

# HMIS Lead / Sys Admin – Q&A

## Questions from 02/16/2022 Webinar

For any questions that were not addressed on the webinar, or if there are specific questions to your own systems, please submit an HMIS AAQ to receive a thorough answer: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

**Q:** How do we join the HMIS Lead Webinar distribution list?

**A:** You can join the distribution list and receive notices to participate in the monthly webinars by selecting "I'd also like to receive updates as an HMIS Lead/System Administrator" on the HUD Exchange Mailing List here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/subscribe/>.

**Q:** Are there plans to release a more up to date HMIS Data & Technical Standards document?

**A:** There is no plan to create a new dedicated resource specifically on the topic of Data & Technical Standards at this time.

**Q:** Any chance for virtual attendance in NHSDC?

**A:** HUD sessions at the conference will be livestreamed and recorded, but there will not be an option for virtual interaction.

**Q:** Where is the link to the upcoming NHSDC conference?

**A:** [https://whova.com/portal/registration/nhsdc\\_202203](https://whova.com/portal/registration/nhsdc_202203)

**Q:** Where are previous LSA data located (post 2018)?

**A:** The data are available on HDX 2.0 but the CoC's primary contact must grant you access to view the information. You can find contact information for CoCs here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/contacts/>

**Q:** When will the HMIS proposed rule be finalized?

**A:** HUD does not have an anticipated date for finalizing the proposed HMIS rule. Note: this proposed rule is not in effect. HMISs must use the standards currently in place (the 2004 Technical Standards and the 2022 Data Standards).

**Q:** I should receive a flag report for my LSA, correct?

**A:** Error flags are immediately available in HDX 2.0.

**Q:** Our community signed up for a community workshop through our regional point of contact. Will we receive confirmation that we were selected to participate, and more information about the schedule for the workshop we selected?

**A:** Yes. Registration information will be sent out shortly to communities.

**Q:** Will there be a feedback mechanism on the LSA process this year?

**A:** Yes, in the March HMIS Lead call.

**Q:** When will the Stella section be available for use again?

**A:** Tentatively in late February.

**Q:** Can you say a bit about how the LSA is scored?

**A:** LSA data sets are reviewed to determine if they can be used in developing the national estimate of total homeless people (Annual Assessment Homeless Report). There is not a score. There is additional information about usability on the October 2021 System Admin call, which you can find here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/hmis-lead-sys-admin-webinars/>

**Q:** Will we have access to this years LSA usability data?

**A:** HUD has not yet decided how and when usability information may be shared.

**Q:** Should we still be able to make notes for those warnings marked "Note Required?" I have a few new warnings that says, "Note Required," but I am unable to leave a note.

**A:** You should be able to leave notes through Friday 2pm PT. Please email your liaison to report the issue.

**Q:** How would a Victim Service Provider be included in the CE APR, if no data is entered into our HMIS?

**A:** The VSP would produce their own APR from their Comparable Database and upload it to Sage themselves. This would be additional to any CE APR the CoC submits to Sage from HMIS.

**Q:** When will the new CE resources be available?

**A:** The materials are currently under development with no firm release dates.

**Q:** Does SNAPS have any guidance of working with PHAs to determine if housed clients got vouchers with a homeless preference or dedication? We are finding that PHAs are resisting and saying they can't identify if clients got a voucher due to a preference or which preference.

**A:** There is this dashbaord: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ehv/dashboard](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ehv/dashboard). If you need additional resources or guidance, please submit an AAQ.

**Q:** Can the CE APR be reviewed in an upcoming presentation?

**A:** We will try to get that added into future presentations.

**Q:** Would you advise using Stella to analyze a particular provider's performance over a 3mth period ? Or should this be for the entire CoC in general?

**A:** Stella is meant for a system wide look at data, and really isn't intended for individual project performance. You can use other HUD reports like the APR or CAPER for those needs.

**Q:** Can a community do CE without a specific CE project set up as long as they had the 4.19 and 4.20 CE questions on their assessments? Or just that that information could be included additionally?

**A:** Yes. it is possible that a community could have the 4.19 and 4.20 data elements collected at non-CE projects. Like an emergency shelter or street outreach project, for example.

**Q:** For the AAQ data: does "number answered" equal how many questions were responded to, directly to the requester?

**A:** Yes - everything is about the direct answer to the requestor.

**Q:** Do we need to reach out to our liaison if we weren't able to upload our most recently data set to LSA or will they reach out to us?

**A:** Please contact your liaison to be sure they are aware you weren't able to upload.