From Good to Great: Seating Aging and Disability Networks on the Bus to Improve Housing

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Chat Question 1

What is your best partnership with the housing sector now?

Respond with:

1. [Your agency] partners with 
2. [housing sector partner] on 
3. [what]

Example:

At Lake Erie Agency on Aging, we partner with our public housing authority to provide services to tenants
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Today’s Agenda

• Setting the Stage – Molly French
• Seating a Great Bus to Improve Health-Related Social Needs: The Imperative of Partnerships – Alicia Anderson
• A Full-Throttled Partnership for Housing and Services in Seattle
  • Seattle Housing Authority – Andy Chan
  • Seattle-King County Aging and Disability Services – Sean Walsh
• A Moment to Seize – Molly French
• Closing – Alicia Anderson
Good to Great

“When facing chaos and uncertainty…your best ‘strategy’ is…a busload of people who can adapt to and perform brilliantly no matter what comes next.” – Jim Collins, Author

To go from good outcomes to great impact:
• Get the right people on the bus
• In the right seats
• Together they steer toward great outcome.

1 https://www.jimcollins.com/concepts/first-who-then-what.html
A Full-Throttled Approach for Person-Centered Housing and Services

- Housing
- Health
- Aging/Disability
Steering Toward Great Outcomes

• Greater housing stability
• Improved health and well-being
• Avert unneeded institutional care and avoidable hospitalizations
• Reduce homelessness
• Communities that are vibrant because they are inclusive of all

And above all, advancing equity with particular attention to civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity.
A Fundamental Need

• Affordable, accessible housing… connected to voluntary services and supports is a fundamental need

• Without access to appropriate housing and services, many people with disabilities and older adults end up in an institution or experience homelessness
Administration for Community Living

ACL funds and oversees networks of disability and aging organizations in all 50 states and in the US territories

• These networks include over 20,000 community-based organizations that collectively provide direct services, legal advocacy, and work on systems change for older adults, people with disabilities and their families
What’s Possible

➢ In order for people with disabilities of all ages to have access to both the housing and the services and supports they need to live in the community, there must be collaboration and coordination between housing and service systems at all levels.

➢ Via partnerships, we can strategically leverage and align resources to eliminate duplication and strengthen the effectiveness of our work.
Housing: A Time for Action

We know that…

• Stock of affordable units has been shrinking for many decades and that competition for the limited supply of affordable rental units and rising rents

• Less than one percent of US housing stock is wheelchair accessible, less than 5% can accommodate individuals with moderate mobility disabilities. …one-third of housing stock is “potentially” modifiable

• People with disabilities are disproportionately impacted and that the number of older adults experiencing homeless is rising
Current Housing Landscape
HHS and HUD Partnership

• Announced in July 2021

• Partnership aims:
  – To coordinate and align each Department’s respective resources and build and strengthen partnerships between HHS and HUD networks and grantees at the state and local levels

• View the Fact Sheet at: https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/ada/HHS-HUD_HousingFactSheet.pdf.pdf
Great Partnerships

Partnerships between the aging and disability networks, housing sector, and health care are the path forward

• Buses with these sectors can not only steer to great outcomes with a common vision and but also enable the braiding and layering of funding
A Full-Throttled Partnership for Housing and Services in Seattle
Learn More

Seattle Housing Authority

Health and Social Services

Seattle King County Aging and Disability Services

Building-based Case Management Program (brochure)

Housing and Homelessness: Services and Partnerships to Address a Growing Issue (USAGing report)
A Moment to Seize

HHS-HUD Fact Sheet: Advancing Community Living Through Coordination Between Housing and Voluntary Community Services

CMS Opportunities in Medicaid and CHIP to Address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)
More Opportunities

Prior sessions at this conference

- Plenary with Alison Barkoff, Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living (Wed. 11:00)
- Replicating Health and Housing Needs (Wed. 9:30)
- Federal Partnerships to Help People to Obtain or Maintain Stable Housing & Access to Home & Community-Based Setting (Mon. 8:30)
Chat Question 2

What is 1 immediate action step you will take to build and strengthen partnerships with the housing sector?
What kind of technical assistance have you found most effective in helping you to move forward with creating or expanding cross-sector partnerships?

- Website with info, tools, and examples
- Toolkits
- “Office hours” for peer and expert assistance
- Educational podcasts and webinars
- Learning collaboratives
- Roadmap
- Other (type response in Chat box)
Wrap Up

• Great Housing for people living with disabilities & older adults comes from partnerships between disability and aging networks and the housing sector

Questions? Ideas?
Email us at hsrc@acl.hhs.gov
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