



Sonoma County HMIS/Data Committee
Agenda for February 16, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Pacific Time

Virtual Public Meeting Information:

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	Agenda Item	Presenter	Approx. Time
	Welcome and roll call.	Chair	
1.	Introduction of new committee member (Action item)	Chair	10 mins
2.	Built for Zero - New demographic data elements (Action item)	Staff	30 mins
3.	Lead Agency Evaluation Plan schedule and next steps (Potential action item)	Chair	20 mins
4.	Public comment for items not on the agenda.	Chair	5 mins

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Sonoma County Continuum of Care HMIS Data Committee

Item No: 2
Subject: Built for Zero - New demographic data elements
Meeting Date: February 16, 2023
Staff Contact: Thai Hilton thai.hilton@sonoma-county.org

SUMMARY

Sonoma County is a Built for Zero (BFZ) community. BFZ is an initiative that is designed to assist communities in achieving reliable data about homelessness in their community. BFZ encourages communities to develop a comprehensive By Names List (BNL) of all individuals experiencing homelessness. The BNL contains data about each individual's specific situation.

Sonoma County is in the process of developing a county-wide BNL but there is needed data missing from HMIS. The local BFZ team suggests adopting 12 required data elements on clients' demographics page. This will assist in running the BNL and having the in-depth information that the BNL needs. These changes would apply to all projects that serve individuals experiencing homelessness but would not apply to housed participants in HMIS. The new data elements are

- BFZ subpopulation
- Status (engaged in services/assessed/Housing resource/searching)
- Lead agency contact: This is the person or agency that the individual is working with.
- Current location
- Sheltered (yes/no)
- Housing strategy
- EMS/PD contacts
- TP score
- Recommended intervention
- Income sources
- Disabling conditions
- Other important information

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

(By numbered item, the recommendation that staff is asking the Board to make)

1. Approve additional data elements

Attachment A

Built For Zero (BFZ)

- BFZ is an initiative that helps communities develop reliable data of those experiencing homelessness.
- BFZ has helped several communities achieve functional-zero homelessness.
- Sonoma County has been a BFZ community since 2021

By Names List (BNL)

- A BNL is a comprehensive list of all individuals experiencing homelessness with robust information.
- Sonoma County is implementing subregional and a county-wide BNL
- HMIS will be where the BNL is stored however there is data needed for the BNL that is not captured in HMIS.
- The Sonoma County BFZ team suggests adding required data elements to the demographics page in HMIS to capture this information.
- These data elements would be required for any program that serves literally homeless (Shelter, outreach, CE, day services)

By Names List (BNL)

- Proposed additional data elements.
 - BFZ subpopulation
 - Status (engaged in services/assessed/Housing resource/searching)
 - Lead agency contact: This is the person or agency that the individual is working with.
 - Current location
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 - Other