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

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SPEAKERS

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• **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/](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
GROUP DISCUSSION: REPORT OUT!
UPCOMING EVENT ON ENCAMPMENTS: COFFEE CHAT!

Sponsored by the Clinicians Network

DATE: Wednesday, July 25

TIME: 2:00-3:00 ET

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