

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CHP PARTICIPANT COMMUNITY ALL CHICAGO MAKING HOMELESSNESS HISTORY

Chicago, IL



“Homelessness is a significant health risk that exacerbates any medical condition, with 31-46% reporting a chronic disease and leads to shorter life expectancies, for many, in their mid-forties.”

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Site Type	Not-for-Profit (Societies, Assc., Educ., Research)
Project Focus	Well-being Health
Health Objective	Improvement in care coordination for those who are housing insecure or homeless
Anticipated Products	Standardized homelessness screening instrument
Sectors	Lead: Housing / Homelessness Partners: Clinical Health Care Data contribution: Clinical Health Care, Housing / Homelessness, Social / Human Services Other stakeholders: Elected / Appointed Officials
Data Types	Administrative: Homeless Management Information System; Service (EHRs, case management)
Target Population	Homeless
Impact Level	Individual / Family

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

All Chicago Making Homelessness History (All Chicago), is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending homelessness across Chicago. As a part of the Community Health Peer Learning (CHP) Program, All Chicago and the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System (UI Health) are partnering to improve care coordination for Chicago residents who are housing insecure or homeless by integrating data from UI Health’s electronic health records with information about housing status from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed by All Chicago. UI Health and All Chicago anticipate that these efforts will lead the way for greater integration of housing, health, and human services delivery systems at a national level.

PROJECT APPROACH

To improve health outcomes and residential stability, All Chicago will lay the groundwork necessary to:

- Create and record structured data shared from All Chicago’s HIMS displayed and directly embedded into UI Health’s Cerner software;
- Share basic health information regarding healthcare utilization;
- Create a data interoperability framework for HMIS and EMR data transmission and sharing;
- Enlist participation from other hospital and healthcare facilities to enable connection to HMIS; and
- Leverage relationships with federal partners to align community efforts with federal goals.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

Our project envisions the integration of data about the status of housing insecurity/homelessness, by using rich databases, to create a powerful, coordinated effort that reduces cycle time from recognition of risk to referral to housing and services, resulting in improved health outcomes and residential stability.

PROJECT TIMELINE

MONTHS 1-6	MONTHS 7-12	MONTHS 13-17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene committees and partners • Explore data mapping development and consent issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek participation from other healthcare providers in Chicago • Engage in development activities to enhance sustainability • Pilot testing and implementation between All Chicago's HMIS and UI Health's EMR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene Coordinating Council to provide an update • Provide technical assistance to partners

LEAD AGENCY

- **All Chicago Making Homelessness History (All Chicago)**
(<http://www.allchicago.org/>) is a collective impact organization dedicated to ending homelessness across Chicago. All Chicago manages Chicago's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a database that collects both client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.

PARTNERS/COLLABORATORS

- **University of Illinois Hospital and Health Science System (UI Health):**
UI Health is an academic medical center that provides comprehensive care, education, and research to the people of Illinois and beyond. A part of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), UI Health comprises a clinical enterprise that includes a 495-bed tertiary care hospital, 22 outpatient clinics, and 13 Mile Square Health Center facilities, which are Federally Qualified Health Centers.

MEET THE PROJECT TEAM!



Padma Thangaraj, M.S., P.M.P.
Director of Information Services, All Chicago
CHP Role: Project Manager
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Ask her about:

- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)
- Coordinated Entry (Housing and Urban Development (HUD) efforts and the homelessness / housing sector
- Data standards



Stephen Brown, M.S.W., LCSW
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Ask him about:

- Better Health Through Housing (A Housing First Partnership)
- Health care super-utilizers



Lydia Stazen Michael, CFRE
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Ask her about:

- Grants/contract management
- Communications



Sharon Parmet
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Ask her about:

- Publicizing research results



Cayce Hoak, M.H.A.
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Ask her about:

- UI Health
- UI Health and Better Health through housing marketing and communications