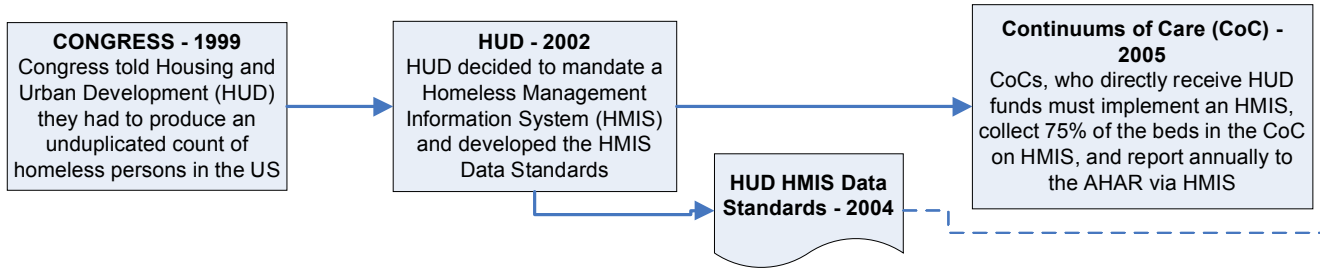
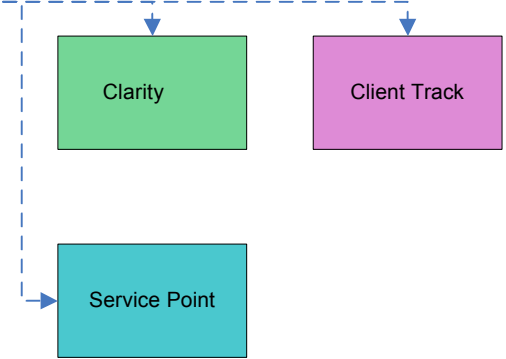


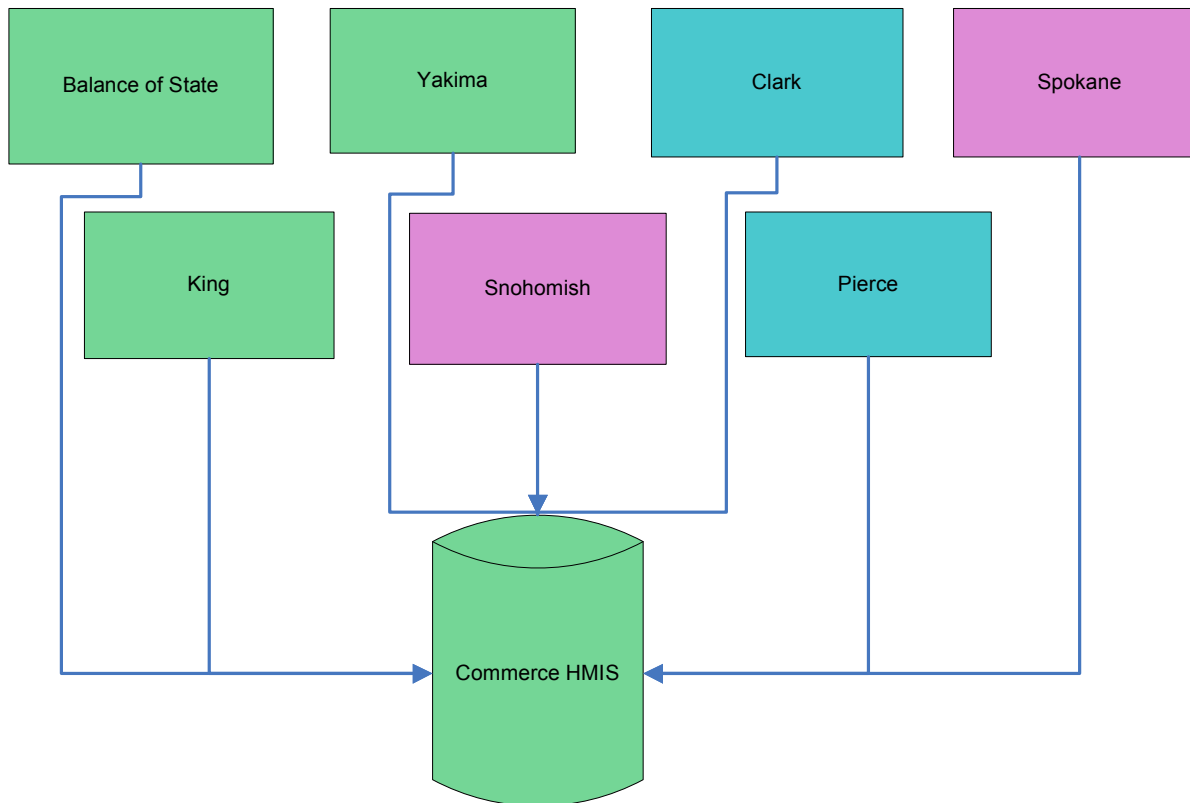
HMIS Nationwide



HMIS Vendors



Washington State HMIS



When it became clear that HUD was going to mandate that a technological solution be implemented in communities nationwide to collect homeless data if that community was to continue to receive HUD funding, many software vendors got into the game. The HUD Data Standards makes it easy for a community to use any of the vendors that present their product as an "HMIS" software solution because the vendor has to follow the same rules to collect client data that everyone else is using. When picking an HMIS vendor, make sure you pick one that is following HUD's very strict HMIS 5.1 XML Data Integration Specifications.

The Washington State Department of Commerce is overseeing the implementation of a state-wide HMIS. Contracting with BitFocus, Inc., Commerce provides a front-end solution for the Balance of State and King County Continuums as well as data integration technology to bring other continuum data into the statewide database using HUD's HMIS 5.1 XML Data Integration Specifications. Commerce will provide individual counties with additional funding through 2163 to contribute data to the statewide HMIS through either front-end use or data integration. 2163 also outlines clear client confidentiality rules to which counties must adhere. For more information please contact the HMIS Program office at (360) 725-3028.