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Encampments:

The Expanding Frontline of Homelessness in America Poses Challenges for the HCH Community

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SPEAKERS

- **Eric Tars, JD:** Senior Attorney, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
- **Art Rios:** NCAB Regional Representative, Central City Concern, Portland, OR
- **Brian Bickford, MA, LMHC:** Central MA PATH Team Leader, Eliot Community Human Services, Worcester, MA
- **Barbara DiPietro, PhD (Moderator):** Senior Director of Policy, National HCH Council



ENCAMPMENT STATEMENT

- Highlights balancing three roles: as health care provider, as community partner and as advocate to end homelessness
- **Encampments aren't the problem**—they are a logical response to the crisis of unaffordable housing
- We do not need to choose between short-term improvements and long-term solutions
- Leverage our multiple roles to achieve focus on constructive solutions, mitigate tensions, focus on common goals
- New webpage: <https://www.nhchc.org/homeless-encampments/>



REPORT FROM NLCHP

1. Trends in encampments
2. City responses & criminalization
3. Guiding principles & best practices
4. Case studies
5. Legal responses



GUIDANCE FROM USICH

1. Preparation & Time for Planning & Implementation
2. Collaboration across Sectors and Systems
3. Outreach & Engagement
4. Low-barrier Paths to Permanent Housing



**Ending Homelessness for
People Living in Encampments**
Advancing the Dialogue

GROUP DISCUSSION: FOCUS ON THREE ROLES



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UPCOMING EVENT ON ENCAMPMENTS: COFFEE CHAT!



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DATE: Wednesday, July 25

TIME: 2:00-3:00 ET

Be on the look-out for registration
in Council emails!