

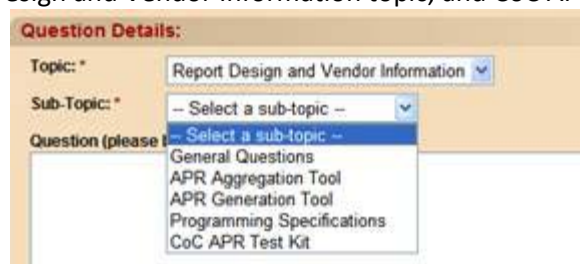
CoC APR Updates and Tools for HMIS Vendors (5/6/11)

The CoC Annual Performance Report (CoC APR) will soon be launched in *e-snaps* for Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (S+C), and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy Dwellings Program (SRO) grantees. All SHP, S+C and SRO grantees with operating years ending on or after June 1, 2011 will have 90 days from the end of their operating year to submit their CoC APR in *e-snaps*. To assist HMIS vendors in their efforts to correctly generate the CoC APR, HUD is releasing the following updates and tools:

- 1) **Updated CoC APR Programming Specifications:** Originally released in September 2010, the Programming Specifications now include two key updates that impact the programming of the CoC APR. Please see page 2 of the Programming Specifications for a description of the revisions.
<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/APRReportDesignSpecifications.pdf>. Please note that **Performance Measure** questions of the APR will not be included in the *e-snaps* APR until 2012. Additional information on the performance measurement questions will be provided to vendors later this year.
- 2) **CoC APR Test Kit:** The CoC APR Test Kit is now available. This kit contains:
 - dummy data sets that can be entered into your HMIS software;
 - an APR generated from this data that can be compared to the APR you programmed into your system;
 - an APR with client details for each question to assist in reconciling errors; and
 - a CSV export of the same data for you to use to verify your CSV export – if you support the HUD CSV schema. Note: a CSV export of grantee data is required to use the APR Report Generation Tool.

Vendors can request the CoC APR Test Kit by submitting a question in the HUD Virtual Help Desk

(http://www.hudhre.info/helpdesk/index.cfm?do=viewHelpdesk&program_system=8) under the Report Design and Vendor Information topic, and CoC APR Test Kit subtopic.



Question Details:

Topic: * Report Design and Vendor Information

Sub-Topic: * -- Select a sub-topic --

Question (please type your question here):

- General Questions
- APR Aggregation Tool
- APR Generation Tool
- Programming Specifications
- CoC APR Test Kit

A future version of the Test Kit will be released for the HPRP APR. A zip file of the test kit will be emailed to the requesting vendor directly.

- 3) **APR Generation Tool:** The APR Generation Tool is an Excel-based tool that will generate an APR from a CSV data extract (produced from an HMIS or comparable database). The tool was first released exclusively for HPRP grantees. A second version of the APR Generation Tool will produce the CoC APR for S+C, SHP-TH/PH/SH, and SRO grantees, who would like to utilize the tool to generate their APR. An updated version will be released in mid-May and will include the report for SHP-SSO grantees. The tool can be used to directly generate the APR, or can be used by vendors to view one example of how to operationalize the programming specifications. Please note: HUD still needs sample **XML data**, for use in testing the XML to CSV parser. Any HMIS vendors who are interested in supplying this data should email Nichole Fiore at nichole_fiore@abtassoc.com.
- 4) **CoC Grant Guide and Visibility Spreadsheet:** Reviews the various grant and component types that are applicable to the CoC APR, and shows which questions apply to each grant and component types. This spreadsheet is included in the Test Kit.
- 5) **CoC APR Question Template:** Includes all questions that appear on the CoC APR, and how grantees will see them in *e-snaps*. This is included in the Test Kit or can be directly downloaded at <http://www.hudhre.info/apr/index.cfm?do=viewAPRIssuances>.

All questions related to the APR, Programming Specifications, Test Kit and the APR Report Generation Tool should be submitted via the HUD Virtual Help Desk:
<http://www.hudhre.info/helpdesk/index.cfm?do=viewHelpdesk>