

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE NEW YORK

Action Plan Overview

UPSTATE NEW YORK H² ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW¹

Goals and Strategies: Upstate New York has identified four goals, each of which focuses on a key area of activity essential to achieving their vision of improving health and housing stability for New York's neediest residents. Consensus strategies agreed on by members of the Upstate New York Leadership Team are listed below.

Improve Data Quality, Strategic Integration, and Analysis to Better Understand the Comprehensive Needs of Clients to Reduce Client Burden and Improve Housing Stability and Health Outcomes

- Create PR/advocacy campaign to promote the importance of data collection and sharing and to secure buy-in from organizations that are hesitant to share data.
- Create regional data work groups to share ideas, obstacles, successes.
- Determine what data is needed and not currently collected/shared.

Foster Strategic and Intentional Partnerships Between Key Stakeholders at the Local, County, and State Levels to Create an Integrated Health Care and Housing System That Maximizes Resources and Improves Outcomes for People Experiencing Homelessness

- Form, foster, and execute critical partnerships to integrate health care and housing.
- Improve discharge planning processes/protocols at the county and state levels.

Increase Access to and Effective Utilization of Health Care and Housing Services

- Increase access to behavioral health services.
- Address transportation as a major barrier in rural communities.
- Expand capacity – including staffing, range of service models, and Medicaid billing ability - of community-based agencies to provide comprehensive support services in both scattered-site settings and facility-based programs.

Allow Providers of Homeless Services to Draw Down Medicaid and Other Sources of Revenue in Order to Sustain and Expand Services and Supports to Individuals Experiencing or at Risk of Homelessness

- Increase capacity to bill Medicaid for services that support housing access and stability.
- Work toward 100% enrollment in Medicaid for all eligible clients.

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