Alameda County Care Connect
A Whole Person Care Pilot

Homelessness and Health

Taken from Alameda County: 2017 Point-in-Time Count and Survey
Grace

- History of multiple 5150s for grave disability and suicidality
- Bipolar disorder and severe lung disease
- Her mother died and she became homeless
- Transported by ambulance from the field 43 times in 6 months
- Recently living on the streets

Whole Person Care Pilots and Homelessness

What if we included housing assistance as a treatment for physical and mental illness?

- Pilot project in 18 CA counties
- Focus on high utilizers of multiple crisis systems
- Can only do direct services for Medi-Cal clients who meet the criteria
- “Everything but” program— cannot pay monthly rent, but can pay for housing navigation and tenancy sustaining
AC Care Connect Focus Populations

- People who are **homeless** (~10k)
- People who are **high utilizers of multiple systems** (~6k), and
- **Care Coordination Population:** people with complex conditions who are receiving care management in one system, but require care coordination across multiple systems (>20k, including above)

Examples of New Programs

- **Preventing homelessness:**
  - Healthy Homes/Fixing to Stay
  - Landlord help line 24/7
  - Housing help line 24/7 with Housing Problem Solving
- **Making housing available to very low income people:**
  - Implementation of Coordinated Entry (braided funding with HUD)
  - Community Living Association
  - Landlord incentives
- **Getting people off the street:**
  - Doubling outreach
  - Move in fund
  - Emergency shelter funds
  - IHSS for Homeless individuals
  - SSI application help
**Human Infrastructure: Sharing Expertise**

*Uneven Expertise*

*Raising All Boats*

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**How Many People Served?**

*By April 2018.....*

- **Case Management:** 750 client slots
- **Housing Transition Navigation:** 400 client slots
- **Tenancy Sustaining Services:** 1,100 client slots
- **Skilled Nursing Transitions:** 62 client slots

*Note that other new services will be available beyond the bundles: Homeless outreach, housing education and legal assistance, and client move-in assistance.*
**Overall timeline**

- **Start-up:** Jan-Jun 2017
- **Phase 1 Pilot:** Jul 2017 - Mar 2018
- **Phase 2 Pilot:** Apr 2018 - 2019
- **Scale-up, Sustainability Planning:** 2019-2020
- **Wrap-up & sustainability:** 2021

**Grace in 2018**

- Grace is enrolled in Care Connect.
  - A plan for emergency housing is created with her
  - Aunt Joy becomes Grace’s IHSS provider and agrees to being Grace’s safe haven
- Grace loses a friend and cycles down again to homelessness
- HOWEVER, the plan is recorded in the CHR and John George personnel are able to see it when Grace comes into Psych Emergency.
- Aunt Joy is called and comes to pick Grace up
- With new family support and a safe place to stay, Grace has longer periods of sobriety. She gets medical and psychiatric care at Pathways and begins to write music again, her passion
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Plan BIG

Start small...

... grow...

& sustain!