

ORGANIZATION

The HIV Services section of the Harris County Health Department (HC-PHES) serves as the Administrative Agency for Ryan White CARE Act Title I funding in the Houston area. The federal Ryan White CARE Act provides health care for people with HIV disease. Enacted in 1990, the CARE Act is intended to fill gaps in care faced by those with low incomes and little or no insurance.

CHALLENGES

- Extend existing data system to enable utilization by more care providers
- Standardize reporting

SOLUTION

Novasys extended the existing database schema, taking the application from a fat-client solution running on a closed wide area network to a web-based solution which can be utilized by any service provider over common high-speed Internet connections.

RESULTS

- Simplified application infrastructure reducing the total number of PC servers from 20+ down to four.
- The application is currently utilized by more than 270 users at 20 community-based organizations within the greater Houston area.
- More than 250,000 service encounters have been recorded using this system in FY 2006, servicing more than 8,000 HIV+ clients.



TECHNOLOGIES

- VB.net
- SQL Server
- Crystal Reports
- Business Objects Enterprise

REFERENCE

“We have relied on Novasys’ services for more than five years. They are conscientious and provide excellent service.” – C. Henley, HIV Services, HCPHES

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