Behavioral Health Administration’s Homeless Service Programs

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Mission

The Maryland Department of Health’s Behavioral Health Administration will develop an integrated process for planning, policy, and services to ensure that a coordinated quality system of care is available to individuals with behavioral health conditions.

The Behavioral Health Administration will—through publicly-funded services and supports—promote recovery, resiliency, health, and wellness for individuals who have or are at risk for emotional, substance-related, addictive, and/or psychiatric disorders, to improve their ability to function effectively in their communities.
Behavioral Health Administration

Overview

• Oversee all Housing Initiatives supported by Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

• Oversee all Homeless Services Initiatives supported by BHA

• Oversee Recovery Support Services Initiatives supported by BHA

BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives

Behavioral Health Administration Initiatives

• Current Federal Grants from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

• State Initiatives to pilot Evidence Based Practices and proven strategies that have worked
**BHA's Homeless Services Initiatives**

**Federal Grants**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH): **FFY 2019: $1,271,711** Annually (Amount can change due to grant being a formula grant).

- States Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI): **$8,445,290** (Three Year Grant, which ended September 30, 2019).

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC): **$5,180,672** Annually (Amount can change due to competitive process).

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**BHA’s Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants**

**Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**

- Individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness or a co-occurring disorder

- PATH funding is distributed to Baltimore City and all 23 counties

- In FFY 18, Maryland enrolled 1,686 individuals into PATH

- In FFY 19, Maryland is estimated to enroll 1,847 individuals into PATH
### PATH Eligible Activities

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<td>Outreach services</td>
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<td>Habilitation and rehabilitation services</td>
<td>Community mental health services, including recovery support services (e.g., peer specialist/recovery coaches)</td>
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<td>Case management services, Supportive and supervisory services in residential settings</td>
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<td>Referral for primary health services, job training, educational services, and relevant housing services</td>
<td>Housing services, as specified in Section 522(b)(10) of the PHS Act, as amended (U.S.C. § 290cc-22(b)), including: Minor renovation, expansion, and repair of housing</td>
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<td>Costs associated with matching eligible individuals who are experiencing homelessness with appropriate housing situations</td>
<td>One-time rental payments to prevent eviction</td>
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### States Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI)

- **Maryland Collaboration for Homeless Enhancement Services (MD CHES) - September 30, 2015 to September 29, 2019.**

- **Services are being provided in Anne Arundel and Carroll County.**

- **Services are available to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness who have a mental illness, substance use disorder or a both disorders.**

- **Piloted new Evidence Based Practice in the State of Maryland: Critical Time Intervention.**
Continuum of Care (CoC)

• Formerly the Shelter Plus Care Program

• Tenant and leasing-based rental subsidy program

• Provides permanent housing and supportive services to individuals with disabilities and to families with children in which one adult member has a disability

• The target population
  • Individuals who have been incarcerated in a local detention center for less than 90 days who were homeless prior to incarceration (based on HUD's definition) and meet BHA's disability criteria;
  • And those who are living in non-institutional settings (local detention center/jail, prisons, or a hospital) who meet HUD's definition of homelessness and BHA's disability criteria

BHA’s Homeless Services Initiatives-Federal Grants

Continuum of Care

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<td>Lower Shore (2) (Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)</td>
<td>Prince George’s (2)</td>
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Continuum of Care

- In SFY 2019, BHA received $5,180,672 and in SFY 2020, will receive $5,327,946 for 16 grants

- In SFY 2019, 406 households were served. BHA is funded to serve a minimum of 305.

BHA’s Homeless Services Initiatives

State Funded Initiatives
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State Funded Initiatives

• SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

• Housing First Pilot Project

• Homeless ID Project

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

• Federal initiative that assists individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and diagnosed with a mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

• MD has the third highest SOAR approval rate in the country

• MD’s average approval rate for initial SOAR SSI/SSDI cases was 98% in SFY 2019
Housing First Pilot

BHA and Behavioral Health System Baltimore in collaboration with the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County Core Service Agency/Local Behavioral Health Authorities

- Developed and implemented the Housing First Project
- Serve individuals in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County
- This project provides assistance to individuals to locate, secure, and maintain permanent housing
- In SFY 2019, 72 individuals were served

Services include:

- Advocates that assist individuals in securing housing and communicating with landlords, and provide supported housing services to help individuals maintain housing
- Representative payee services for individuals who are required to have a payee by the Social Security Administration
- Housing subsidies to assist in making housing affordable for those in the program
BHA’s Homeless Services Initiatives - State Funded

Housing First Pilot (3)

Eligible individuals:
Those with mental illness or a mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder who are:

- Homeless or at risk for homelessness and served by the SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) Program
- To be discharged from a state psychiatric hospital to live in any of the three jurisdictions

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BHA’s Homeless Services Initiatives - State Funded

Housing First Pilot (4)

Eligible individuals (continued):

- Transitioning from an RRP in any of the three jurisdictions to permanent housing
- All individuals served through this project must have incomes at least 50 percent below the area median income (AMI)
Homeless ID Project

- To assist individuals experiencing homelessness or who are in imminent risk of becoming homeless and who have a mental illness or co-occurring substance use disorder with accessing behavioral health services, medical services, entitlements

- Provides State Identification Cards and Birth Certificates

- In SFY 2019, BHA funded 590 IDs and 443 Birth Certificates

BHA’s Goals Moving Forward

- Promote Evidence Based Practices: Permanent Supported Housing and Critical Time Intervention

- Look at new opportunities to promote homeless services and the EBP that support reducing homelessness

- Harm Reduction and Housing First
BHA’s Goals Moving Forward (2)

- Trainings on providing services to individuals who identify as LGBTQ and are experiencing homelessness, harm reduction, administering Naloxone

- Opportunities to partner with DHCD and local housing authorities to expand housing for individuals with disabilities

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