



## Appendix: Timeline

This timeline presents highlights and historical notes relevant to the development of Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) in the United States, most particularly those of the National HCH Council. It is incomplete: *readers are encouraged to send corrections or additions to [executivedirector@nhchc.org](mailto:executivedirector@nhchc.org).*

The “Council President” column indicates years in which individuals’ presidencies ended. The “Sample and Notable Publications” column indicates authors for items that were *not* published by the National HCH Council; we are grateful to the many authors who have advanced the work of the Council. Most of these items, with appropriate credits, can be found at [www.nhchc.org](http://www.nhchc.org).

Year	Key Developments	National HCH Conference	Council President	Sample and Notable Publications
1983	RWJF/Pew/USCOM issue HCH Demonstration Program Call for Proposals			
1984	19 Demonstration program grantees announced; Program Office is St. Vincent’s Hospital. (NYC) Department of Community Medicine, Philip Brickner, MD, Director			
1985	RWJF Program Meeting in Washington, D.C., results in creation of Project Directors’ Council		Hope Gleicher/ John Lozier	Brickner, <i>The Health Care of Homeless People</i>
1986	Comic Relief first televent, chooses HCH as “designated recipient”; adds four cities to original 19  RWJF Program meeting in Los Angeles, CA  Early Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day events		Hope Gleicher/ John Lozier	

1987	Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act replicates demonstration program  RWJF Program meeting in Nashville, TN			
1988	119 original McKinney Act grants by HRSA  RWJF final Program meeting in San Antonio, TX  Project Directors Council becomes National HCH Council			Institute of Medicine, <i>Homelessness, Health and Human Needs</i>
1989	St. Vincent's Hospital HCH project becomes 24th Comic Relief recipient	1st National HCH Conference, organized by Natl. Assn. of Community Health Centers, Washington, D.C.		Wright, <i>Address Unknown: The Homeless in America</i>
1990	John Lozier hired as first Council staff person			Brickner, <i>Under the Safety Net: The Health and Social Welfare of the Homeless in the United States</i>
1991	First National HCH Council membership meeting (YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO) adopts Statement of Mission & Principles  Polly Bullock hired as second Council staff person  Council incorporates as 501(c)(3) in Tennessee			O'Connell and Groth, eds., <i>The Manual of Common Communicable Diseases in Shelters</i>
1992	Membership Standards adopted  Membership meeting in Napa Valley, CA	Washington, D.C., Louie Anderson entertains	Joan Haynes/ Michael Cousineau	Wood, <i>Delivering Health Care to Homeless Persons</i>  <i>Tuberculosis 101</i>
1993	HRSA contracts with the Council to survey HCH clinicians regarding their support needs  Council contracts with HCH Baltimore for HCH Mobilization Project  Wayne Anderson joins staff as Deputy Director	San Jose, CA, organized by John Snow Inc.  First Policy Symposium is attached to Conference	Susan Neibacher	<i>HCH Mobilizer</i> first issue  <i>Combating Tuberculosis &amp; Homelessness</i>  <i>Health Care and Homelessness: The Policy Context</i> (Symposium proceedings)

1994	HCH Clinicians' Network (CN) organized by Council with HRSA support.  Brenda Proffitt hired as CN Project Director.  CN Steering Committee first meeting, Boston, MA	Nashville, TN	Marsha McMurray-Avila	<i>'Tis a Gift to be Simple: Homelessness, Health Care Reform and the Single Payer Solution</i>
1995	Council contracts with National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) for Health Policy Analyst  CN Statements of Mission & Principles		Lisa Thomas	<i>A Bitter Pill: Welfare Reform &amp; the Health of Homeless People</i>  <i>Triage Guidelines</i>  <i>Homelessness, Violence and Public Health</i>
1996	Health Center Consolidation Act  Tipper Gore funds Mental Health Outreach Fund; Council makes grants to 4 projects  Governing Membership meeting: Port Townsend WA  Council and CN agree to continue as one organization  First CN Membership meeting  CN awards program established		Vincent Keane	<i>Gore, Picture This</i>  <i>Sample Safety Guidelines in Homeless Health Services Programs</i>
1997	Council appoints 2 HCH Ombudspersons to Bureau of Primary Health Care  HCH101 training established  CN representatives join Council Board of Directors  nhchc.org website launched		Heidi Nelson	<i>Organizing Health Services for Homeless People</i>  <i>Determining Disability: Simple Strategies for Clinicians</i>  <i>Healing Hands</i> first issue (February)

1998	<p>Comic Relief 8, final televent</p> <p>Governing Membership meeting: Albuquerque, NM</p> <p>Council enters into Cooperative Agreement with HRSA</p> <p>Marsha McMurray-Avila hired; Albuquerque, NM, office of Council established</p> <p>ESG funding from Tennessee DHS establishes TennCare Shelter Enrollment program</p>	<p>St Louis, MO, Neibacher Address: Quentin Young</p>	<p>Jackie Gaines</p>	<p><i>Can Managed Care Work for Homeless People: Guidance for State Medicaid Programs</i></p> <p><i>Searching for the Right Fit: Homelessness and Medicaid Managed Care</i></p> <p><i>Healing Hands: Bridging the Gap: What We Know and Don't Know about Dual Diagnosis</i></p> <p><i>Comments on OSHA proposed standard on Occupational Exposure to Tuberculosis</i></p>
1999	<p>HRSA Program Assistance Letter 99-12: Principles of Practice—A Clinical Resource Guide for HCH Programs</p> <p>Congress creates SAMHSA Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI, now CABHI) in response to Council advocacy</p> <p>Governing Membership meeting: Snowbird, UT</p>	<p>Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: Bernie Sanders</p>	<p>Barbara Conanan</p>	<p><i>Utilization &amp; Costs of Medical Services by Homeless Persons</i></p> <p><i>The Effects of SSI &amp; SSD Benefits Termination as seen in HCH Projects</i></p> <p><i>HIV/AIDS &amp; Homelessness: Recommendations for Clinical Practice &amp; Public Policy</i></p>
2000	<p>Governing Membership meeting: Sebasco Harbor, ME</p> <p>Respite Gathering: Chicago, IL</p>	<p>First HCH101 Pre- Conference Institute</p>	<p>John McKinney</p>	<p><i>Identifying and Responding to Domestic Violence Among Poor and Homeless Women</i></p>
2001	<p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p> <p>National Consumer Advisory Board organized</p> <p>Council participation in Health Disparities Collaboratives</p> <p>Respite Gathering: Boston, MA</p> <p>Jack Geiger, Clinicians' Network 6th Annual Meeting speaker</p>	<p>Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>John McKinney</p>	<p><i>Casualties of Complexity: Why Eligible Homeless People Are Not Enrolled in Medicaid</i></p> <p><i>Healing Hands: Hard to Reach: Rural Homelessness and Health Care</i></p>

2002	Robin Williams fundraiser: Grand Ole Opry Museum	Chicago, IL	Sigrid Olson	<i>Adapting Your Practice: Treatment &amp; Recommendations for Homeless Patients with Diabetes Mellitus</i>  <i>Homeless Children: What Every Health Care Provider Should Know</i>
2003	Governing Membership meeting: San Antonio, TX	Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: Ralph Nader	John Parvensky	<i>Social Support for Homeless Mothers: Implications for Best Practices and Program Design</i>  <i>Creating and Maintaining A Healthy Work Environment: A Resource Guide for Staff Retreats</i>
2004	Governing Membership meeting: Baltimore, MD  Respite Care Providers Network Becomes Individual Membership Group	New Orleans, LA	Barbara Conanan 2003-2004	<i>Adapting Your Practice: General Recommendations for the Care of Homeless Patients</i>  O'Connell, ed., <i>The Health Care of Homeless Persons: A Manual of Communicable Diseases and Common Problems in Shelters and on the Streets.</i>
2005	Governing Membership meeting: Austin, TX  Respite Care Directory, first edition	Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: David Himmelstein	Jeff Singer	<i>Shelter Health: A Guide to Effective Practices</i>  <i>Premature Mortality in Homeless Populations: A Review of the Literature</i>
2006		Portland, OR	Jeff Singer	<i>Shelter Health: Essentials of Care for People Living in Shelter</i>  <i>A Research Agenda on Homelessness and Health</i>

2007	Governing Membership meeting: Washington, D.C., at Human Rights Campaign & Hotel Rouge  First Ellen Daily Consumer Advocate Award	Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: FEANTSA President Robert Aldridge  Congressional briefing	Alan Ainsworth	<i>Documenting Disability: Simple Strategies for Medical Providers</i>  <i>Medical Respite Care for People without Stable Housing</i>
2008	Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TX	Phoenix, AZ, Neibacher Address: Donna Smith Conference Keynotes: Craig Rennebohm, Lew Feldstein	Eddie Bonin	<i>Traumatic Brain Injury Among Homeless Persons: Etiology, Prevalence and Severity</i>  <i>Defining and Funding the Support in Permanent Supportive Housing</i>  <i>Enfranchising Homeless Clients: A Resource Guide to Voter Registration for Health Care for the Homeless Projects</i>
2009	Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN  Regional Training: Milwaukee, WI	Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: Barney Frank Conference Keynotes: Mary Hurley, John Parvensky	Bob Taube	<i>Defining and Funding the Support in Permanent Supportive Housing</i>  <i>Disaster Planning for People Experiencing Homelessness</i>  <i>Discharge Planning: Exemplary Policies &amp; Practices</i>  <i>Foreclosure to Homelessness: The Forgotten Victims of the Subprime Crisis</i>

2010	<p><i>Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness</i></p> <p>Affordable Care Act</p> <p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p> <p>Regional Trainings: Houston, TX; Nashville, TN</p>	<p>San Francisco, CA, Neibacher Address: Jim O'Connell Conference Keynotes: Jim Macrae, Barbara Poppe, Kevin Lindamood</p>	<p>Marion Scott</p>	<p><i>Medicaid Expansion &amp; Health Center Investments: Key Factors, Challenges &amp; Recommendations for HCH Grantees</i></p> <p><i>Creating Healthier Communities: Chronic Disease Prevention Initiatives of Interest to Health Centers</i></p>
2011	<p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p> <p>Nashville fundraisers with Cowboy Jack Clement, Old Crow Medicine Show, et al.</p> <p>Regional Trainings: Albuquerque, NM; Boston, MA; Denver, CO; Detroit, MI</p>	<p>Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: Linda Kaufman Conference Keynote: Don Berwick</p>	<p>Tom Andrews</p>	<p><i>Community Health Workers in Health Care for the Homeless: A Guide for Administrators</i></p> <p><i>Adapting Your Practice: Recommendations for the Care of Homeless Adults with Chronic Non-Malignant Pain</i></p>
2012	<p>Regional Trainings: Seattle, WA; Orlando, FL; Memphis, TN</p> <p>Region IX HCH Conference: San Diego, CA</p> <p>Council receives first round Health Care Innovation Award to study "Triple Aim" impact of Community Health Workers</p> <p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p>	<p>Kansas City, MO, Neibacher Address: Georges Benjamin</p>	<p>Bob Donovan</p>	<p><i>Pain Management Survey of Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians: Summary of Results</i></p> <p><i>Policy Advisory: Clarification of the 12-Month Rule</i></p> <p><i>Within Reach: Perspectives of Hard-to-Reach Consumers Experiencing Homelessness: Findings from a Consumer Participation Survey</i></p> <p><i>Improving Care Transitions for People Experiencing Homelessness</i></p>

2013	<p>Regional Trainings: Irvine, CA; Chicago, IL; Morristown, NJ; Houston, TX</p> <p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p>	<p>Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: Bobby Watts Conference Keynotes: Jennifer Ho, Rachel Klein;</p>	<p>Bobby Watts</p>	<p><i>Homeless Children: What Every Health Care Provider Should Know</i></p> <p><i>Teaching Health Centers: A Resource Guide</i></p> <p><i>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Health Status, Homelessness and Hunger</i></p>
2014	<p>Council receives second Health Care Innovation Award to study “Triple Aim” impact of Medical Respite Care</p> <p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p> <p>Regional Training: Berkeley, CA</p>	<p>New Orleans, LA, Neibacher Address: Bechara Choucair Conference Keynotes: Shaun Donovan and Mark Horvath</p>	<p>Jean Hochron</p>	<p><i>Outreach &amp; Enrollment Quick Guide: Promising Strategies for Engaging the Homeless Population</i></p> <p><i>Adapting Your Practice: Treatment and Recommendations for the Care of Homeless Patients with Opioid Use Disorders</i></p> <p><i>Living and Working in the Coverage Gap: Homeless Health Care in States Yet to Expand Medicaid</i></p>
2015	<p>Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN</p> <p>Regional Trainings: New York City, NY; Philadelphia, PA</p>	<p>Washington, D.C., Neibacher Address: T.R. Reid Conference Keynote: Sylvia Burwell</p>	<p>Nic Apostoleris</p>	<p><i>Homeless Care Providers and Rapid HIV Testing</i></p> <p><i>National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day: Organizing Manual</i></p> <p><i>Health and Homelessness among Veterans: Development and Pilot of a Military History Screening Tool</i></p>



2016	Governing Membership meeting: Nashville, TN  Regional Training: Denver, CO; Louisville, KY	Portland, OR, Neibacher Address: Paul Harkaway Conference Keynote: David Satcher	Doreen Fadus	<i>How has the ACA Medicaid Expansion Affected Providers Serving the Homeless Population: Analysis of Coverage, Revenue, and Costs</i>  <i>Hospital Community Benefit Funds: Resources for the HCH Community</i>  <i>Medication-Assisted Treatment: Buprenorphine in the HCH Community</i>
2017			Kevin Lindamood	
2018			Jenny Metzler	