



Ending Chronic Homelessness: Conference Track

Recommended workshops for conference participants focused on ending chronic homelessness

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Workshops/Roundtables I

1.10 Working to Recover: Employment, Mental Illness, Addiction, and Housing

Other Suggestions:

1.9 Hitting the Pavement: Engaging People on the Street

1.12 Healthcare Matters: Funding and Providing Health Services

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm: Workshops/Roundtables II

2.10 Come on In: Low Demand Housing

Other Suggestions:

2.12 Lasting Relationships: Working with Landlords

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007:

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Workshops/Roundtables III

3.8 Maximizing Consumer Decision Making

Other Suggestions:

3.10 Stop the Revolving Door: Jails and Homelessness

3.11 From the Front Line: Insights from Case Managers

10:45 am – 12:15 pm: Workshops IV

4.9 Moving On From Permanent Supportive Housing

Other Suggestions:

4.1 Hot off the Press: New Research on Homelessness

4.10 Safe Exits: Moving from Institutions to Communities

4.11 Cognitive Impairments in Homeless Individuals

2:15 pm – 4:15 pm: Workshops/Roundtables V

5.7 The Key to Ending Chronic Homelessness: Scattered Site Approaches

Other Suggestions:

5.13 Helping People with Substance Use Disorders Stay in Housing

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2007

9:30 am – 11:00 am: Workshop VI

6.12 Get it Done: Partnerships that Get Results

Other Suggestions:

6.1 Special Delivery: Home-Based Case Management

6.13 Follow the Dollar: Conducting Your Own Cost Studies



Conference Track: Workshop Descriptions

Descriptions of recommended workshops for conference track on chronic homelessness

1.10 Working to Recover: Employment, Mental Illness, Addiction, and Housing

For many people who experience homelessness, once they stabilize their housing, the next step is to find employment. For people with mental illness or substance use problems, employment can help support the recovery process. This workshop will present effective employment programs for people with disabilities, with a focus on how employment assists recovery.

2.10 Come on In: Low Demand Housing

If you let them in, they will come. Increasingly permanent supportive housing projects are targeting the hardest to serve and the most treatment-resistant individuals. Workshop speakers will describe how supportive housing projects can lower their barriers and house people with the most challenging health and substance use problems.

3.8 Maximizing Consumer Decision Making

Consumer choice is often a critical ingredient for success in achieving housing stability and treatment. This workshop is designed for caseworkers and program directors who serve people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders and who are trying to maximize consumer or tenant participation.

4.9 Moving On From Permanent Supportive Housing

Some residents of permanent supportive housing progress in their recovery and become more self-sufficient, and they often choose to leave for other housing settings. This workshop will explore strategies for helping people exit permanent supportive housing, including what's next for housing and how to link clients with community supports.

5.7 The Key to Ending Chronic Homelessness: Scattered Site Approaches

Put together a few tenant based vouchers, a consumer oriented service team, a Housing First philosophy, and what do you have? A powerful strategy for ending homelessness for people with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Pioneered by the Pathways to Housing Program in New York, this Housing First strategy has been successfully replicated in dozens of cities. Workshop speakers will describe some of the challenges they encountered and how they implemented a successful Housing First program targeting chronically homeless individuals.

6.12 Get it Done: Partnerships that Get Results

Everybody recognizes the importance of partnerships, but few people have a strategic framework for engaging in those partnerships. Workshop speakers will describe models of partnerships to end chronic homelessness, how those partnerships are formed, and how they are structured to obtain maximum benefit.