Exploring the Development of Recuperative Care in **Rural Communities**



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Welcome & Introductions



Meet Today's Presenters



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Center for Health Care Strategies

Dedicated to strengthening the U.S. health care system to ensure better, more equitable outcomes, particularly for people served by Medicaid.

Together with our partners, our work advances:



Effective models for prevention and care delivery that harness the field's best thinking and practices to meet critical needs.



Efficient solutions for policies and programs that extend the finite resources available to improve the delivery of vital services and ensure that payment is tied to value.



Equitable outcomes for people that improve the overall well-being of populations facing the greatest needs and health disparities.





Today's Sessions



HAPPENING NOW

Exploring the Development of Recuperative Care in Rural Communities



Symba Center Deep Dive: Partnerships for Recuperative Care in a Health Provider Shortage Area





Panel Discussion: Navigating the Unique Challenges of Rural Recuperative Care



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview and Objectives
- What Did We Learn?
 - → Challenges to Developing and Sustaining Programs
 - → Valued Strategies and Supports
 - → Needs for Developing, Sustaining, and Spreading Programs
- Q&A





"Raise your hand if..."

- You live or work in a rural community
- You are a recuperative care provider
- You are a health care provider
- You represent a managed care plan
- You represent a community-based organization



Project Overview and Objectives

- With support from the California Health Care Foundation, we conducted a series of interviews to better understand:
 - → The challenges to building, growing, and expanding recuperative care in rural areas;
 - → The strategies that have been most helpful in supporting the growth and expansion of recuperative care in these communities; and
 - → External supports needed to further recuperative care in rural counties in California.
- Conducted 10 individual interviews and three small-group discussions
 - → Health/Hospital Systems
 - → Managed Care Plans
 - → Current and Future Recuperative Care Providers
 - → County Health Departments



Meet the Project Advisors



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Challenges to
Developing and
Sustaining Programs

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Valued Strategies and Supports to Date

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Needs for Developing, Sustaining, and Spreading Programs



Understanding Rural Communities and Homelessness in Rural Areas







System of Care for Homeless Populations

Comprehensive Services Needed in the System of Care



















Diversion

Street Outreach

Emergency Shelters Navigation Centers

Sobering Centers

Recuperative Care Transitional Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

Affordable Housing

What community resources exist in these areas?

How many beds or how much capacity does the community have in each area?

What resources are needed?

Other organizations, programs and factors to consider in planning:

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☐ ID documents

□ Legal

□ Benefits

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Audience Question

 What are some challenges you are experiencing related to recuperative care in rural communities?







Challenges to Developing and Sustaining Programs

Resources

- Limited real-estate/ NIMBYism
- Limited community resources
- Lack of funding
- Limited workforce

Implementation

- No standard definition
- Inefficient policies
- Lack of health care and homeless services continuum
- Everything is new

Collaboration

Difficulty building partnerships



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Valued Strategies and Supports to Date

- Develop trusted partnerships with community stakeholders
- Know your audience (investors, partners, etc.)
- Find existing spaces to host programs
- Seek technical assistance and engage in learning opportunities
- Leverage creative strategies to solve for workforce shortages
- Employ staff with clinical knowledge
- Streamline the authorization process for recuperative care
- Braid dollars to support program sustainability



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STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- Models and standards of care
- Administrative support – billing and compliance
- Harm reduction, motivational interviewing, de-escalation, etc.



CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND SUPPORT WITH FINANCIAL MODELING

- Guidance on available funding opportunities and program sustainability
- Upfront funding
- Reimbursement rates



STAFF

- Recruiting and retaining qualified staff
- Administrative personnel



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, ALIGNMENT, AND COORDINATION

- Neutral facilitators, integrators, and project managers
- Aligned vision and goals
- Clear roles and responsibilities



EDUCATION, GUIDANCE, AND RESOURCES FOR ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS

- Best practices for setting up a recuperative care program
- Guidance on contracting with Managed Care Plans
- Inventory list



Audience Question

For those of you working in rural communities,
 what else would help support recuperative care?









Stay tuned for the next sessions...



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