

Executive Summary
Denver Health and Hospital Authority
ARPA Behavioral Health Funding

Background: The Denver Health & Hospital Authority (DHHA) ARPA Behavioral Health/Housing contract is a result of many months of collaboration between the city and DHHA to determine the most viable and appropriate use of approximately \$1M in APRA funding to support a population of individuals in Denver that are most in need of services and coordination. The city originally considered a contract between HOST and DHHA and after more detailed discussions regarding the scope of work, the contract shifted to DDPHE.

Project Description:

The purpose of this contract agreement is to provide a DDPHE award for \$999,900 to DHHA. These funds will be provided to DHHA to be utilized to support and strengthen existing internal infrastructure focused on partnerships with Denver homelessness resolution partners and the Roads to Recovery project to better align housing and health supports for some of the most at-risk persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) utilizing the hospital system, including those with criminal justice involvement who are part of the Roads to Recovery program.

Objectives:

1. **Perform housing-focused screening and referrals:** Screen patients experiencing homelessness, enter their information into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), refer to housing partners as appropriate.
2. **Refer appropriate patients to recuperative care and 655 Broadway:** Refer appropriate patients to either 655 Broadway transitional housing or to Recuperative Care Center (with the goal of continued screening for housing opportunities from both)
3. **Pilot improvements to data sharing and workflow collaboration:** Develop appropriate data sharing agreements with homeless resolution partners and the City of Denver to enable sharing the right information for better outcomes for patients experiencing homelessness including those that are involved in the criminal justice system
4. **Treatment of Denver Health patients and hand-off to DDPHE case management:** If Denver Health is the first contact for patients experiencing homelessness and exiting corrections, Denver Health will medically evaluate and treat these patients in the most appropriate setting and then coordinate with DDPHE's case management team for transition to housing/supports in the community assuming appropriate consents are signed by the patient.

5. **Evaluation of program on key health and housing outcomes:** Final report on outcomes from pilot and lessons learned at an aggregate level.

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