Addressing Homelessness

Senate Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health and Long Term Care
and
Senate Housing Stability & Affordability Committee
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Prevalence: Behavioral health conditions among homeless populations

Data from multiple service systems (RDA 2012) reveals homeless individuals more likely than overall individuals to:

- Be African American or Native American
- Live in high-density urban areas
- Have mental illness and substance use problems
- Receive medical treatment for injuries
- Receive cash and/or food assistance
HCA efforts to address homelessness

- Projects for Assistance in Transition for Homelessness (PATH)
- State Targeted Response Grant Peer Pathfinders
- Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS)
- Oxford House
- Chronic Homeless Policy Academy-Housing 3000
Foundational Community Supports benefits

- **Supported employment**
  - Employment assessments/planning
  - Outreach to employers
  - Connecting with community resources
  - Assisting with job applications
  - Education, training, and coaching

- **Supportive housing**
  - Housing assessments and planning
  - Outreach to landlords
  - Connecting with community resources
  - Assisting with housing applications
  - Education, training, and coaching (resolve disputes, advocacy)

"Now that I have my living situation covered, I guess we’ll start working on other stuff like my health appointments and work."

- BRIDGES Photovoice participant 2016
Foundational Community Supports enrollment

FORECAST
Original forecast estimate as of December 28, 2017
DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division

TOTAL ENROLLMENT (as of February 27, 2019)
TOTAL = 3,321

- Supported Employment Only Clients
  \( n = 1,937 \)
- Supportive Housing Only Clients
  \( n = 1,192 \)
- Both Supported Employment + Supportive Housing
  \( n = 192 \)

SOURCE: DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division, Integrated Databases
DATE: March 2019
Foundational Community Supports: Supported employment demographics (January 2019)

As of February 27, 2019

Gender:
- Female: 46%
- Male: 54%

Minority Status:
- Any Minority: 31%
- White Non-Hispanic: 69%

Age Distribution:
- 16-17: 2%
- 18-24: 15%
- 25-64: 79%
- 65+: 4%
Foundational Community Supports: Supportive housing demographics (January 2019)

As of February 27, 2019

Gender
- Female: 48%
- Male: 52%

Age Distribution
- 18-24: 6%
- 25-64: 88%
- 65+: 6%

SOURCE: DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division, Integrated Databases
DATE: March 2019
Foundational Community Supports: Supported employment clients (January 2019)

As of February 27, 2019

Medicaid Eligibility
TOTAL = 2,129

CN Aged
Medicaid-Only and Full Dual Eligibles
4%

CN and CHIP Children
11%

CN Family Medical and Pregnant Women
33%

CN Blind/Disabled
Medicaid-Only and Full Dual Eligibles
4%

ACA Expansion Adults
48%

Dual Enrollment
TOTAL = 2,129

Medicaid Enrollment Only
80%

Medicaid and Medicare
20%

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Foundational Community Supports: Supportive housing clients (January 2019)

As of February 27, 2019

SOURCE: DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division, Integrated Databases. An administrative report with this information is available at:
Foundational Community Supports: Supported employment clients (January 2019)

Referral for Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) TOTAL = 2,129

- Referred for HEN Services 24%

As of February 27, 2019

Chronic Homelessness

- Chronically Homeless 10%

Meets HUD Criteria for Chronic Homelessness TOTAL = 2,129
Foundational Community Supports: Supportive housing clients (January 2019)

Other Housing Assistance Program Eligibility

Referral for Housing and Essential Needs (HEN)
TOTAL = 1,384

- Referred for HEN Services 32%

Chronic Homelessness

- Chronically Homeless 26%
  n = 362

Meets HUD Criteria for Chronic Homelessness
TOTAL = 1,384

As of February 27, 2019
Questions?

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