THE EVOLUTION OF RECOVERY HOUSING FOR MCKINLEY HALL

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POLL QUESTION
I CURRENTLY WORK IN AN ORGANIZATION WHERE THE PRIMARY FUNCTION IS HOUSING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES
YES  NO

PROPERTY AND THE SECTION 8 ERA
• Section 8 - 1995 - purchased 1 building with 4 apartments
• Women with children
• 1 year residency minimum per family
• No room to for women leaving residential treatment in need of services- no options for single women
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
LOCAL LEVY FUNDING

- 1998 - Transitional Housing for single women and women with children.
- Reduce apartments to 3 instead of 4
- Doubled up two women to a room
- Case Manager oversight
- Shortage of affordable housing
- Length of stay became unmanageable

MCKINLEY HALL
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- HUD funding 1999 for Transitional Housing
- McKinley Hall involved with local Continuum of Care
- Grant funds provided money for services that were not paid for otherwise
- Turn-over was high
- Collaborated with Second Harvest

SHELTER PLUS CARE~
MANNA FROM HEAVEN!

- Women were staying much longer (moved to 1 woman per room)
- Backlog on the waiting list
- Shelter Plus Care allowed women with felonies, based on income, for up to 5 years - included single women!
- Began rotating women through the housing process
IMPACT OF HOUSING FIRST

- The length of stay was shortened
- Homelessness definition - on the street or in a shelter (narrowed)
- After residential treatment, go to a homeless shelter before being admitted to transitional housing
- Could no longer discharge women from the program for using substances

RECOVERY HOUSING - 2015

- Committee to develop CRH as an affiliate of NARR
- Relinquished HUD grant
- Removed the length of stay requirement
- Addressed women who did not have safe, sober places to live
- Recovery Houses became CRH Associates (inspected and approved)

FAST FORWARD 2018

- Clark County CoC fully streamlined the no-wrong-door process for housing
- Streamlined the Referral Tool & use of VI-SPDAT
- Notified that Manna from Heaven was no longer available to us b/c houses are now “Recovery Houses” - learned this the hard way
- McKinley Hall purchased two more houses for men (9 beds)
- Maybe SPC is still an option
**WHAT WORKS**

- Certainly collaboration
- No wrong door - seamless consistent access to housing
- Housing programs designed for specific populations
  - Housing first needs
    - Structure
    - Short term
    - Long term

**POLL QUESTION...**

**RECOVERY HOUSING AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ARE BASICALLY THE SAME THING.**

**YES**  **NO**

**RECOVERY HOUSING**

- Congregate Living
- Structured
- Overnight (inside the house)
- Uses the Social Model of Recovery
- Mandatory Chores
- Curfew
- Case Manager/Peer Support
- Life Skills/House Meetings
- Drug screening
- Policies and procedures

**PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

- Case Management (not mandatory)
- Unlimited length of stay
- Rental assistance
- Single or Family (not congregate)
- No curfew
- No house meetings
HOW RECOVERY HOUSING CAN COMPLIMENT CONTINUUM OF CARE

• Respect the mission of the CoC and Recovery Housing
  - CoC - get people into stable housing and assist them with maintaining their housing
  - RH - get people into a safe sober living environment with structure and live-in support

If you have a referral for someone who is either in recovery or seeking help due their addiction, it would be best to work with Recovery Housing providers

- If a RH is able to abide by HUD rules as it relates to the homeless definition, this will provide the opportunity to utilize SPC, allowing for a more long term and independent living environment when a resident in recovery gets to that point.
- Quickly move to stable independent housing (Options - Rapid re-housing? Supportive Permanent Housing?)
- (If not) Find ways to move the person in long term recovery into a "homeless" environment that is not disruptive and trigger laden

SUGGESTIONS FOR MOVING FORWARD

• Consider Recovery Housing as an option without having to enter a homeless shelter first or after in order to access HUD resources - this problem is above our pay grades
  • We may have a work-around - what are the differences between HUD's description of Transitional Housing and Recovery Housing
  • Keep Manna from Heaven available! - This benefit helps our entire community move towards sustainability - without it, we are not allowing RH to reach as many residents as possible
  • Residents have to stay in RH until they have employment that offers a living wage

THANK YOU!!!