

HMIS Release Notes

Homeless History View (Beta)

March 31, 2022

What are the changes?

Homeless History View

Beginning on 3/31/2021 users will have access to an updated version of the Homeless Episodes/Homeless Tracking workflow in CT HMIS. The view combines data both from manual data entry for instances of homelessness that occur outside the CT HMIS system as well as data pulled from existing literally homeless program enrollments already in the system, giving a more comprehensive view of a client's housing history that can be used for prioritization purposes. This updated view will be called "Homeless History View." **This is a beta version of the feature so that users can assess the functionality and calculations while the current version remains available.**

Which users are impacted?

BNL Managers working in the Coordinated Access – Network role

How does this help?

BNL managers, when conducting due diligence on clients in the process of housing matching, currently must manually add all program enrollments already in CT HMIS in addition to occurrences of homelessness that are not captured by a CT HMIS program enrollment. For example, if the client was homeless in another state or if they were part of a program that does not enter enrollments into CT HMIS. The Homeless History View will automatically populate all CT HMIS enrollments of a literally homeless project, including Emergency Shelter, Hotel/Motel, Street Outreach, and Seasonal Shelters, and will allow users to manually add instances of homelessness that occurred outside of the CT HMIS system. The purpose of this is to reduce the amount of time BNL managers spend documenting this information. Additionally, the view will include calculations of the months and days a client is homeless over the course of all their enrollments in literally homeless projects in CT HMIS and/or outside of the CT HMIS system and for the last three years. This information will also be included on an updated version of BNL v2 to provide information for prioritization as a replacement for the VI SPDAT. CCEH worked with Nutmeg Consulting and members of the Housing Solutions Collaborative to determine the calculations and additional details can be found in [this document](#).

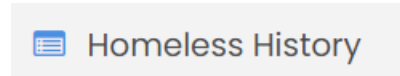
When will I see this change in HMIS?

This change is expected to be rolled out on 3/31/2022.

Screenshots of Changes

Homeless History View Left Side Menu Button

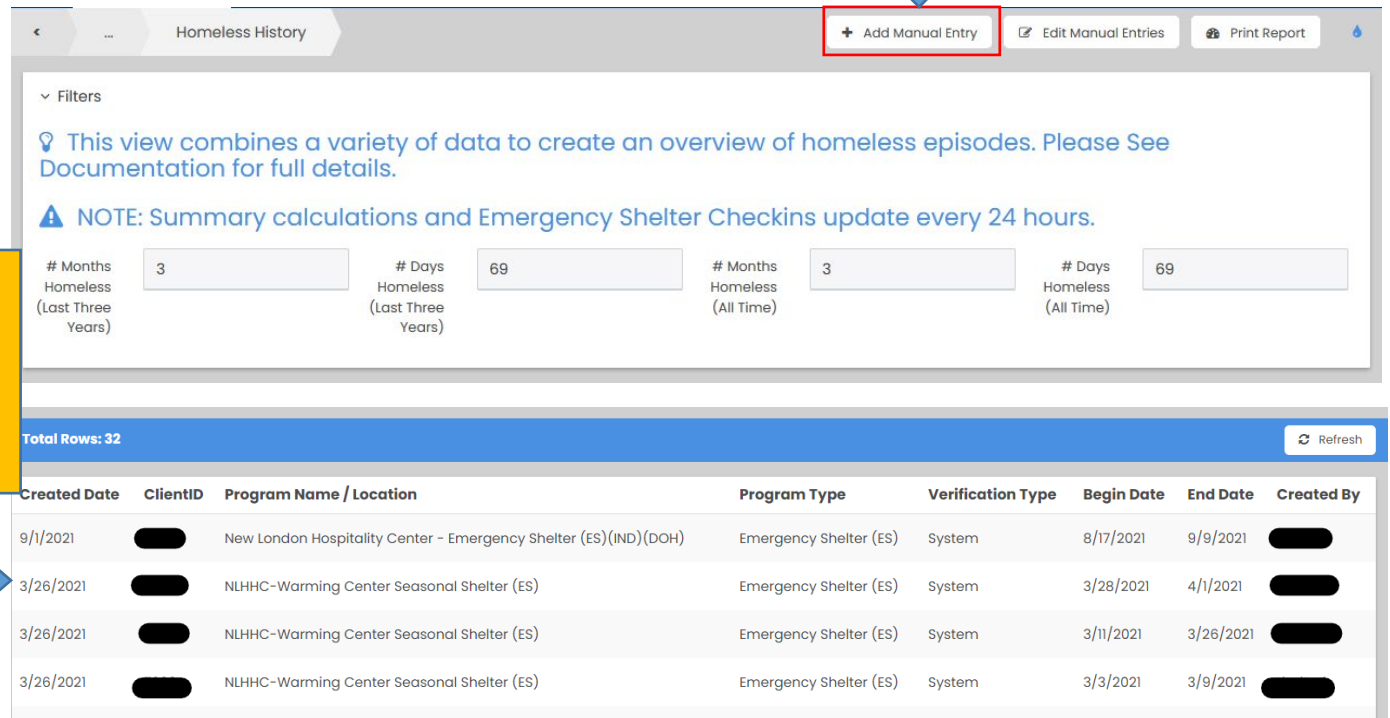
Users will see this option on the left side menu



Users can manually add instances of homelessness by clicking "add manual entry"



Updated Homeless History View



The screenshot shows the 'Homeless History' view with a top navigation bar containing buttons for '+ Add Manual Entry', 'Edit Manual Entries', and 'Print Report'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Filters' section with a note: 'This view combines a variety of data to create an overview of homeless episodes. Please See Documentation for full details.' and another note: 'NOTE: Summary calculations and Emergency Shelter Checkins update every 24 hours.' There are four input fields for summary statistics: '# Months Homeless (Last Three Years)' with value 3, '# Days Homeless (Last Three Years)' with value 69, '# Months Homeless (All Time)' with value 3, and '# Days Homeless (All Time)' with value 69. Below this is a table with 32 rows. The table has columns: Created Date, ClientID, Program Name / Location, Program Type, Verification Type, Begin Date, End Date, and Created By. The first row shows an episode starting on 9/1/2021 at the New London Hospitality Center. The next three rows show episodes starting on 3/26/2021 at the NLHHC-Warming Center Seasonal Shelter.

Created Date	ClientID	Program Name / Location	Program Type	Verification Type	Begin Date	End Date	Created By
9/1/2021	[Redacted]	New London Hospitality Center - Emergency Shelter (ES)(IND)(DOH)	Emergency Shelter (ES)	System	8/17/2021	9/9/2021	[Redacted]
3/26/2021	[Redacted]	NLHHC-Warming Center Seasonal Shelter (ES)	Emergency Shelter (ES)	System	3/28/2021	4/1/2021	[Redacted]
3/26/2021	[Redacted]	NLHHC-Warming Center Seasonal Shelter (ES)	Emergency Shelter (ES)	System	3/11/2021	3/26/2021	[Redacted]
3/26/2021	[Redacted]	NLHHC-Warming Center Seasonal Shelter (ES)	Emergency Shelter (ES)	System	3/3/2021	3/9/2021	[Redacted]




This section will pre-populate with a client's enrollments in literally homeless projects. Manual entries can also be added.



Add Manual Entry – for instances of homelessness that occur outside the CT HMIS system

Add Manual Entry

Homeless Tracking - Input

Begin Date *	<input type="text"/>	
End Date *	<input type="text"/>	 
Program Name / Location *	<input type="text"/>	
Program / Location Type *	<input type="text"/>	
Verification Type *	<input type="text"/>	