

Housing and Homelessness Services

Health Care for the Homeless

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Program Highlights

National Health Care for the Homeless Conference 2024

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless had the opportunity, along with amazing colleagues from Alameda Health System, Cardea Health and LifeLong Medical, to present on some of the innovative work that is happening to care for our community.



As the World Burns: ACHCH Responses to the Impacts of Extreme Weather and Climate Change

Presenters (photo above): David Modersbach - ACHCH, Lucy Kasdin - ACHCH, Stephanie Martinez - Circle the City Phoenix, Susannah King - Hennepin County, Brittany Melton-Hill - Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, and David Peery - Camillus Health Center Miami



Centering Lived Experience and Harm Reduction in Primary Care

for People with Opioid Use Disorder

Presenters (photo above): Lifelong Medical TRUST Clinic providers Dr. Meggie Woods, Noah Haugen, Lauren Marriott, Robert Archuleta, and Tamisha Davis



Implementing a Shelter Based Contingency Management Program

Presenters (photo above): Diane Del Pozo - ACHCH, Catherine Hayes - President, Cardea Health, and Jahmal Muhammad-Khan



Homeless Mortality Data for Surveillance and Policy Change: Insight from Three SF Bay Area Counties

Presenters: David Modersbach - ACHCH, Dr. Barry Zevin, Medical Director Street medicine and Shelter Health, Whole Person Integrated Care: San Francisco Department of Public Health, Jamie Chang UC Berkeley

Mobile Dental and Medical Services

Presenters (photo above): Dr. Joshwin Hall and Dr. Wanda Johnson - Alameda Health System providers

Using Homeless Mortality Data to Drive Policy and Program Change: A Discussion of Local Approaches

Presenters: David Modersbach - ACHCH, Dr. Ben King - University of Houston, Josh Leopold - Health Housing and Homelessness/Minnesota Department of Health, and Dr. Barbara DiPietro - Senior Director of Policy National Health Care for the Homeless

Patching the Safety Net: Review of a Rapid Post-Hospitalization Shelter Pilot Program Presenter: Catherine Hayes - President, Cardea Health

ACHCH Goes Live on Epic with Alameda Health System

Working in partnership with Alameda Health

System's (AHS) new Epic Community Connect program, and Alameda County ITD and IS, ACHCH successfully launched Epic in February - the first Alameda County staff to use the program.

Partnering with AHS is particularly special not only because of Epic, but AHS' expansive reach in Alameda County. AHS is a key ACHCH provider - medical and dental mobile services, Bridge Clinic substance use



treatment, and primary care through AHS Wellness Centers throughout Alameda County. All of these are critical components of ACHCH's network of FQHC health care for people experiencing homelessness.

Joining AHS' Community Connect program marks the completion of ACHCH's multi-year search for an EHR. Alameda County ACHCH staff now register, chart, and prescribe electronically; and communication with patients and AHS providers is even more secure and seamless. With Epic, the quality of patient care is significantly enhanced with better coordination with hospitals via Epic CareEverywhere, and with homeless service providers and jails via Alameda County's Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE).





Homeless Mortality: ACHCH on KQED and Channel 7 News

In April, Dr. Amy Garlin and David Modersbach were featured in an in-depth radio report on homeless mortality for KQED news. Why California Doesn't Know How Many People Are Dying While Homeless | KQED

In May, Channel 7 News interviewed Marlisa Fisher (Alameda County Homeless Mortality Review Team), Lucy Kasdin, and David

Modersbach for Building a Better Bay Area. <u>1 Bay Area County Among Few in US That Record Homeless Deaths. Here's How it</u> <u>Can Save Lives</u>

ACHCH Monthly Provider Training Series

Every fourth Wednesday of the month, ACHCH offers trainings for shelter and outreach providers in Alameda County. Trauma Stewardship, Hoarding Disorder, De-escalation, and Working with Clients with Psychosis are just a few of the topics that are presented. To view previously recorded trainings, visit our **website**.



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