

# Supportive Housing in the Bronx

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# What is supportive housing?

Affordable independent housing linked to on-site services that are aimed at keeping the person housed.

Either 'scattered site' – rental apartments in community visited by caseworkers or 'single site' – buildings in which a significant number of units are set aside for homeless people with disabilities

# Who is supportive housing for?

- People with serious mental illness, especially those who are chronically homeless
- Homeless people with HIV/AIDS
- Chronically homeless substance abusers
- Other discrete populations: homeless families with a disabled head of household; youth aging out of foster care; homeless veterans
- 90% of units are for *individuals*; 10% for families
- Small amount for MRT Pilot (Health Home eligible)

# How can I get access for my clients?

- For most units, your client needs to fit the eligibility criteria (chronically homeless, chronically disabled) and get a completed HRA's 2010e application
- Nearly all referrals flow through the Department of Homeless Services, the Office of Mental Health or HIV/AIDS Services Administration (except a few MRT-funded pilots)

# What is MRT supportive housing?

In 2012, the Department of Health created The Medicaid Redesign Team Supportive Housing Program as part of its overhaul of Medicaid. The purpose was to provide funding for supportive housing for high cost/high need Medicaid recipients. Created several pilots including Health Home Pilot.

# MRT Capital

- MRT provided some \$ to help build several new buildings just coming on line (five have opened in last two years)
- *HOWEVER* each building used NY/NY III rent/service subsidies, so referral/placement processes are the same as non-MRT-funded supportive housing
- **BUT there ARE 286 units in congregate buildings coming online in next two years – almost all in the Bronx**

# NYC & NYS committed to creating 35,000 new units in 15 years

- Mayor de Blasio committed \$2.6 billion to create 15,000 units of supportive housing: **NYC 15/15**
- Governor Cuomo committed to creating 20,000 units of supportive housing in January 2016: Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (**ESSHI**)

# NYC 15/15

- Serves chronically homeless disabled individuals and families as well as
- Young adults and young adult families
- City is working on a 'vulnerability index' so that people with high system usage (including healthcare) would be prioritized
- Half of the 15,000 units will be single site, the other scattered-site



# ESSHI

- Broad range of populations that can be served under ESSHI. No targets in terms of how many units to what populations.
- Most populations need not be chronically homeless
- **One eligible population is “MRT”**

# Opportunities for healthcare

- Determine need: how many patients (single? in families?) are homeless and to what degree? (Chronically homeless? Hospital homeless? Homeless but not in shelter or known to outreach?)
- Help figure out how to identify “super-utilizers” of healthcare services who could benefit from supportive housing
- Team up with a supportive housing developer and apply for ESSHI “MRT”

# More info?

- For info about supportive housing, NYC 15/15, ESSHI and Medicaid and supportive housing in New York State visit <http://shnny.org/>

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