

Health System Funders for Housing Justice

Monthly Meeting Notes

February 22, 2021 | 2-3:30 ET / 1-2:30 CT / 12-1:30 MT / 11-12:30 PT

Monday, February 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 ET (11-12:30 PT)

Attendees: Jessica Jew, James Kienker, Angela Jenkins, Monica Buhlig, Ashley Brand, Kelly Kelleher, Vanessa Davis, Bryan Trujillo, George Leventhal, Kate Sommerfeld, Gabriela Flores, Sarah Stanislav, Andy McMahon, Erin Jackson-Ward, Anira Khlok, Bindi Gandhi, Shavonda Webber-Christmas, Rachelle Wenger

Opening & Welcome

- Review agenda for today
- Check In
 - Angela Jenkins, she/her, KP -- I am truly an introvert.
 - Vanessa Davis, she/her, KP -- trust and teambuilding can happen whether you've met the person in real life or not
 - Andy McMahon, he/his, United Health Care -- learned about food insecurity
 - Monica Buhlig, she/her, Centura Health -- we can adjust and do new things
 - Bryan Trujillo, he/him, Centura Health -- homeownership is a lot of work
 - George Leventhal, he/him, KP -- I've become a better cook
 - James Kienker, he/him, Trinity Health -- home barbershop
 - Shavonda Webber-Christmas, she/her, LA Care -- how much time not commuting gives you back to have quality time with family
 - Jessica Jew, she/her, LA Care -- empathy is key
 - Kelly Kelleher, he/him, Nationwide Children's Hospital -- giving space to have hard conversations
 - Rachelle Wenger, she/her, CommonSpirit Health -- love is unshakeable
 - Ashley Brand, she/her, CommonSpirit Health -- we can pull down red tape and get things done if we don't put our own barriers in the way
 - Anira Khlok, she/her, Dignity Health -- you have to be even more intentional about carving out time for self care
 - Gaby Flores, she/her, Cedars-Sinai -- movement is important to help with inner peace and sanity
 - Erin Jackson-Ward, she/her, Cedars-Sinai -- resilience inherent in everyone
 - Kate Sommerfeld, she/her, ProMedica -- learned how to longboard
 - Bindi Gandhi, she/her, Sutter Health -- learned how to be a runner and how to enjoy it
 - Sarah Stanislav, she/her, CHI Health -- importance of community benefit and reporting within all hospitals and how different that can look

Themes and Possible Opportunities

- 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
 - Build trust and a structure among participants for sustained collaboration after Funders Together's facilitation formally ends
- 1) How can health systems apply a more strategic lens to their investments?
 - braiding of resources (e.g. housing and Medicaid)
 - Strategies for "synchronizing" cross sector efforts around common goals/agenda
 - Implementing strategic partnerships w/ limited resources
- 2) 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
- 3) 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
- 4) How are health systems addressing equity in context of their housing investments?
 - Messaging and narrative need
 - Need to address stigma associated with experiencing homelessness
- 5) 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
- 6) 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 (interest in people leaving criminal legal system)
- 7) How are health systems utilizing a SDOH framework to advance understanding about why housing is an essential component of health investments?
 - How to frame homelessness work w/in 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 a holistic issue?
- *Added during discussion:* 8) How to engage payers in sustainable housing support? (ie advocacy coalition, etc.)
- Comments

- These talk about how health systems apply, but we should also call how out we work together for collective impact. Vision is really around how we come together.
- Health system is one partner. How does healthcare partner w/ CDFI, financial institutions? we're not solely driving this work.
- How to engage payors or build sustainable housing supports, long-term?
- Do people think payers can stand separately or can payment streams be integrated thru our efforts?
- Payers are linked to legislation
- Areas of Interest conversation
 - What is the justice framed in which we are looking at this issue?
 - For everything we look at, we should look at it through an equity lens, rather than looking at equity as a standalone topic.
 - Add youth
 - Navigators -- systems navigators that comprise multiple entities
 - Populations -- could be beneficial to separate out, see how they engage in programs and advocacy needed for all populations

Question and Resource Brainstorm

How to engage payers in sustainable housing support?

- What role does National Governors Assoc play in this and could there be a national conversation at that level with this network and some other payors
- What are the principles are we operating from?

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

- Time-sensitive resource, webinar tomorrow @9am focused on Los Angeles: older adults/homelessness:
<https://socialinnovation.usc.edu/event/hpri-virtual-research-symposium-older-adults-experiencing-homelessness/>
- What are the equity metrics that our partners are using and collecting?