9th Annual Health & Housing Convening

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Welcome

Joe McKenzie-Hamilton
West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
The Health & Housing Consortium
Opening Remarks

Justine McGovern, PhD, LMSW
Lehman College Department of Social Work
Today’s Agenda

• Opening remarks from Justine McGovern, Lehman College Department of Social Work
• Consortium Updates and Progress
• Home is Where the Health Is
• Remarks from New York State Senator for District 34, Alessandra Biaggi
• Medical Respite and MRT Housing: A Combination That Works
• DSRIP and the Future
• From Punishment to Public Health
• Discussion and Planning for 2020
• Networking Wine and Cheese Hour!
What We Do

**Research and Advocacy**
What is the scope of people with health and housing issues?
What are their unique needs?
Where are the gaps in the systems that they touch and how can we collectively address those gaps?

**Training and Resource Development**
Helping the people who are serving this population to get the information and resources they need in order to better support their clients/patients

**Cross-Sector Collaboration**
Providing forums for people from different sectors and organizations to meet, share knowledge, identify common issues, and build relationships
Notable Accomplishment in 2019

🌟 Moved towards citywide expansion
🌟 Submitted a publication for Health Affairs
🌟 Held a Strategic Planning Retreat
Research & Advocacy

Hospital Homeless Count

- In 2019, we saw some of the highest numbers in our six years of performing the count, identifying 326 people without shelter in 30 hospital EDs across 4 boroughs.
- 96 people were identified in the Bronx (nearly double the 54 in 2018).
  - 86% were unsheltered
  - 51% of the total unsheltered were identified in the Lincoln Hospital ED
  - 67% were not registered for care

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Research & Advocacy

- **Bronx Frequent Users of Systems Engagement (BronxFUSE)**
  - In partnership with CSH and the Bronx RHIO
  - Data match of highest utilizers from MCOs with DHS
  - Partnerships developed between MCOs and housing providers
  - Flex Spending Pool for housing interventions
  - Monthly case conferencing

- **Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Housing Workgroup**
  - Reconvened workgroup with 2018 downstate awardees
  - Reviewed and revised the MRT Health Home Supportive Housing Toolkit

- **Medical Respite**
  - Working with the State to find a regulatory structure
  - Established workgroup in Brooklyn
Trainings & Workshops

• Over 200 people attended trainings
• 91% of attendees rated trainings as “good” or “excellent”
• 6 trainings provided by a variety of partners
  o Overview of SSI/SSD Benefits – Legal Aid Society
  o Understanding and Treating Compulsive Hoarding – BronxWorks
  o Navigating the Hospital System – BronxWorks and Montefiore Medical Center
  o Preventing Evictions – Legal Aid Society
  o Recent Changes in Rent Laws – Legal Aid Society
  o Obtaining Rental Arrears Assistance – Legal Aid Society
• Worked with researchers from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health to improve our training program evaluation process
Trainings & Workshops

- NewYork–Presbyterian Housing Instability Training Series
  - 5 live webinars on the NYC Housing Universe
    - Intersection between health and housing
    - Emergency shelter and transitional programs
    - Permanent supportive housing
    - Affordable housing
    - Eviction prevention
  - 2 intensive workshops on CAPS/HRA 2010e and Referrals to DHS shelters
  - 6 in-person workshops on housing for specific populations: Families, Aging, Justice-Involved, Youth, People with Mental Illness

- BronxCare Housing Training Series
  - Conducted a multi-department Housing Training Needs Assessment
  - Provided 2 trainings to staff on affordable and supportive housing
Cross-Sector Collaboration

• Housing Marketplaces
  o 2 Marketplaces for Mental Health and Substance Use
  o 17 housing providers and 154 total participants
  o 96% of attendees rated Marketplaces as “good” or “excellent”
  o 8 Marketplaces to date

• Interagency Case Conferences
  o 4 case conferences attended by 57 people
  o 90% of attendees reported finding a new resource
  o 78% made a new contact

• Participated in Communities Together for Health Equity (CTHE), and served as housing expert

• Supported the United Hospital Fund (UHF) health and housing consortia roundtable
Cross-Sector Collaboration

• Bronx Health Access Supportive Housing (SH) Project
  o Conducted analysis of supportive housing buildings in the Bronx
  o Convened meetings between key BronxCare departments and 5 nearby SH providers
    ▪ BronxCare staff from psychiatry, addiction treatment, care transitions, social work, care coordination, ambulatory care, emergency department, and family medicine
    ▪ BronxWorks, HELP USA, The Bridge, Acacia Network, Comunilife, and Community Access
  o Designated contact persons for SH providers and BronxCare
  o Developed and shared resources
    ▪ Copies of consent forms used by SH providers to discuss patient/client cases with the hospitals
    ▪ An exhaustive list of all SH buildings and contacts in the Bronx
    ▪ Information on the Bronx RHIO for SH providers

• Annual Health & Housing Convening
  o 2018 Convening attended by 130 people; 100% rated good or excellent
Brooklyn Health & Housing Consortium

• Modeled on/in partnership with the Bronx Health & Housing Consortium
• Led by the Department of Population Health at NYU School of Medicine; supported by NYU Langone Health’s Community Service Plan
• Steering Committee has met quarterly since June 2018
• 9 trainings reaching 300 participants across 27 CBOs and 6 hospitals with the Legal Aid Society and Breaking Ground
  o Preventing Evictions
  o Rent Arrears Grants
  o Public Assistance Eligibility
  o Homeless Services 101
• 4 interagency case conferences reaching 65 participants focused on improving coordination between ED staff with supportive housing, homeless outreach and social service organizations
Brooklyn Health & Housing Consortium

• Abstract accepted for a *Health Affairs* theme issue on Integrating Health and Human Services together with the Bronx Consortium
  o Titled “Bridging the Divide: The Health & Housing Consortium”
• Collaborated with the Bronx Consortium on the Hospital Homeless Count and report
• Engaging hospitals, housing providers, and MCOs to discuss medical respite in Brooklyn, as well as participating in research and advocacy efforts with partners
• First Annual Convening scheduled for April 2020!

To learn more about the Brooklyn Consortium, email Harmony at Harmony.Arcilla@nyulangone.org
Stay Tuned!

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