

### Module #8: Process & Expectations of Initiative Julia Dobbins | November 28, 2012



Health Care & Housing Are Human Rights

# + Goals of the Project

- Add 15 CHWs to the staff of 10 Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) sites in 10 communities nationwide.
- 2. Provide training for newly hired CHWs
- 3. Establish peer navigator relationships with persons experiencing homelessness who are high-users of Emergency Departments by managing patient transitions of care from hospitals to medical homes at HCH sites.
- 4. Demonstrate decreased hospital utilization by targeted homeless patients, resulting in decreased Medicaid/Medicare and uncompensated care costs.
- 5. Demonstrate improved health status, quality of life, quality of care, and patient experience



Improve Health Care by decreasing the use of the ER,

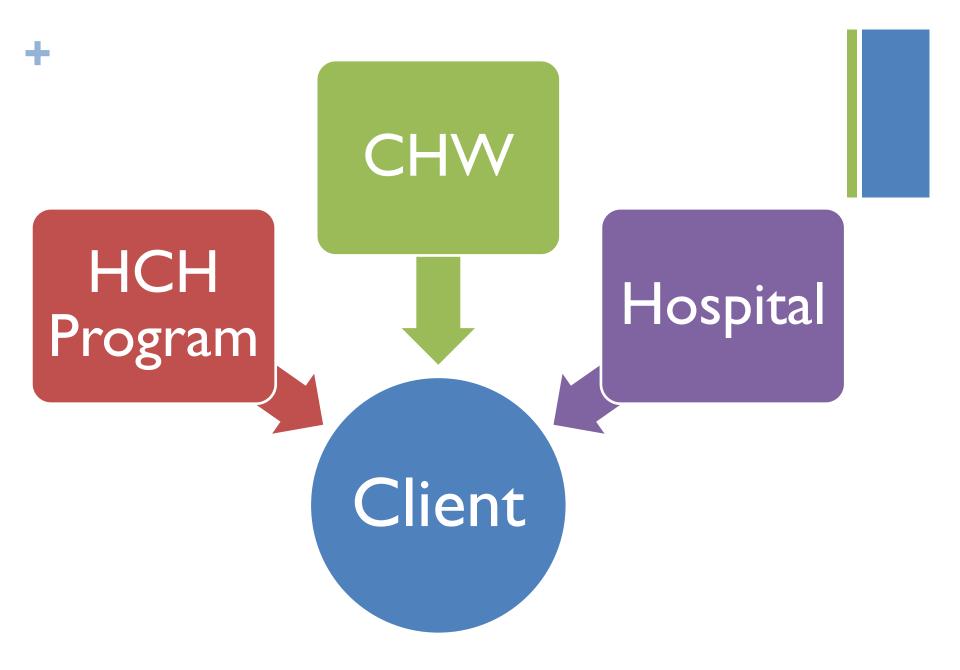


Improve the Health of the patient through education, connective services, moral support, etc,



Cost Reduction to the "safety net" hospitals participating through the decline of ER use

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## HCH Program Hospital



# The United States spent 2.47 trillion dollars on health care in 2009

The Unsustainable U.S. Health Care System2010



## Approximately **41%** of working age Americans either have medical bill problems or are currently paying off medical debt.

Commonwealth fund 2008





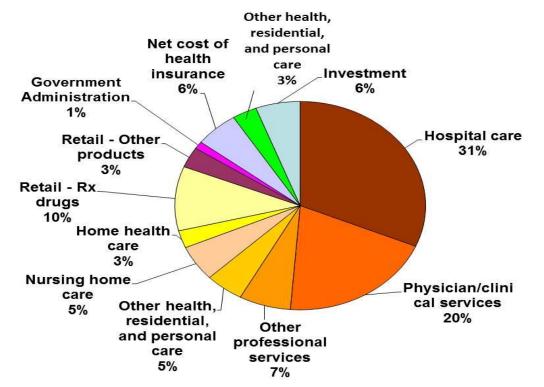
# People living in the United States are <u>three times more likely</u> to have diabetes than people living in the United Kingdom.

Business insider, 2012

# + How is the U.S. health care dollar

## spent?

#### National Health Expenditures, 2010 Total = \$2.3 Trillion



Source: Martin A.B. et al., "<u>Growth In US Health Spending Remained Slow in 2010; Health Share of Gross Domestic Product Was Unchanged</u> <u>from 2009</u>," *Health Affairs*, 2012.

# + Working with your hospital

- Get to know your contact
- Ask questions
- Be flexible
- Be a team player
- Client centered
- Know your role



## + HCH Program Requirements

- I. Basic health services related to family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, or gynecology; diagnostic laboratory and radiologic services; preventive health services; emergency medical services; and pharmaceutical services as may be appropriate for particular centers
- 2. Substance abuse treatment and referrals to providers of specialty services, including mental health services
- 3. Patient case management services
- 4. Services that enable individuals to use the services of the health center (including outreach, transportation, and translation services)
- 5. Education of patients regarding the availability and proper use of health services

# Process of connecting with clients

- Who is your contract?
- How will clients be referred to you?
- Do you anticipate any barriers?
- What ideas do you have for addressing those barriers?



# + Homework!

- Get to know your agency
- Get to know your town/city
- Get to know the public transit system
- Get to know the additional resources





Questions?



### Concerns?



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