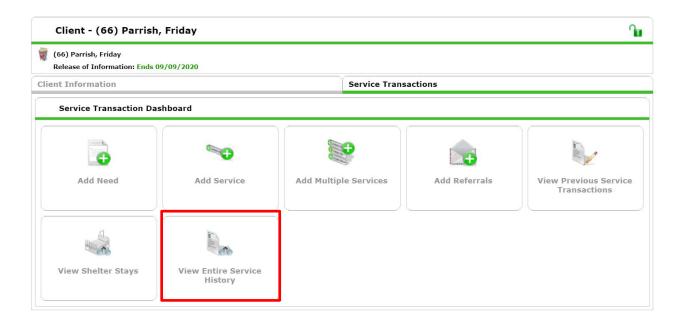
a. The questions within this section are almost identical to the Interim and Exit
 Assessments, except that they refer to the client's experience after their diversion
 conversation.



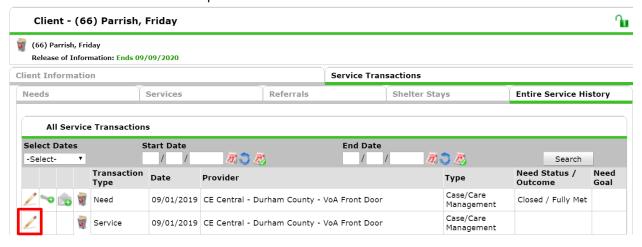
- 7. Update the *Client Resources* section next. Ask for current income and non-cash benefit levels and update appropriately.
- 8. At the bottom, complete the *Communication* sub-assessment with the results of this Follow-up communication.



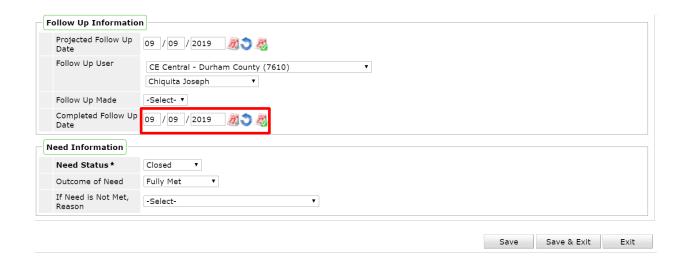
- 9. If the client was not successfully contacted, continue to reach out to them at your discretion.
- 10. If the client was successfully contacted, record the *Completed Follow-Up Information* in the previous *Service* Transaction.
 - a. Go to Service Transaction tab.
 - b. Select View Entire Service History



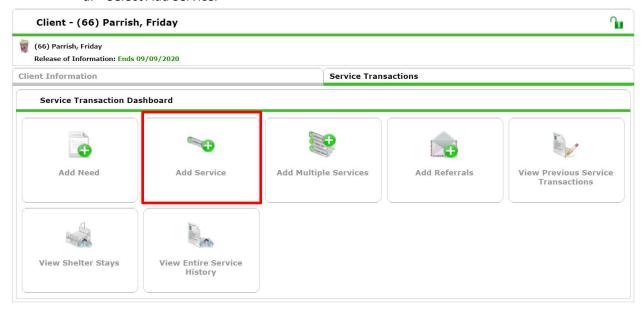
- c. Find the Service recorded on the date of the client's last communication with you.
 - i. Click the pencil icon next to that date.



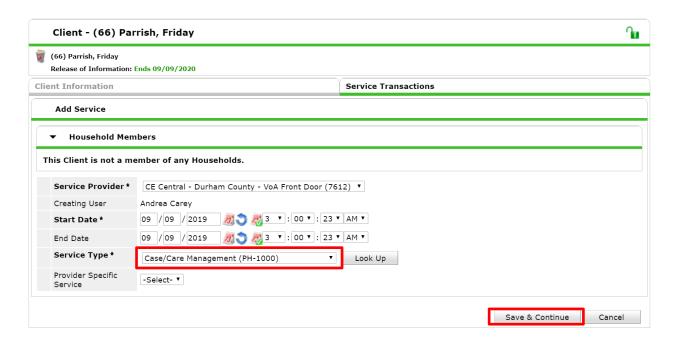
- d. Scroll down to the *Follow Up Information* section.
- e. Add the accurate date for the completed follow-up.
- f. Click Save & Exit.



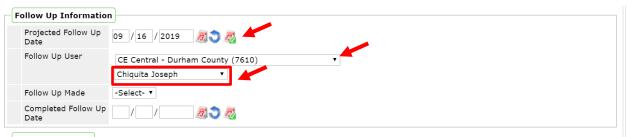
- 11. Then schedule the next Follow-up (attempt to follow-up until the client has greater stability, at your discretion).
 - a. Select Add Service.



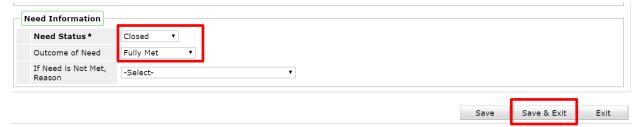
- b. Select Case Management as the Service.
- c. Click Save & Continue.



- a. Scroll to the Follow Up Information section.
- b. Identify the follow-up date if one was selected with the client.
 - i. If a specific date was not agreed to, select a day for the correct week (weeks based on Monday-Sunday, particular day of week does not matter)
- c. Complete Follow Up User information.
 - i. First identify the home project (or Default EDA mode) for the user. Most staff will be listed under *Entry Point Durham County*.
 - ii. Then select the name of the staff from the list.



- d. Under *Need Information*, mark the *Need Status* as *Closed* and the *Outcome* as *Fully Met* for today's case management.
- e. Click Save & Exit.



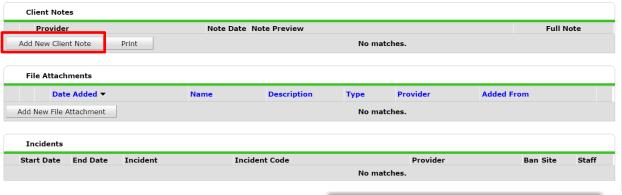
Section: Client Notes

There are three main ways to record notes from your engagement with the client or household. Notes will be visible within Entry Point but not to shelters.

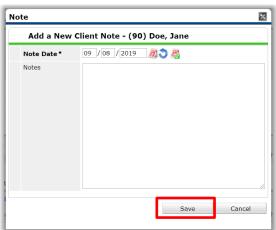
Add Client Notes to Client Profile

One way to record notes is available on the Client Profile tab

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm Enter Data As (EDA) for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Go to ClientPoint to begin searching for the Head of Household.
- 3. Scroll to the Client Notes and select Add New Client Note to record a new note.



- a. Confirm the *Note Date* is accurate.
- b. Type in your notes.
- c. End the note with your initials.
- d. Click Save



4. Hover over the *Full Note* icon for a view of the complete note.



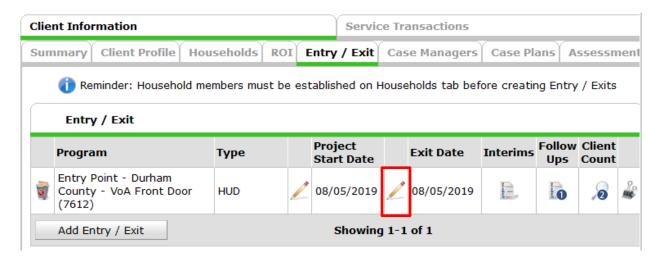
Add Case Notes to Goals

One way to record notes for Entry Point only is on the Case Plan tab after a goal is added.

Add Case Notes to Exits

When a client leaves the Entry Point project, details about the exit can be saved near the *Reason for Leaving* and *Exit Destination*.

- 1. Once logged into HMIS, confirm Enter Data As (EDA) mode for the correct Front Door project.
- 2. Go to ClientPoint to search for the Head of Household.
- 3. Once on the Head of Household's Profile tab, go to the Entry/Exit tab
- 4. Click on the Pencil icon for Exit Date as if completing the project's exit
- 5. Beneath Exit Destination, use the Notes box for details about the client's exit



- 6. Make sure they are properly formatted
 - a. New notes will go above the previous notes
 - b. The first row of the note will be the Date and Time
 - c. The second row will be the note information and your initials
- 7. Select Save & Continue to add the notes

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Cancel

Save & Continue

Section: De-Identify Client Records and Locking Searchability in HMIS

De-Identify Client Records

If there are safety concerns for the client within the HMIS, staff can create an Unnamed Client profile to de-identify the client's information before HMIS intake is completed. A coded series of numbers after "Unnamed" will substitute for the client's name.

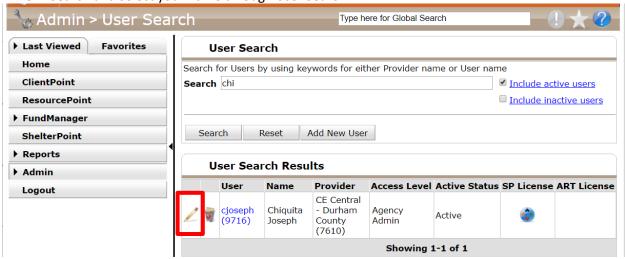
In HMIS:

Switch your HMIS License to manage only Unnamed Clients.

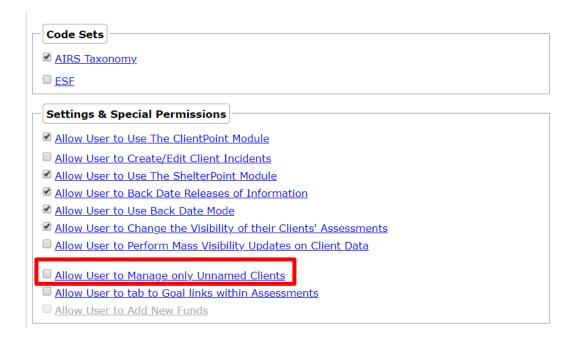
- 1. Go to Admin on the left-side menu
- 2. Select User Admin



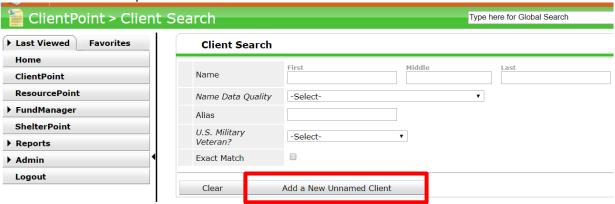
3. Search and select your name through User Search



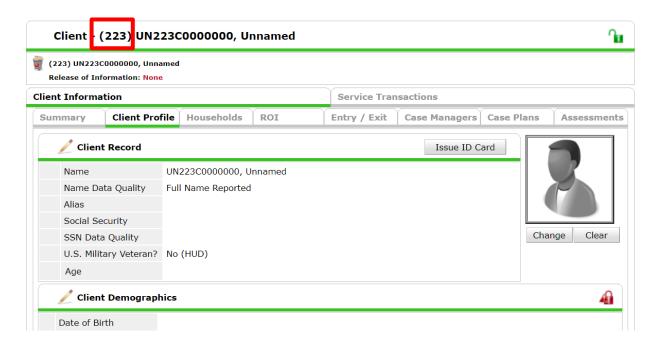
4. Scroll down to the Settings & Special Permissions section and check the box to *Allow User to only Manage Unnamed Clients*. Then *Save & Exit*.



5. Now to go *ClientPoint* to create the client's and/or household's protected profile with as much information as possible.



- 6. Immediately save and secure a reference to the client's ID number. You will not be able to search for the client by name in HMIS, only by this ID number.
- 7. Continue with the client's profile and household as you would usually. The eROI will be marked No to signify the protected nature.



8. Once data entry is complete for this client, go back to *Admin > User Admin* to return your HMIS License to normal by unchecking *Allow User to only Manage Unnamed Clients*. Then *Save & Exit*.

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Lock Searchability of Client

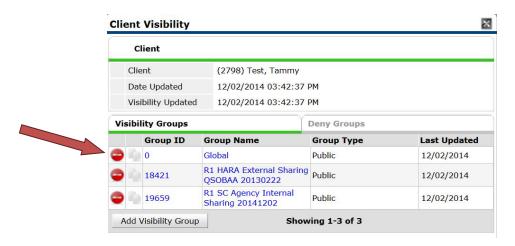
If the client only requests that their name and other identifying information not be searchable in HMIS@NCCEH, adjust their profile's Visibility to protect their data. (This will allow duplicate profiles to be created.)

- 1. Use the *ClientPoint* search screen to locate the client for whom visibility will be altered.
- 2. Click the client's name. The screen will refresh and display the Client Profile
- 3. Click the Lock icon to display the Client Visibility screen



4. Click the **Red Minus** icon next to 'Global' (if applicable) so that providers outside the visibility (a.k.a. sharing) plan will no longer be able to locate or view the client's information in ServicePoint.

- 5. If applicable, click the Red Minus icon next to each External Provider Group included in the visibility (a.k.a. sharing) plan so those providers will no longer be able to locate or view the client's information in HMIS ServicePoint.
 - a. It is important that the *Internal* visibility group remains intact. Removing the *Internal* visibility group will result in you locking yourself out of the client's record. If you do not see any internal sharing set up, contact the NCCEH Data Center for assistance.
 - b. If the *Front Door* sharing group is removed, you will lock out the community shelters from seeing this client and any referrals. If the client requests one agency to not have access, contact the NCCEH Data Center.



6. Click the *Exit* icon to return to the *Client Profile*.

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Section: Behavioral Health Emergencies

Front Door Units must have a protocol in place for addressing situations in which a client is believed to be experiencing a mental health crisis or substance abuse crisis. If a Front Door Provider suspects but is unsure whether the client presents an immediate safety threat to themselves or others, the case worker may call Alliance Health's 24-Hour Access and Information Line with the client for assessment and assistance. Regardless of the result of the call, this referral should not interfere with referral to emergency shelter.

Place for data entry	What it tracks	When to do it
Project Entry Assessment	Diversion conversation Special population screens Demographics/household data	At first contact with client, live during conversation
Project Exit Assessment	Why they exited (diverted, shelter refusal, no contact, successful shelter referral) Resources they received (DSS funds, diversion funds, other resources)	 When diverted When shelter confirms successful referral by 10pm day following noshow After 2 unsuccessful followup attempts After 3 shelter intake noshows in a row When client indicates at follow up they no longer need/want shelter. If client does not want shelter at all.
Interim Assessment and contacts sub-assessment	Dates of contacts Successful/unsuccessful contact On-going client needs/change in situation	 While household still needs shelter/is open in the Entry Point Project. If client makes contact after a no-show When Entry Point follows up after a shelter decline by client When Entry Point follows up weekly with everyone on wait list.
Follow-up Assessment and Contacts sub-assessment	Dates of contacts Stability of diversion situation On-going needs	Regularly, after every case management contact with temporarily diverted households.
Referrals	Date of referral Needs Outcome of referral	When referring a household to an open shelter bed
Service transactions/Fund Manager	Date of service Type of service Amount of funding provided Outcome of service?	When providing VOA diversion funds or referring a client to another diversion resource (DSS or outside resource)

Section: Reporting Summary Grid

Type of report	What it tells you	How to use it	When you pull it
Referral Outcomes	Shelter referrals made	Use to check all	At least daily
Report	to clients on the Waitlist	referrals have been	
	Referral Outcomes and	resolved	
	Reasons	Use to check who	
	Referral Dates	needs contact from	
		Entry Point	
		Use to exit people	
		from project if no	
		further contact is	
		needed	
Waitlist Prioritization	Clients on Shelter	Use to fill empty beds	At least daily
Report	Waitlist		
	Time on waitlist		
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Waitlist Prioritization	Clients on Shelter	Use to fill empty	As needed
Report w/ Households	Waitlist	family beds	
	Time on waitlist		
	Priority number Clients in the same		
	household		
	Type of household		
Waitlist Weekly Calls list	Clients on Shelter	Use to know who to	At least weekly
waithst weekly cans list	Waitlist	call for weekly calls	At least weekly
	Dates of Communication	to shelter waitlist	
	Contact Result	to shereer warense	
Canceled Referral	Clients on Shelter	Use to know which	As needed (two days
Communication Report	Waitlist	clients did not	after referrals)
	Referrals Dates	communicate after	,
	Referral	they canceled	
	Outcomes/Reasons	referral and need	
	Dates of Communication	waitlist exits.	
	Contact Result		
Case Management	Who on your case load	Use to know who	Refresh daily
Type A Dashlet	needs a follow up	needs a call from	
		your temporarily	
		diverted clients	
Shelter Bedlist for	Clients entered into	Use to compare the	At least monthly
Clients Served	HMIS for emergency	Entry Point's Bed	
	shelters	Placement project	
		against shelter	
		records	