

# HOUSING AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES

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New Funding  
from the 83<sup>rd</sup>  
Legislative  
Session

# OVERVIEW

- DSHS Exceptional Item (EI) #7 – Housing
  - Rental and Utility Assistance given to the LMHAs
- SB 58 – Health Community Collaboratives
  - RFI

# HOUSING EI BACKGROUND

- The “census of the homeless” in 2011 counted 36,847 homeless persons in Texas
  - 26.2% have a serious mental illness
- Approximately 9,654 homeless persons with SMI in Texas
- 1,667 adults served by LMHAs are literally homeless
- 2,323 have highly unstable housing

# FUNDING RECEIVED

- Approximately \$10.8 million received in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislative Session
- Method of Allocating Funds:
  - Needs and Capacity Assessment
  - LMHAs eligible for funding
- Team reviewed applications
- 18 LMHAs were funded

# EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FACTS

- Funding for FY14 and FY15 only
- Only the LMHAs were allowed to apply
- Dedicated staff member
- SAMHSA Supportive Housing Toolkit
  - Implementation calls
  - Fidelity

# IMPLEMENTATION

- Funds distributed September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Awardees working toward smooth implementation
- Monitoring:
  - Quarterly reports of expenditures
  - Number served and resources used are required elements
  - Transition plans required

# COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES

- Project needed to bring local, public, and private entities together to serve individuals experiencing:
  - Homelessness
  - Mental Illness
  - Substance Abuse problems
- 2 Examples:
  - The Bridge
  - Haven for Hope

# PURPOSE

- To identify and address current gaps in services
- To identify unmet needs
- To identify solutions

# PROGRAM GOALS

- Recovery and Reintegration
- DSHS hopes participants:
  - Secure housing
  - Secure supportive employment
  - Secure ongoing recovery
- DSHS anticipates Program will help:
  - Participants build network of recovery support systems
  - Community to be enriched

# COLLABORATION

- To address the root causes of homelessness through collaboration with:
  - Law enforcement
  - Substance abuse treatment providers
  - Housing partners
  - LMHAs
- Partnerships should include (but are not limited to):
  - Hospital emergency departments
  - Supported employment providers
  - Local Faith-based organizations

# SB 58 REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrate long-term financial and in kind commitments
- Demonstrate how community partners work effectively in a co-located facility
- Members of homeless community participating in the planning and oversight

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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