



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Bridge Housing

HOUSING FOR HEALTH
HOUSING TODAY, HOUSING TOMORROW

Background:

- ▶ Signed into law in September of 2022, AB 179
- ▶ 1.5 Billion Dollars statewide to Counties and Tribal entities
- ▶ 3.6 Million awarded to Nevada County Behavioral Health
- ▶ Funds will cover 3 years of BHBH programming in Nevada County
- ▶ BHBH programs will be implemented in alignment with the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) program, prioritizing BHBH program resources for CARE participants.

What is a Bridge Housing Program ?

- ▶ **30 BEDS** OF INTERIM, LOW BARRIER HOUSING
- ▶ **TARGETS** INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
- ▶ **PRIORITIZES** UNSHELTERED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
- ▶ **INTEGRATES** INTO “CARE COURT” PROVIDING INTERIM HOUSING TO INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN COURT-BASED PROGRAMS.
- ▶ **PROVIDES** WRAP AROUND CASE MANAGEMENT AT BHBH SITES
- ▶ **LEVERAGES** CALAIM – ECM AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS
- ▶ **GOALS:** STABILITY, COORDINATED ENGAGEMENT, NAVIGATION, PERMANENT HOUSING.

Lessons Learned – Building Blocks



Operation Sugar Loaf and HEARTH, COVID Hotel Programs



Quality data and case conferencing



HOME Team – integration of care between Physical, mental and SUD



Low Barrier shelter



STONG COLLABORATION AND GOOD PARTNERSHIPS ...

Laying the groundwork for success:

- ▶ Convene an advisory council of individuals with lived experience.
- ▶ Engage with Law Enforcement.
- ▶ Source documentation.
- ▶ Signed agreements between case managers and participants.
- ▶ Identification of potential participants through collaboration:
(Courts, HOME Team, ECM, NCBH, partnering stakeholders)
- ▶ Targeting geographic locations.
- ▶ Identify master-leased housing
- ▶ Provide community and neighborhood engagement for identified locations.

The Plan:

- ▶ Ramp up in the first 90 days utilizing local motels.
- ▶ Hire live-in positions for leased locations.
- ▶ Daily and weekly wrap around case management engagement with participants.
- ▶ Weekly case conferencing.
- ▶ Weekly meetings with participants in a group setting.
- ▶ Comprehensive data tracking utilizing HMIS.

Evidence Based Practices: (The Tool Kit)

- ▶ Housing first.
- ▶ Harm reduction.
- ▶ Critical Time Intervention.
- ▶ Trauma Informed Care.
- ▶ Diversity Equity and Inclusion.
- ▶ Case Conferencing

Outcomes

- ▶ Provide 30 new beds of new capacity for Nevada County's Continuum of Care.
- ▶ Homeless Action Plan metrics – reduction in unsheltered homelessness.
- ▶ Navigate participants into permanent housing utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers and Rapid Rehousing dollars.
- ▶ Utilize streamlined approach to house people faster.
- ▶ Provide resources for the most impacted areas of the community.
- ▶ Leverage CalAIM Community Supports and ECM.