

Appendix

The Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond and Research Results

In 2016, residents in the City and County of Denver approved The Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative ([Denver SIB](#)). ([Report](#) and link to [source document](#)). The program focused on providing on-site supportive services to some of the people in Denver most at risk of continued homelessness. Meanwhile, the study evaluated a “control group” of approximately 360 individuals receiving off-site supportive housing services. As part of this effort, a community engagement strategy and [guide](#) was developed.

Department of Addictions & Mental Health Ontario

In April 2017, [Addictions & Mental Health Ontario](#) finalized a report entitled: [Supportive Housing: Recommendations for the Provision of Support Services](#). In addition to their work, AMHO referenced a [best practices in supportive housing guide](#).

Recommendation for the City of Seattle’s Homeless Investment Policy

According to a [report produced by Barbara Poppe and associates](#) (BPA) entitled “Recommendation for the City of Seattle’s Homeless Investment Policy: The Path Forward – Act Now, Act Strategically, and Act Decisively” was prepared for the City of Seattle in 2016. At the time there were 354 programs and projects offering temporary and permanent housing, as well as a variety of services offered by 128 provider organizations. These programs served 34,277 people during 2013 and 2014. Of those served, 18% (6,186 people) received permanent supportive housing. The paper continues that while targeted engagement doesn’t have a strong history of getting people housed, permanent supportive housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness is one area where targeted engagement helps get unhoused people into shelter.

United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) “KITS”

The United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published a [broad range](#) of “KITS”, which is an acronym for “Knowledge Informing Transformation.” A KIT specifically developed for Permanent Supportive Housing includes multiple sections consisting of over 500 pages of information for neighbors, providers, clients, and government entities. Examples of [informational pamphlets](#), program [evaluation](#) components, and [training](#) for frontline staff are included in the PSH KIT.

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

A [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#) has been employed by King County, and currently considers approximately 80 partners participating in the system. HMIS allows providers to aggregate and collect data confidentially to collect data on the services provided to people experiencing homelessness and people who are at risk for homelessness. The purpose of this information is to improve the ability of local organizations to provide access to housing and services, strength our efforts to end homelessness. Participation in HMIS has resulted in a decrease in duplicative intakes and assessments, streamlined referrals, and coordinated case management. In addition, it tracks client outcomes, assists in

coordinating care internally and externally, and provides information for program design decisions. Providers such as Compass Housing Alliance, Imagine Housing, and Plymouth Housing Group are groups who have partnered with Bellevue in the past and are a participating agency in HMIS.

Coordinated Entry for All

The King County Regional Housing Authority utilizes referrals from King County’s implementation of “Coordinated Entry for All,” a part of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (kcrha.org). PSH providers in Bellevue should prioritize this system to implement a cohesive housing strategy focusing on prioritizing in housing those with the greatest need and matching them with appropriate services and housing location.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

An article detailing how [Supportive Housing Helps Vulnerable People Live and Thrive in the Community | Center on Budget and Policy Priorities \(cbpp.org\)](#)

King County Housing, Homelessness, and Community Development

King County has an assortment of [reports and plans](#) identified to get people housed. Included are the following items:

- Inventory and [Feasibility Analysis](#) of Affordable Housing on County-Owned Properties
- [2021 Action Plan](#)
- 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Housing and [Community Development Plan](#)

Zoning Code

There is precedent from other jurisdictions in the Puget Sound region to require some form of public engagement when siting a Permanent Supportive Housing facility. For example, Seattle requires a community meeting prior to establishment of the facility ([SMC 23.42.047.C](#)), and Bellingham requires an outreach plan for neighboring residents and property owners of the facility as part of a larger operations plan ([BMC 21.15A.050.Q.6](#)).