

# **Community Health Awareness Group**



#### **PROGRAM:**

# **Project H.O.M.E.** (Housing Opportunity Mobilization Experience)

#### INTRODUCTION:

The Project H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunity Mobilization Experience), implemented by the Community Health Awareness Group, is an initiative based on the Housing First Model, aiming to support clients in accessing and maintaining stable housing. By focusing on education, skill-building, and community support, the program addresses the critical need for affordable housing and assists participants in overcoming housing challenges.

# **TARGET POPULATION:**

The program serves diverse and key populations, ensuring that high-risk and underserved groups receive targeted interventions.

- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- People who inject drugs
- People living with HIV (PLWH)
- Spanish Speakers
- Women and aging population
- Transgender/Nonbinary individuals

### **KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND COLLABORATORS:**

Private Providers



- Local Health Department
- Social Service Agencies

#### PROGRAM DURATIOIN:

The program is planned to run for a duration of 3-5 years, providing consistent support to help clients secure and maintain housing.

#### PROGRAM GOALS AND KEY ACTIVITIES:

The primary goal of the Project H.O.M.E. is to assist clients in securing and sustaining affordable housing, enhancing their quality of life, and supporting health stability. Key activities include organizing Housing Summits that bring together clients and housing providers to facilitate the housing selection process, provide education on budgeting, and equip clients with skills essential for maintaining long-term housing. Additionally, the program also provides clients with continuous support and resources throughout their housing journey, addressing any issues that may arise.

#### **PROGRAM CHALLENGES:**

One of the primary challenges for Project H.O.M.E. is the shortage of affordable and safe housing options in the area, which remains scarce. This difficulty has impacted the program's ability to meet client needs effectively and is one of the program's ongoing hurdles.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT:**

The H.O.M.E. encourages client involvement by holding regular meetings through the Quality Initiative and Community Advisory Group. These gatherings provide a platform for clients to discuss programming and share ideas to improve viral suppression.



# **DATA COLLECTION AND MONITORING:**

The Housing Specialist uses a Daily Acityity Sheet to document all client interactions related to the program. This information is then inputted in the Careware data system for documentation and monitoring of program objectives.

#### **KEY METRICS AND OUTCOMES:**

The program aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- By February 28, 2025, presentations on the Housing Resource Guide will be made at two or more client group meetings, with a specific focus on the transgender population in at least one session.
- Between March 2024 and February 2025, monthly staff meetings will be held for resource sharing and ongoing collaboration.
- 200 individuals will access the Housing Resource Directory on the CHAG website, with 70% reporting the guide as beneficial.
- By February 28, 2025, three Housing Summits will be conducted, which will include topics such as skill building and education on budgeting and sustaining housing.
- By February 28, 2025, the housing specialist will assist 10 clients in accessing services to obtain housing.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The Project H.O.M.E. exemplifies a comprehensive approach to housing assistance, prioritizing client education, community involvement, and skills development to address the critical need for stable housing. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders and equipping clients with necessary resources, the program promoted sustainable housing solutions and strengthens community health outcomes.

