

Homeless Partnership in Monroe County

CCSI is pleased to have been awarded a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant to support the “Homeless Partnership in Monroe County,” which is being implemented in partnership with the Monroe County Office of Mental Health, Priority Services Team, under Rebecca Maynard, Chief Priority Services. James Felicita,



Rapid Engagement Delivery (RED) and Service Access Coordinator has assumed the role of Project Director. The five-year grant period extends from September 30, 2018 – September 29, 2023, with the services to begin by January 1st.

The Homeless Partnership in Monroe County seeks to improve access to, and retention in, services to support adults, aged 18+, with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) or Co-Occurring Disorders (SMI/Substance Use Disorders) who are homeless to be successful in recovery and in maintaining stable housing. The project goals are to:

- Increase the capacity of the behavioral health and homeless systems to identify and engage persons with SMI and/or COD who are homeless and not engaged in service.
- Identify sustainable permanent housing options for individuals enrolled in the Project.
- Provide evidence-based, integrated mental health and substance use interventions for COD treatment and case management services for enrolled individuals.
- Provide linkages to recovery support services.

The partnership brings together organizations who provide services within and/or oversee the Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, Medicaid, Homeless, and Housing systems in the community, along with community-based and peer-run recovery support services. An infrastructure is being put into place to support the integration of services from the various service delivery systems in providing integrated care, recovery support and housing for the population of focus. This will be accomplished through establishing processes for easy access and incorporating a focus on evidence-based approaches throughout outreach, engagement, care management, treatment and housing. Primary interventions to be used include Critical Time Intervention, to be provided by Person Centered Housing Options, Peer Support/Recovery Coaches, to be provided by Liberty Resources, and Integrated Treatment for COD, Recovery Support Services and access to Housing to be provided by a host of community partner organizations.

Key staff for the Project are in the process of being hired and training to support the interventions to be used is being set up to ensure all are fully trained as the Project begins to enroll individuals in January. Project staff and community partner agencies will receive training and coaching support in areas such as Critical Time Intervention, Motivational Interviewing, Cultural Competence and Health Literacy, Trauma-Informed Care, and Housing First.

CCSI and The Homeless Partnership in Monroe County Team is excited as we begin this new initiative! Please contact either Becky Maynard at bmaynard@monroecounty.gov or James Felicita at JamesFelicita@monroecounty.gov for questions or additional information.