

# HOMELESSNESS, HEALTH CARE, & PUBLIC SAFETY

## WHEN EVERYONE BENEFITS

Exploring the Roles of Health Care Providers in Law Enforcement Reform, Crisis Assistance, and Public Policy on Unsheltered Homelessness

A VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM | APRIL 6, 2022

## WHY WE ARE HERE

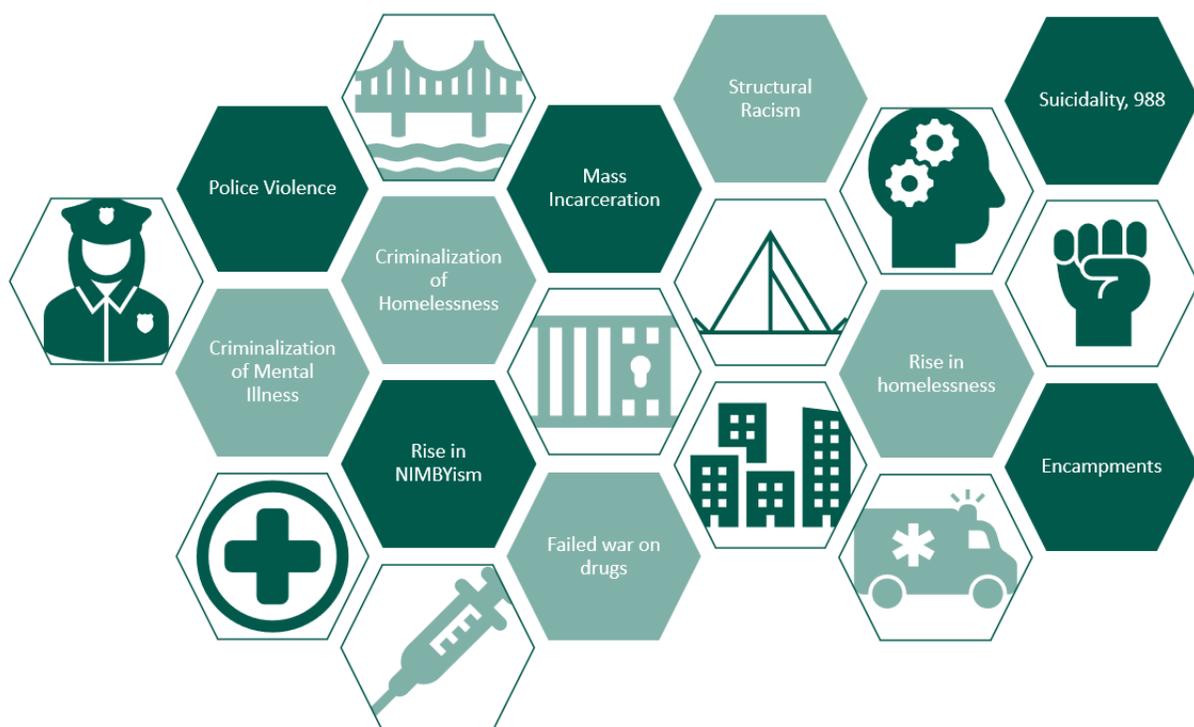
*When Everyone Benefits: Exploring the Roles of Health Care Providers in Law Enforcement Reform, Crisis Assistance, and Public Policy on Unsheltered Homelessness* is an admittedly loquacious title (concision was never my strength). It reflects the reality that the solutions we seek exist at the intersection of many, complex crises, including: the rise in unsheltered homelessness and proliferation of encampments; the heightened attention to police violence amid movements for racial justice; an opioid epidemic and failed war on drugs; the propensity of jurisdictions to criminalize life-sustaining activities for people without homes; and the persistence of suicidality and the systems change on the horizon with 988.

Despite the enormity of these crises, some programs do benefit all systems alluded to in the previous list, namely [CAHOOTS](#): Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets. CAHOOTS is operated by White Bird Clinic, a Health Care for the Homeless health center in Lane County, Oregon. While thirty years old, the 2020 uprisings put CAHOOTS in the spotlight, garnering the attention of media from [Health Affairs](#) to [The Daily Show](#). White Bird Clinic also spoke at the 2021 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference, an extremely popular session. We want more CAHOOTS in the world.

We also know that this issue necessarily affects multiple institutions and systems in any community, and we must convey the diversity of perspectives, so we brought in two key partners: the [Street Medicine Institute](#), which is a global force for medical outreach to unsheltered people, and the [National Homelessness Law Center](#), the experts on the criminalization of homelessness. Through our collaboration, and within the confines of a half-day event comprising eight workshops, we hope to address a variety of sectors in pursuit of **non-punitive responses** to homelessness. However contentious this issue may be, we believe solutions exist that truly benefit everyone in our journey toward a world that is just and without homelessness. Thank you for joining us.

In solidarity,

Michael Durham  
Community Engagement Manager  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council



# AGENDA

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## Time (All Times Eastern) Session

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12:00-12:30 (30 mins.)	Opening Plenary with Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bobby Watts</li><li>• Antonia Fasanelli</li><li>• Jim Withers</li></ul>
12:30-1:45 (75 mins.)	Concurrent Workshops 1
1:45-1:50 (5 mins.)	Break
1:50-3:05 (75 mins.)	Concurrent Workshops 2
3:05-3:20 (15 mins.)	“Open Mic”
3:20-3:30 (10 mins.)	Closing Plenary

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## ZOOM ETIQUETTE

This Symposium is a Zoom meeting, just like the dozens of meetings you have likely attended this month, except it is large. We welcome the interaction Zoom meetings enable, but recognize their drawbacks. To help ensure a smooth experience for all, please actively and respectfully engage in the chat box during all sessions, but limit your time unmuted to specified moments in the agenda. You have the power to unmute, but event staff will re-mute you if necessary. A single link (the one emailed to you when you registered) will be used for the whole event.

Workshops will take place via Zoom breakout rooms, so please familiarize yourself with those and ensure you have installed the latest updates.

Since we span all US time zones, the agenda has no extended break for mealtimes and just one five-minute intermission. Please take care of your bodies as needed.

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### 1A: CRISIS ASSISTANCE + HOMELESSNESS: LESSONS FROM DENVER'S *STAR* PROGRAM

Inspired by the well-known CAHOOTS program in Oregon, Support Team Assisted Response (STAR) deploys teams of behavioral health clinicians and emergency medical technicians without police presence to respond to people experiencing homelessness related to behavioral health crises. Routed through 911, STAR is situated in Denver's Community and Behavioral Health department, working closely with Denver PD and community partners. Join this session to learn from a successful non-police crisis response model.

- CHRIS RICHARDSON | MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF DENVER | DENVER, CO
- ROSHAN BLISS | ORGANIZER AND CONSULTANT | DENVER, CO

### 1B: COPING WITH MORAL INJURY AMID SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE

More often than not, street medicine and Health Care for the Homeless providers are driven by compassion and justice for people without homes. We recognize the humanity in people society has discarded. In the wake of the murder of George Floyd—who had experienced homelessness himself and had worked for the local Salvation Army—communities reflected on how movements to divest in law enforcement affected the homelessness response sector, including how intuitional racism permeates our organizations. In some case, we also witnessed dehumanization of people in law enforcement. Join this session for an interactive discussion on the weight of serving people without homes as we struggle with systemic injustice and increasing polarization.

- CORINNE FELDMAN | USC KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE | LOS ANGELES, CA

### 1C: HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AS EXPERT WITNESSES

A key tool in the movement to end homelessness is litigation, challenging the laws that criminalize homelessness in the first place. Health care providers can support these efforts as expert witnesses. Join this session to explore the role of health care organizations and professionals in litigation.

- TRISTIA BAUMAN | NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS LAW CENTER | WASHINGTON, DC
- LIZ FRYE | ALLEGHENY HEALTH NETWORK, STREET MEDICINE INSTITUTE | PITTSBURGH, PA

### 1D: SOBERING CENTERS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HOMELESSNESS AND POLICING

Sobering centers address a common reason people experiencing homelessness interact with law enforcement: public intoxication. Join this session to learn how sobering centers can and do provide an alternative to incarceration for those experiencing acute intoxication.

- SHANNON SMITH-BERNARDIN | NATIONAL SOBERING COLLABORATIVE | SAN FRANCISCO, CA
- SUZANNE JARVIS | HOUSTON RECOVERY CENTER | HOUSTON, TX
- JAMES DUNFORD, MARCOS ESTRADA | SAN DIEGO MCALISTER SOBERING SERVICES CENTER | SAN DIEGO, CA

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS 2

### 2A: CRISIS ASSISTANCE + HOMELESSNESS II: ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE MODELS

A co-responder model, Chicago's CARE pilot (Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement) is embedded in the Public Health department serving two districts, for now. Response teams include a CIT-trained officer, paramedic, and clinician. In Pittsburgh, a new alternative to police response called ROOTS exists in a private health system and has promising outcomes so far. Join this session to learn more about these options for crisis assistance and how they interact with local health centers, street medicine providers, and other homeless services nonprofits. Bring your own experience with crisis assistance programs to the discussion.

- TIFFANY PATTON-BURNSIDE | CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH | CHICAGO, IL
- DANIEL PALKA | ALLEGHENY HEALTH NETWORK | PITTSBURGH, PA

### 2B: CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUTH : THE DISTINCT EXPERIENCES OF UNHOUSED YOUNG PEOPLE

The criminalization of homelessness harms anyone who lives without housing, but distinct laws punish youth, such as laws against running away, breaking curfew, or truancy. In interview style, Erika and Gabriela will share the plight of youth experiencing homelessness, trauma, and policing. They will share findings from the annual [State Index on Youth Homelessness](#) and provide examples of how folks can advocate and hold people accountable to prevent unnecessary trauma for homeless youth.

- GABRIELA SEVILLA | NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS LAW CENTER | BALTIMORE, MD
- ERIKA ENDRES | NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS LAW CENTER | TROY, NY

### 2C: STREET MEDICINE + LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS: LESSONS ON IMPROVING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE

#### LIVING UNSHELTERED

Street medicine programs “go to the people,” providing care outside the walls of the clinic directly where clients reside. These environments, in turn, are also where people living outdoors often interact with the police. Coordination with these agencies, then, is crucial. Join this session to learn from two communities—Madison, Wisconsin and Los Angeles, CA—on how their local street medicine programs are navigating relationships with law enforcement, including the perspective of someone who endured difficult interactions with police while experiencing homelessness who now partners with them as a community health worker.

- BRETT FELDMAN , JOSEPH BECERRA | USC KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE | LOS ANGELES, CA
- DAVID DECI, DOUG KIRK: MADISON STREET MEDICINE | MEG HAMILTON, TOM COYNE, MATT TYE: MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT | MADISON, WI

### 2D: A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO ENCAMPMENTS

As with homelessness in general, encampments proliferate across the U.S. These camps can be a safer alternative to living isolated on the streets and even in crowded shelters. The CDC recognized the harms of clearing encampments during the pandemic, and some communities are moving from merely permitting encampments to explicitly sanctioning them. But it is far from straightforward. Join this session to dive into the nuance, including the dangers of “sweeps,” the risks of authorized camps, and pursuing the healthiest options.

- JADE ARELLANO | WESTERN REGIONAL ADVOCACY PROJECT | SAN FRANCISCO, CA
- JESSIE GAETA, MELANIE RACINE | BOSTON HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAM | BOSTON, MA

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Join a learning collaborative on developing CAHOOTS-like programs:

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**September 21-24** in  
**Toronto, Canada**



## RECOMMENDED READING

### NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS COUNCIL RESOURCE PAGES

- [Outreach resource page](#)
- [Racial equity resource page](#)
- [Incarceration and homelessness resource page](#)

### CRISIS RESPONSE MODELS AND ALTERNATIVES TO POLICING

- [CAHOOTS article in Health Affairs](#)
- [CAHOOTS Media guide](#)
- [Cops, Clinicians, or Both? Collaborative Approaches to Responding to Behavioral Health Emergencies](#)
- [Alternative Mobile Services Association](#)
- [Defundthepolice.org](#)
- [Behavioral Health Crises Alternatives](#)
- [Community Responder Model](#)
- [Interrupting Criminalization](#)
- [SAMHSA report on safe policing](#)
- [Mapping Police Violence](#)
- [Beyond Jails: Community-Based Strategies for Public Safety](#)
- [A Model for Defunding: An Evidence-Based Statute for Behavioral Health Crisis Response](#)
- [Crisis Intervention Team \(CIT\) Programs: A Best Practice Guide for Transforming Community Responses to Mental Health Crises](#)
- [How Should Street Medicine Clinicians Interact with Law Enforcement?](#)

### CRIMINALIZATION

- [Housing Not Handcuffs](#)
- [Policing– and Punishment-based Approaches: A really expensive way to make homelessness worse](#)
- [Sanctioned Encampments Position Paper by WRAP](#)
- [Homeless Bill of Rights](#)

THANK YOU!

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**MI:** No CE requirement

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## **Objectives - After Attending This Program You Should Be Able To**

- Understand the criminalization of homelessness and how it relates to health care providers.
- Describe non-police crisis assistance models.
- Describe the most important aspects of street medicine partnerships with law enforcement.

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