HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H[2]) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE VIRGINIA
Action Plan Overview

VIRGINIA'S H[2] ACTION PLAN: BUILDING HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS THAT WORK TOGETHER[1]

Virginia H[2] Plan Objective: To improve client lives, health outcomes, and housing stability by transforming and integrating housing and health care delivery systems.

Virginia H[2] Target Population: Low Income People Qualifying for Public Assistance to Meet Their Housing and Health Care Needs Who Are:
- Chronically homeless; and/or
- Living with HIV/AIDS and are disabled.

Goals and Strategies: Virginia has identified five goals, each of which focuses on a key area of activity essential to achieving their objective.

Ensure That Every Person In The Target Population Has Access To Housing And To The Support Services Needed For Ongoing Residential Stability

- Explore ways to simplify financing for permanent supportive housing and maximize all opportunities to leverage resources for current and future operations and services.

Enhance Access To Health And Behavioral Health Services Needed To Maximize Health, Manage Ongoing Conditions, And Facilitate Housing Retention

- Identify and enroll eligible members of the Target Population into Medicaid and connect members of the Target Population who fall within the insurance gap to appropriate health services.

- Develop innovative new ways of using existing health care resources to create a program that provides intensive services that support housing retention to the Target Population.

Improve Coordination and Collaboration Between the Housing and Health Care Systems at Both The Systems And Service Levels

- Promote effective care coordination and case management that jointly focus on housing stability and improved health.

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[1] Draft pending Virginia H[2] Leadership Team review meeting.

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Use Data To Inform Decision-Making In Order To Enhance System Efficiency And Improve Quality Of Care And Outcomes

- Strengthen data collection, analysis, and use in decision-making.

Support H² with Complementary Efforts Currently Underway in Virginia

- Increase the supply of permanent affordable housing units, including Permanent Supportive Housing and Move On Housing.
- Focus and align funding resources toward Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Develop rapid re-housing programs and resources for high need members of the Target Population throughout the State.
- Maximize effective use of existing housing resources.
- Strengthen links between Target Population and available housing, supportive services, and health care through outreach, engagement, and education.
- Maximize use of available Medicaid resources and build upon existing health care services.
- Promote statewide implementation of housing navigator and health home programs that link health and housing systems of care.
- Enhance and revise existing data systems to allow for comprehensive and consistent data collection and sharing.