

Physical Health Working Group

KEY LEARNINGS

PROBLEM AREAS

KGM is not conducive to good physical health

Institutional racism

Eligibility requirements

Racial, class staff diversity on boards/within organization needed

Not having physical address can be a barrier to accessing services

Prohibition of service animals

Limited shelter for people with chronic conditions

Issues with residents holding onto personal medications while in shelter

Challenges in the living conditions at the shelters (ex. Bed bugs, black mold)

PROVIDED SERVICES

Bronson FUSE (Frequent User Service Engagement) program; piloting Housing First model

WHAT WE CAN DO WITHIN 30-60 DAYS

Inventory of shelter policies

Respite care for mothers

Humanizing efforts (i.e. gift cards, \$\$\$ to mothers to stay in hotels)

Increased people of color as advocates

Locations for mailing addresses for the homeless

Navigator positions at various locations to support people moving through systems (consider the needed learning before putting someone in these positions)

Conducting an inspection of KGM (county/city)

On-site health services (mobile health services within gathering spaces of the homeless)