

| Virtual Roundtable #1 – Affordable Housing and Supportive Services | | | | | |
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| Please select the nature of your involvement in the homeless service system. | | | | | |
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| Nonprofit organization/fair-based org/service provider Other (Please specify in the questions box) | There is a great need for ongoing funding for supportive services, especially intensive community based supports. Much of this funding is short term (grants) but the services for PSH are designed to be long term. There has been an influx of money for capital but the dollars for supportive services have not kept up. | Choice in housing is also important. There needs to be a realization that not everyone wants a big home or a single site. Choice is key for individuals experiencing the type of trauma those experiencing homelessness have. | It would be important to ensure that funding is available for agencies to either hire emergency staff or pay for current staff to shift job duties temporarily during emergencies. Also, locally, city staff were pulled from their day jobs to assist but many did not have the proper training to respond to mental health crises/trauma and also suffered compassion fatigue. Training for anyone stepping in in these situations is vital to prevent burnout of the staff and ensure the people being served are not retraumatized. | | |
| Nonprofit organization/fair-based org/service provider | Consultant interested in learning more about the industry | but, two people could be one household and use one voucher to rent that unit together | | We do that here in Tarrant County | |
| Nonprofit organization/fair-based org/service provider | Yes it has to be one voucher per lease this is a PHA req | | | | |
| Nonprofit organization/fair-based org/service provider | Please answer when appropriate - Regarding the term "affordable housing" ... The term supposedly means that the rent is not more than 30% of a persons monthly income. However, so many of our unsheltered clients are disabled and earning only \$849 a month. This affordable housing is \$283 a month. There are no places with rents of \$283 a month that we know of except at the Commerce First Village in Austin. It seems the term "deeply affordable housing with rents of \$250-\$400" should be included in the conversation. Until that happens the broader public will be misled by the term "affordable" housing and when communities like ours build affordable housing with rents as "low" as \$1,200 a month, which is affordable for someone with a \$3,600 income. So my question is can the terminology I've used above be included? | Can't see any comments. Can those be emailed? Tchard@phoo.org. Thank you. | | | |
| Other (Please specify in the questions box) | SGI Ventures has partnered with Austin Affordable Housing Corp (nonprofit affiliate of HACA) to develop a 100 unit PSH development in Austin called Cady Lofts | | | | |
| Local government official (e.g. city, county level) | Tenant buyling is definitely on the rise | | | | |
| Other (Please specify in the questions box) | Government entity | | | | |
| Other (Please specify in the questions box) | have a question regarding relocation policies | dallas has housed 2 people in one unit | | | |
| Other (Please specify in the questions box) | being able to use it because landlords refuse to accept it. I think its important for a movement towards making it legal to discriminate against ppl with section 8 vouchers. There are cities such as Chicago, I remember it became illegal | quality app for rental assistance, the amounts paid to landlords for rental assistance. Consider alternative housing options such as mine (for profit) | | | |
| Nonprofit organization/fair-based org/service provider Nonprofit organization/fair-based org/service provider | Thank you. Sorry about not being heard. The main issue I see in all our discussions is the legislature must address the issue of discrimination in all matters involving homelessness. No matter what strategies we implement, if there isn't willingness to provide the help needed we are cut off from an opportunity desperately needed. | | | | |
| Local government official (e.g. city, county level) | Recommendations to Legislature for Source of Income protections for households supported by either a program of Housing Choice Vouchers to increase affordable housing accessibility. City and County APRA Funds are not being used for Homeless continuity or in past crisis situations. Would love for APRA funds to be available for motel vouchers to individuals in emergency situations due to extreme weather conditions. We have no choices for the homeless in Tarrant County. | Incentive the local collaboration between CoCs, entitlement localities, and HOME P.Js | Priority addition: To ensure the quality of services provided to persons experiencing homelessness incorporates Evidence-Based Practices and identified Best Practices of the service type. For example ensuring that PSH have both the rental assistance necessary as well as behavioral health services, physical health services, substance misuse services, and housing stability assistance incorporating Trauma Informed Care, Harm Reduction, etc. | Allowing localities to create and implement rent-controlled ordinances in situations of volatile housing markets to increase housing stability and reduce returns to homelessness. | Thanks anyway, seem like a problem on my side. I was going to say, in the FY2022 CoC Program NOFO, HUD awarded additional points for funding consideration to new programs which identified dedicated services from health care providers through MOU and in-kind match in the budget. |
| | | Oops I thought this was the chat. | | | |