Beyond Outreach:
Why Your HCH Needs Street Medicine

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BHCHP Basic Goals
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- Establish a health services care delivery model to provide continuity of care from shelter and street to hospital.
- Provide care through multidisciplinary outreach teams
- Establish the capacity to meet the needs of homeless individuals for home-type respite care
Integrated Multidisciplinary Team

- 1 full-time, 2 part-time Physicians
- 2 part-time Psychiatrists
- 1 full-time Nurse Practitioner
- 1 full-time Nurse*
- 2 full-time Case Managers
- 1 full-time Recovery Coach
- Easy Access to Therapist at MGH
Continuity of Care

Outpatient Clinic at Mass General Hospital

Streets of Boston

Patients’ Homes
Also
- Respite
- Hospitals (inpatient)
- Treatment Programs
- Skilled Nursing Facilities

Outpatient Care
Mass General

Streets of Boston

Patients’ Homes
Episodic & Primary Care
SUD Treatment Integrated into Primary Care

- All 4 Providers X-Waivered
- Recovery Coach on Team
Collaboration

- Within BHCHP
- Hospitals
- Street Outreach Teams
- Housing Stabilization Providers
Medical Respite

- 124 Beds (2 Facilities)
- 2 Street Team Supervising Physicians
Flexibility. Strictly Enforced.
Areas of Opportunity

- Access to Behavioral Health Care
- Use of Data to Guide Care
- Utilization of Technology
- Addition of Full-Time Nurse
- Coordination with Correctional Facilities
Any Questions?

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BOSTON HEALTH CARE for the HOMELESS PROGRAM
Street Medicine
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Behavioral Health Pharmacy

Direct Observed Therapy

Immunoassay Urine Toxicology
Street Medicine
BEST PRACTICES
Low Threshold

Medical

Addiction Medicine

HCV
Addiction Medicine

CBHS Pharmacy

Harm Reduction Therapist
Housing/Shelter

Wellness Checks

Medication Management

Nursing/Health Worker Case Management
Communication with outside hospitals and service providers
Mobility