



Increasing Health and Housing Outcomes for Older Adults in Oakland County



Presented by Community Housing Network

Background

In 2019, the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) was awarded a Healthy Aging grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF) to plan for better health and housing outcomes for Oakland County residents aged 55+ who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. Over the course of 2019 and 2020, MCAH and its partners convened and conducted a landscape assessment of current Oakland County services and resources geared toward older people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Key Findings: Lack of care coordination between housing and healthcare systems & Lack of integrated information and data sharing

After a pause brought on by the Covid pandemic, MCAH and CHN reconnected with stakeholders in 2022 Michigan Health Endowment Fund awarded a second Healthy Aging grant for \$450,000 to launch implementation strategies over the next two years

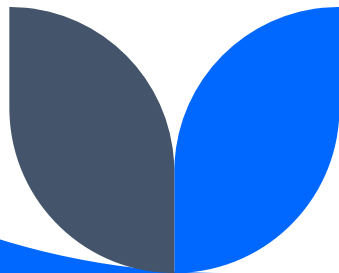
Collaboration of Agencies

- ❖ MCAH - Serving as the “backbone” organization. Project fiduciary, convener, facilitator, and host of the integrated information system.
- ❖ CHN - Host Housing Navigator positions, housing expertise, ongoing partnership and systems development.
- ❖ Core Planning Team
 - ❖ Population expertise
 - ❖ Specialized resources and programs
 - ❖ Coordination with Navigators and information systems



Core Planning Team Organizations

- MCAH
- CHN
- The Baldwin Center
- HAVEN
- SAGE Metro Detroit
- Jewish Family Services
- Easterseals MORC
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B
- PACE Southeast Michigan
- Oakland County Health Division
- Red Maple Resources (Consulting Team)



Supporting Strategies

- ❖ Identifying older adults at risk through data matching
- ❖ Connections to referrals and resources
- ❖ Enabling communications between healthcare and social services agencies



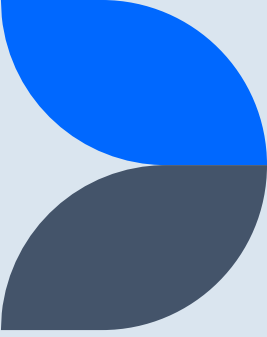
Key Strategies

- Data Integration
- Housing Navigation
- Collective Advocacy
- Systems Communication

Outcomes and Benefits

- Demonstrated benefits to older adults resulting from preventing homelessness, housing the unhoused, and improving and maintaining people's quality of health, leading to policy & systems changes
- Elimination of siloed information across healthcare and housing systems, which will result in more responsive systems of care
- Reduce health disparities and promote health equity
- Measurable improvements of services and coordinated care among healthcare and housing providers as they relate to older adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness





CHN Housing Navigation

CHN will host two Housing Navigator positions responsible for connecting with healthcare providers and health plan services, as well as older adults & caregivers, to prevent homelessness, increase awareness and education regarding housing services among healthcare providers, and assist older adults in accessing safer housing facilities.

While the Housing Navigators will use person-centered planning processes and trauma-informed interventions when working with older adults, educating health/housing providers about solutions to shared pain points across systems will also be prioritized.



Thank you!

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