

# Milwaukee County Housing Division New Programs and Updates



# Chronically Homeless Initiative

- ▶ Currently in vetting process to determine functional zero status
- ▶ Weekly conference calls with HUD TA
- ▶ Looking forward to being able to prioritize differently once initiative is complete
- ▶ Working with local Institute for Community Alliances staff on benchmark review data
- ▶ Contact: Eric Collins-Dyke; [eric.collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:eric.collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

# Homeless Prevention

- ▶ Partnership with Impact
- ▶ Focused on mitigating inflow into homeless services system
- ▶ Funding for 2 prevention navigators
- ▶ Funding for prevention assistance
- ▶ Initial iteration is a pilot - to explore what works and what doesn't
- ▶ Use data from pilot to demonstrate efficacy
- ▶ Contacts: Emily Kenney, Mary Lockwood, and Eric Collins-Dyke
- ▶ [ekenney@impactinc.org](mailto:ekenney@impactinc.org) ; [mlockwood@impactinc.org](mailto:mlockwood@impactinc.org)
- ▶ [eric.collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:eric.collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

# Eviction Prevention

- ▶ The Eviction Prevention Program focuses on housing retention by, among other things, providing one-time financial assistance to individuals that are faced with impending homelessness
- ▶ Currently a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program or other housing subsidy program participant
- ▶ Have a 5-day eviction notice for non-payment of rent
- ▶ Arrears must be within 90 days of referral date
- ▶ Facing an unforeseen financial hardship or experiencing extenuating circumstances beyond their control
- ▶ Have future ability to pay ongoing rent (if applicable)
- ▶ Individuals with a history of homelessness will be prioritized
- ▶ Contact: [maricela.gaona@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:maricela.gaona@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

# Milwaukee Health Care Partnership

- ▶ The Housing Division is collaborating on a two-year demonstration project with the MHCP to integrate Housing Navigation services on care teams.
- ▶ Demonstration targets individuals who are both literally homeless, high frequency users of the hospital system and are uninsured or on non HMO Medicaid. Clients are met with in the inpatient setting to identify a short term housing plan upon discharge with a goal of permanent housing placement in the future.
- ▶ This program is aimed at capturing the stabilizing effect of safe housing on patient's health with an eye towards greater cross sector collaboration in serving this vulnerable population.
- ▶ Contact: [Emily.Whitcomb@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Emily.Whitcomb@milwaukeecountywi.gov) ; [gstadter@mkehcp.org](mailto:gstadter@mkehcp.org)

# Milwaukee County/Benedict Center BJA Grant

- ▶ Collaboration between the Housing Division and Benedict Center, focusing on assisting women involved in the sex trade, human trafficking, and experiencing opioid addiction
- ▶ 3-year, BJA grant
- ▶ Systems level diversion project that ensures a continuum of recovery services is established
- ▶ Other partners: Milwaukee County BHD, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County DA, Southside Organizing Center, UCC, Meta House, and Medical College of Wisconsin
- ▶ Contacts: [ShaRhonda.Reid@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:ShaRhonda.Reid@milwaukeecountywi.gov) ;  
[Stephanie.Nowak@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Nowak@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

# Milwaukee County/Medical Society Partnership

- ▶ Medical Society of Milwaukee County and Housing Division Navigators, will collaborate to explore housing opportunities for referrals from MSMC physicians
- ▶ Pilot program to explore housing needs, current gaps, and to show efficacy regarding the housing intervention in relation to the utilization of emergency services
- ▶ Partnering on healthcare aspects of homeless outreach
- ▶ Contacts: [ShaRhonda.Reid@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:ShaRhonda.Reid@milwaukeecountywi.gov) ; [eric.collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:eric.collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

# Housing Division/DSD Collaboration

- ▶ Milwaukee County Housing Division recently began partnering with the Disability Services Division, as we aim to become a provider of integrated services across DHHS. The Housing Division will provide DSD in-house housing support, resources, and interventions to DSD consumers.
- ▶ DSD call center was receiving a substantial amount of calls inquiring about housing and the team at DSD and one of the Community Intervention Specialists from the Housing Division started a process to assist in the needed areas. The collaboration is showing early success in the direction they are taking. Each program area under DSD will receive training and updates on referrals.
- ▶ Terri Ellzey, the assigned Community Intervention Specialist will meet with the Enrollment Counselors, Wednesday, July 10, 2019 to share the process.
- ▶ To date we have provided 12 interventions with most calls being Category 2 and a few Category 4, but those individuals were already in shelter seeking assistance as their time was expiring. Out of the 12 interventions 9 are documented in Service Point.
- ▶ Contact: [Terri.Ellzey@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Terri.Ellzey@milwaukeecountywi.gov)



# Downtown BID Outreach Coordinator

- ▶ Partnership between Housing Division and BID #21
- ▶ Targeted outreach to BID jurisdiction
- ▶ Provide information, referrals, linkages, and advocacy to assist clients in accessing services and resources
- ▶ Provide comprehensive street outreach services, with the ultimate goal of moving them off the street and into permanent housing
- ▶ Respond to concerns about people experiencing homelessness in the area from police, business owners, residents, and downtown visitors
- ▶ Collaborative working relationship with downtown ambassadors
- ▶ Contacts: [Beth.Lappen@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Beth.Lappen@milwaukeecountywi.gov) ; [eric.Collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:eric.Collins-dyke@milwaukeecountywi.gov)