Recovery-Oriented Housing Assessment and Intervention Workflow

Step 1 Engagement and Treatment Admission

- A. Create a Housing Plan SAPC Provider Manual pg. 145 (within 3 days of admission)
- **B.** Collaborate with the agency designated HMIS user to see if the patient is already in HMIS
- **C.** If the patient is already in HMIS update the Point of Contact information (<u>SAPC Provider Manual pg. 147</u>) to include your agency's contact information.
- D. If the patient is not in HMIS then access **CES Access Center Directory**
- **E.** Complete the <u>CES Survey Packet</u> which includes the VI-SPDAT. Versions for families and youth below:
 - Link to: VI-SPDAT for families Link to: VI-SPDAT for youth
 - Video link: How to use the VI-SPDAT

Step 2 Interim Housing

- A. Both CES and HMIS can be used to help patients access interim housing
- **B.** Resources can also be found for those enrolled in treatment with:
 - SAPC Recovery Bridge Housing
 - DHS Interim Housing
 - <u>DMH Interim Housing Program</u>

Additional interim housing resources can be found at:

- LAHSA
- L.A. County Public Library
- L.A. County Homeless Initiative Service Providers
- **C.** Assist the patient in gathering documents needed for the housing process.
 - Link to: **Uploading documents in HMIS**
- Link to: <u>LAHSA Universal Verification Forms</u>

Note: SAPC supports avoiding planned discharges to unsheltered homelessness. Residential re-auths can be considered for approval under specific conditions. More information at: <u>SAPC All Provider Meeting July 2023</u>

IMPORTANT: Talk to patients about releases of information (ROIs) to collaborate with other care teams (e.g., street-based outreach team, DMH, DHS, etc.).

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Step 3 Permanent Housing

Assist patient in locating and applying for housing and housing vouchers. The resources below can be accessed simultaneously:

- Affordable housing options for L.A. County can be searched for at: Housing Resource Center
- CES may have **Emergency Housing Vouchers**
- LAHSA provides **Housing Navigation Programs**
- The L.A. County Homeless Initiative also provides a <u>list of Service Providers</u> that assist with housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers via L.A. Housing Authorities:
 - Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Section 8
 - Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Section 8
- Patient's may be eligible for housing vouchers through their treatment provider:
 - DHS Housing for Health

- DPSS CalWORKS
- DMH Countywide Housing Assistance Program
- DMH Housing and Job Development

Assist the patient in understanding their housing voucher, <u>time limits and extensions</u>, searching, and applying for housing, and provide advocacy.

Step 4

Maintaining Recovery-Oriented Housing

While patient is in treatment and as part of the discharge planning process assist patient with resources provided below to help them in maintaining housing. Note the list below is not exhaustive.

- Connection to treatment services. The links below are to assist with accessing treatment services:
 - SAPC
- DHS
- DMH
- DPSS
- Recovery Support Systems: SAPC Recovery
- Supportive Services and Employment:
 - L.A. County Homeless Initiative Supportive Services
 - Countywide Benefits Entitlements Services Team (CBEST)
- Faith-Based Organizations: L.A. County Homeless Initiative Faith Organizations
- Resources related to preventing evictions and/or a return to homelessness: <u>L.A. County Homeless Initiative</u> <u>Homelessness Prevention</u>

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