

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE NEW MEXICO

Action Plan Overview

NEW MEXICO H² ACTION PLAN¹

New Mexico H² Target Populations: People experiencing homelessness in need of health care services and treatment; and low-income people living with HIV/AIDS who need housing and health care assistance.

Goals and Strategies: New Mexico's Leadership Team has identified three goals, each of which focuses on a key area of activity essential to achieving their vision of improving health and housing stability for New Mexico's neediest residents.

Use Data to Demonstrate the Connection Between Housing and Health Care and Integrate Homeless Assistance and Health Care Systems to Improve Client Outcomes.

- Evaluate Current Data Collection Points, Methods, Storage, and Access.
- Align Data Collection Tools and Procedures Across Systems So Comparisons are Meaningful and to Reduce Duplication and Client Burden.
- Implement Data Sharing Processes, Possibly by Creating a Data Warehouse to Collect Data from All Systems.
- Use Data in a Meaningful Way to Design Changes in Practices to Yield Better Outcomes.

Leverage System Integration to Provide Ready Access to Stable, Affordable Housing and Comprehensive Health Care for People Experiencing or at Risk of Homelessness to Improve Housing Stability and Health Outcomes for New Mexico.

- Increase Affordable Housing Stock (Particularly in Rural Areas) and Access to Unit Availability for Units Accessible to the H² Target Population.
- Foster Housing Stability and Retention Through Coordination and Partnerships.
- Increase Transportation Between Health Care and Housing Venues.

Maximize New Mexico's Current Resources and Develop New Resources to Address the Housing and Health Care Needs of People Experiencing Homelessness.

- Increase Access to and Enrollment in Medicaid and Social Security Income.
- Maximize Efficient and Thorough Use of Current Medicaid Program.
- Create the Financing Option for an Intensive Case Management and/or Critical Time Intervention for People Experiencing Homelessness.
- Increase Use of Medicaid-Reimbursable Certified Peer Specialists and Community Health Workers.
- Secure Funding From Resources Outside the Homeless Assistance System.
- Engage in Work Force Development and System Capacity Building.

¹ The New Mexico H² Action Plan Draft is currently being finalized by the Leadership Team, and therefore the Goals and Strategies presented here are subject to change.