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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• NACo Webinar: Thursday, January 5th
  “Whole Person” Care: Connecting County Health and Justice Systems for Better Inmate Care and Lower Costs

• National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty Webinar: Thursday, January 19th
  Housing Law & Policy

• DDJ Convening in Salt Lake County: Tuesday, January 24th

Next DDJ call is Wednesday, February 1, 2017
Scaling Supportive Housing: State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships

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Opening Doors

1. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 2015

2. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 2017

3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 2020

4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness
Roles of USICH

- **Coordinates** the Federal response to homelessness
- **Maximizes and leverages** the effectiveness of 19 Federal agency partners
- **Shares** best practices
- **Drives** collaborative solutions
Supportive Housing

Permanent, affordable housing combined with a range of supportive services that help people with special needs live stable and independent lives.
Impact on Health and Costs

**Impacts on Health**

- Denver study found 50% of recipients experienced improved health status, **43% had improved mental health outcomes**, and 15% reduced substance use.

- Seattle study found 30% reduction in alcohol use among chronic alcohol users.

**Impact on Health Costs**

- 24% to 34% fewer emergency room visits
- 27% to 29% fewer inpatient admissions and hospital days
- 87% fewer days in detox and fewer psychiatric inpatient admissions
- Upwards of 40% decrease in Medicaid costs
Impact on Medicaid Costs (PMPM)

MHSA (2007)
- Pre-Intervention (or Unhoused): $2,177
- Post-Intervention (or Housed): $708

Larimer & colleagues (2009)
- Pre-Intervention (or Unhoused): $612
- Post-Intervention (or Housed): $122

NY/NY III SUD only (2014)
- Pre-Intervention (or Unhoused): $2,249
- Post-Intervention (or Housed): $1,349

MHSA: Mental Health Services Administration
Larimer & colleagues (2009): Reference [130]
NY/NY III SUD only (2014): Reference [393]
Scaling Supportive Housing for Super-Utilizers

Challenges

• Existing affordable housing resources not available or targeted at super-utilizers
• Medicaid cannot cover or provide housing directly
• Super-utilizers may not be able to obtain and maintain housing without supportive services

Solutions

• Leverage housing resources – Engage housing sector to dedicate and commit housing resources for population
• Cover housing-related services under Medicaid – Cover services that support housing stability (case management, services coordination, crisis intervention, behavioral health) under Medicaid
• Integrate care with housing - Align health care and housing delivery systems to offer beneficiaries a package of housing, services, and health care
Opportunities through Medicaid

• Medicaid expansion has created possibility of nearly 100% coverage of people experiencing homelessness

• Provides incentives, tools, and options to shift focus of health care from “volume” to “value”
  • Greater interest and emphasis on care management and addressing social determinants

• Expansion of qualified providers, including community health centers and Health Care for the Homeless programs

• Efforts to rebalance long-term care from institutional to community-based settings
Adapting Supportive Housing as a Health Care Intervention

Data Driven Targeting

Assertive Outreach and Housing First

Patient Navigation/Health Care Coordination

Clinical Partnerships with Health Care Providers
Program Support for State Medicaid-Housing Agency Partnerships

- Strengthen state-level leadership and collaboration between health and housing agencies to bring supportive housing to scale

- USICH, HHS, HUD, and national partners coordinated funding across agencies and with philanthropy to launch an intensive technical assistance effort for 8 states
Aligning Health, Behavioral Health, and Housing Systems

- Strengthening interagency partnerships and planning
- Using data to identify targeted beneficiaries
- Identifying supportive housing needs, resources, and strategies
- Building provider capacity and ensuring quality
Supportive Housing Solves Multiple State Priorities

- Ending chronic homelessness
- Reaching high-need, high-cost populations
- Complying with the community integration mandate under *Olmstead v. L.C.*
- Reducing justice-system involvement among people with behavioral health needs
Discussion
Our next call is scheduled for **February 1, 2017**

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING!**