Health System Funders for Housing Justice

Monthly Meeting Notes

November 15, 2021 | 2-3:30 ET / 1-2:30 CT / 12-1:30 MT / 11-12:30 PT

***Attendees:***

1. Monica Buhlig
2. Brian Tujillo
3. James Keinker
4. Anira Khlok
5. Nicole Wilson
6. Ashley Brand
7. Shavonda Weber-Christmas

**Welcome & Check Ins**

* Review agenda for today
* Check In:
  + review mapping exercise

**Health System Funders Mapping**

**Discussion with Network Members**

* advocacy and policy. we are not looking to duplicate work but lift up work being done outside of this group
* Alexa- alignments or gaps identified in agenda for priorities of targeted groups in public policy
* Anira Klohk (chat)- ...I'm interested in the randomized [control] trial with housing first for youth/young adult/homelessness as Kelly from Nationwide Children's Hospital noted.
* Monica- policy groups reach out to healthcare, we just want links between health and homlessness. not happening as often as it should, only being prioritized when lifted up. important to improve health outcomes. learning how people are leveraging their health voice (not necessarily in an advocacy manner)
  + data sharing helps to inform strategy and policy work
* Ashley- how does policy work with programming? community social determinative health, best practices, data points speaking to the number of individuals served. What should we be thinking from programming to elevate policy?
* James- internal advocacy team engaged in building but capacity may be limited
* Alexa- where is data for program and policy collaboration?
* James- don't run internal studies on work, getting better at how to quantify work. what does the field say from a community based and who will benefit is the basis for funding. longitudinal perspectives
  + dollars and projects
* Top issues from Mapping exercise
  + Medical Respite
  + Medical-Legal Partnership
  + Affordable Housing
    - optional exploratory working group
  + Data Sharing/ Matching/ Collecting
* Ashley- impacting rural and urban areas, what are some consistent opportunities and best practices? what are the roles of the health systems and the health plans? making it less complicated for community partners. add that we are tying these issues into the continuum of care. greater good of the community and not just for a specific population.
* Tabitha- are there opportunities to bring more funders to the table?
* Shavonda- goal is always to be more of a general philanthropic entity but housed within a specific health system that has goals so there are restraints. there could be with input from the group, or documentation coming from the work, to inform a broad health plan showing that outcomes affect health. not for them, but useful.
* Monica- are you aware of the context of the whole? elevating additional demand to community org, but fitting into a system that's meaningful. business deals, vendor, relationship, but haven't approached this work the same. how can we be influenced by other funders or a larger context to know what role we can play?
* Alexa- even if we don't have the answers, we can find the key questions health systems are thinking about.

**Next Steps**

* Survey
* Upcoming Meetings (2:00-3:30PM)
  + December 13th
* Upcoming Learning Opportunities