

Health System Funders for Housing Justice

Monthly Meeting Notes

May 24, 2021 | 2-3:30 ET / 1-2:30 CT / 12-1:30 MT / 11-12:30 PT

Attendees: Rachelle, Ashley, Monica, Chyna, Jessica, Bindi, Erin, Gabriela, Anira, Marina, Kelly Kelleher, Kathryn Boyle, George

Opening & Welcome

- Review agenda for today
- Check In: Apps
 - Apple Calendar
 - MS Outlook
 - Google Maps
 - Galora (posting fresh veggies/fruit other homegrown items in your neighborhood. I get to meet folks and got several homemade jams/Chutney that has been really fun.)
 - Spotify
 - Libby - free ebooks and audiobooks through your local library
 - Poshmark - I cleaned out my closet and am selling shoes and purses galore. Trying to declutter and only keep things I love.
 - Tadpoles for Parents

April Follow Up

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How can data collection within Health Systems and across community efforts be strengthened? (Meg Arsenault)

- Aim of the pilot: how meaningful partnerships with health systems can make a meaning reduction in homelessness
 - KP, Providence St. Joseph, CommonSpirit Health
- Theme: Data and data-sharing
- Anchorage and Chattanooga - not an easy way to collect information on housing status. People have had to run reports on addresses to see if they're shelters or soup kitchens.
- Homeless response system: this pilot is focused on chronic homelessness, and going to have a focus on the system also capturing information on single adults
- Data sharing: Can we share aggregate data, rather than individual data? Is there a way to have data sharing agreement that would allow homelessness system to share by-name list data with health system (one-way)?
- How do we cross-share between health systems in one community?

- Anchorage: Trying to design process w/ set number of individuals (200) on a set number of data points outside of technology.
- Camden, NJ - able to share data across homeless systems and more upstream
- Want communities to identify improvement projects outside of data, and then to think about data as running alongside their pilot initiatives
- Questions:
 - What data would even be helpful to cross-reference? Name and DOB, or more data?
 - Ashley: Getting to a place where we have scope of work -- how do we engage legal departments in workflow? Need synergy about how we're communicating the work and its importance.
 - Jessica: Have been partnering w/ LAHSA - very one-off, required lots of hand holding. What we'd love to see is something that's bigger that can be taken to scale.
 - Kelly: Any info about children or families?
 - Meg: We are focused on single adults experiencing homelessness, specifically those in the system for a long time.
 - Alexa: Camden and data-sharing?
 - Meg: Laura Harden led work in Camden; what was unique was they used idea of case conferencing as way to share data across systems. Then were able to get data-sharing agreements in place.
 - Shavonda: Issue wasn't having data, it was how valid the data was. Was data being collected from the individual, or is it case manager identifying people's race/ethnicity?

Break Out Discussions

- Alexa's Group:
 - Based on your experience and reflection from this presentation, where do you see opportunities to dig deeper?
 - Rachelle: love their specific focus areas, but we need to continue to figure out how we advance health equity. In public policy space: I want to focus on policy solutions that will get us there
 - What are the prioritized needs for the community and where does healthcare fit in?
 - We are talking to Housing California and CSH to see where they are, how everyone is fitting in together.
 - What are the human capacity and technical capacities needed?
 - Shavonda: There's a lot of discussion right now; no one knows how it's going to happen, but it's been progressive. In 2019, when Health Homes came on the horizon, they consumed everything. There needs to be clarity of data and policy to support this longer-term.
 - Rachelle: It's not as if we haven't been collecting data. What are the learnings that we can lift up, where are the gaps? Why is it that systems aren't in place where there's common language around what data we want to retrieve? Even with data we have -- what has it told us? CMS and OMB has asked for input

- James: My frustration over last year is all too often, we come at the data and want the data to speak to us, rather than having a hypothesis, figuring out what data points we need to test that hypothesis. At a certain point, what we would benefit from is if there are common programmatic outcomes that are well-established and well-defined that we can iterate off of -- we're always trying to boil the ocean.
 - Can we lift up really successful projects/pilots -- what are their metrics?
- Shavonda: We are collecting all of this data because government requires us to collect it, not because it's meaningful to us -- we need to flip question on them: What is it telling you? What are the data components we need to change?
- Is there anyone working on any of that?
- Given what you have heard, where could this network be most impactful?
 - Work together on CMS/OMB requests for data
 - Internal learnings
 - Identifying gaps
 - Principles
- Tabitha's Group:
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Next Steps

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