

Health System Funders for Housing Justice

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TO END HOMELESSNESS

Agenda

- Check In
- Review the Themes and Possible Opportunities
- Break Out Discussions
- Next Steps

Working Agreement

- Bring your whole person
- Lean into discomfort (for the sake of learning and growing)
- Respectful disagreement is OK
- Realize it may be someone's first draft
- Confidentiality is a must
- Hard questions are welcome
- People centered (people experiencing homelessness)

Meeting Check In

- Name
- Pronoun
- Organization
- What is one thing you have learned over the last year? (i.e. a new skill, lesson, hobby, etc)

Review the Themes and Possible Opportunities

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Network Goals

- Map out and prioritize opportunities for health systems to have an impact on the homelessness system at state and national levels
- Create an action agenda for the network that includes investment opportunities, advocacy and policy priorities, and partnership recommendations

Setting the Context for Findings

- Interviewed a majority of the group to collect best practices, gaps, themes, and possible opportunities for the network.
- There are two areas we will be discussing today:
 - Questions that this network might want to address initially
 - Areas, programs, policies, and initiatives you would be interested in learning more about.

Questions that have emerged

How can health systems apply a more strategic lens to their investments?

- Best practices in layering and leveraging (braiding) of resources, e.g. housing and Medicaid
- Strategies for 'synchronizing' cross sector efforts around common goals/agenda; move beyond single systems focus
- Implementing strategic partnerships with limited resources

Questions that have emerged

How can health systems balance their interests in reducing costs with improving health outcomes?

- The need to meet the bottom line is important, but how can this be balanced
- Not clear on how to associate costs with providing care or how to demonstrate savings and then communicate those to executives

Questions that have emerged

What changes have occurred within health systems as a result of Covid that have helped create 'pathways' to health for people experiencing homelessness?

- Tie in to Covid response and how to create 'pathways' to health for people experiencing homelessness

Questions that have emerged

How are health systems addressing equity in context of their housing investments?

- Messaging and narrative need, e.g. who is experiencing homelessness and why?
- Need to address stigma associated with experiencing homelessness
- Efforts to ensure equity overlay is intentional and called out in the work
- Link to data

Questions that have emerged

How can data collection within health systems and across community efforts be strengthened?

- How to screen for and identify SDOH and then link to community resources and services
- Using data to understand disparities to change practice
- How to use data for 'collective impact' and/or to demonstrate population level outcomes

Questions that have emerged

How are health systems addressing prevention and 'upstream' interventions?

- What are predictive factors
- How to use knowledge about vulnerable groups at higher risk of homelessness to develop targeted interventions, some interest in people leaving and/or involved in criminal justice

Questions that have emerged

How are health system's utilizing a SDOH framework to advance understanding about why housing is essential component of health investments?

- How to frame homelessness work within 'competencies' of healthcare system
- Role of Community Needs Analysis
- How homelessness fits into community development; does this always link back to core health services and/or other system interventions to address housing as holistic issue?

Questions for Prioritization

1. How can health systems apply a more strategic lens to their investments?
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3. What changes have occurred within health systems as a result of Covid that have helped create 'pathways' to health for people experiencing homelessness?
4. How are health systems addressing equity in context of their housing investments?
5. How can data collection within health systems and across community efforts be strengthened?
6. How are health systems addressing prevention and 'upstream' interventions?
7. How are health system's utilizing a SDOH framework to advance understanding about why housing is essential component of health investments?

Time to Prioritize!

Areas of Interest

- Workforce Development
- Navigators
- Role of Digital Health
- Medical Respite Programs
- Medical Legal Partnerships and Eviction Prevention
- Public Housing Partnerships
- Land Use Advocacy
- Single Family Zoning
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits
- Maternal Care
- Aging/Senior Housing
- Criminal Justice/Re-Entry

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Breakout Rooms Technology

- If you need to communicate with me, use the “**Ask for Help**” button
- Only people in your room can see your chat box
- 60 second countdown before breakouts end

Small Group Conversations

- As you think about each question, what additional questions arise about how this network might approach each? (Blue)
- What resources come to mind as you reflect on each question? (Yellow)

Next Steps

- Upcoming Meeting: March 29th (2:00-3:30pm)
 - Calendar Invites
 - July Convening
- Network Community Page
- Upcoming Learning Opportunities