New Funding from the 83rd Legislative Session
OVERVIEW

- DSHS Exceptional Item (EI) #7 – Housing
  - Rental and Utility Assistance given to the LMHAs

- SB 58 – Health Community Collaboratives
  - RFI
The “census of the homeless” in 2011 counted 36,847 homeless persons in Texas
- 26.2% have a serious mental illness
- Approximately 9,654 homeless persons with SMI in Texas
- 1,667 adults served by LMHAs are literally homeless
- 2,323 have highly unstable housing
Approximately $10.8 million received in the 83rd Texas Legislative Session

Method of Allocating Funds:
- Needs and Capacity Assessment
- LMHAs eligible for funding

Team reviewed applications

18 LMHAs were funded
- Funding for FY14 and FY15 only
- Only the LMHAs were allowed to apply
- Dedicated staff member
- SAMHSA Supportive Housing Toolkit
  - Implementation calls
  - Fidelity
Funds distributed September 1\textsuperscript{st}

Awardees working toward smooth implementation

Monitoring:
- Quarterly reports of expenditures
- Number served and resources used are required elements
- Transition plans required
Project needed to bring local, public, and private entities together to serve individuals experiencing:

- Homelessness
- Mental Illness
- Substance Abuse problems

2 Examples:

- The Bridge
- Haven for Hope
PURPOSE

- To identify and address current gaps in services
- To identify unmet needs
- To identify solutions
PROGRAM GOALS

- Recovery and Reintegration
- DSHS hopes participants:
  - Secure housing
  - Secure supportive employment
  - Secure ongoing recovery
- DSHS anticipates Program will help:
  - Participants build network of recovery support systems
  - Community to be enriched
To address the root causes of homelessness through collaboration with:
- Law enforcement
- Substance abuse treatment providers
- Housing partners
- LMHAs

Partnerships should include (but are not limited to):
- Hospital emergency departments
- Supported employment providers
- Local Faith-based organizations
Demonstrate long-term financial and in kind commitments

Demonstrate how community partners work effectively in a co-located facility

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