Summary of Changes to FY 2024 HMIS Data Elements for AB 977

This document is a summary of changes to the FY 2024 HMIS data elements which impact AB977 grantees. For complete HMIS requirements, see the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards Manual and the HMIS Data Dictionary. HUD has provided HMIS Leads and vendors with instructions to map data entered prior to October 1, 2023, to the new data standards. Grantees are encouraged to review client and project data and update as needed. In some cases, grantees may need to update data for active clients (any client that has not exited from a project as of October 1, 2023). See Data Collection Requirements for Transition to FY24 Data Standards for additional information.

Updates to Project Types

The FY 2024 Data Standards includes updates to the Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-housing project types.

- Emergency Shelter projects are now split into two separate project types: **Emergency Shelter: Entry/Exit** and **Emergency Shelter: Night-by-Night.** Previously, this distinction was captured in the Emergency Shelter tracking method field in HMIS. These project types are described below in *Table 1*: *HMIS Project Types*. Existing emergency shelter projects that are open as of October 1, 2023, will automatically be mapped to the new shelter project types based on the existing tracking method entered for those projects. Grantees do not have any back data entry requirements for this change, but they should ensure that the data is correct as the type of emergency shelter selected in HMIS will determine how length of time homeless is calculated for clients enrolled in the project.
- Subtypes have been added for Rapid Re-housing projects: If Project Type = PH – Rapid Re-Housing, users must identify an RRH subtype: **RRH: Services Only** and **RRH: Housing with or without services**.

Updates to Client-Level Data Elements

The FY 2024 Data Standards include updates to several data elements as described below. Grantees should review the new response options with their clients during their next conversations with their clients and update any information as necessary.

- **3.04 Race and Ethnicity** combines the previous 3.04 Race and 3.05 Ethnicity into one data element and adds new response options. The former 3.05 Ethnicity is retired and no longer a UDE. Under the new Race and Ethnicity data element, the following response options have been added: "Middle Eastern or North African" and "Hispanic/Latina/e/o," as well as a text box to add detail. Existing data for clients where 3.05 Ethnicity = "Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)" will be mapped to 3.04 Race and Ethnicity = "Hispanic/Latina/e/o." Clients will continue to be able to select one or more response options for this data element.
- **3.06 Gender** has been updated with new response options and changes to existing response options. The updated and new response options are listed below:
    - "Female" has been changed to "Woman (Girl if child)."
    - "Male" changed to "Man (Boy if child)."
    - "A gender other than singularly male or female" changed to "Non-Binary."

- o "Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)" has been added.
- o "Different Identity" with text box to add detail has been added.

For existing client data, people who selected "Female" will be mapped to "Woman (Girl, if child)," "Male" will be mapped to "Man (Boy if child)," and "A gender other than singularly male or female" mapped to "Non-Binary."