Policy Academy to Reduce the Prevalence of Chronic Homelessness

Participating states: **California, Georgia, Washington, and Louisiana**

Participating Federal agencies: **HHS (SAMHSA, CMS, ASPE, and HRSA), HUD, DOJ, DOL, VA, and USICH**

GOAL: Reduce the rate of chronic homelessness in each participating state through a SAMHSA-sponsored, cross-agency Federal effort to provide intensive, targeted technical assistance to state teams.

LEADING CHANGE

Each state has:

- A Faculty Team to support the state by providing tools, resources, and expertise to help the state develop a plan based on the best available knowledge of what works.

- A State Team that includes representatives of key government agencies, persons with lived experience of homelessness, providers, and others with essential expertise and skills.

	STATE TEAM LEADS	FEDERAL TEAM LEADS
CALIFORNIA	Claudia Cappio, California Housing Finance Agency	Tison Thomas, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
LOUISIANA	Charlene Gradney, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Behavioral Health	Fran Randolph and Michael Duffy, SAMHSA
GEORGIA	Don Watt, Office of Program and Public Affairs	Onaje Salim, SAMHSA
WASHINGTON	Melodie Pazolt, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery	Lynnette Araki, Health Resources and Services Administration (HHS); Laurie Wylie, HRSA Region 10 Administrator; David Dickinson, SAMHSA Region 10 Administrator

MILESTONES FOR PROGRESS

Throughout the Policy Academy, State and Faculty Teams will communicate through teleconferences and virtual meetings. **Key milestones are:**

PLANNING FOR CHANGE

PA START UP

1. Preliminary Research:	2. Key Informant Interviews:	3. SWOT Analysis:	4. *In-state Meeting #1:*	5. Identify and Provide Technical Assistance (TA):
The Faculty Team provides preliminary research on the state based on public data. The State Team supplements the research with other state sources.	In consultation with State Team Lead, Faculty Team conducts individual interviews to identify additional data and priorities.	State and Faculty Teams analyze state strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats relevant to reducing the prevalence of chronic homelessness.	The Faculty Team visits the State Team for a 1.5-day meeting to assist the state to develop its strategic plan. Most states will develop a "logic model" to guide the plan.	State teams identify TA needs, and the Faculty Team arranges consultations, webinars, and meetings with leading experts.

REFINING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES

1. *Implement Strategies:*	2. *In-State Meeting #2:*	3. *State-specific TA:*	4. *Virtual Summit:*
The State Team implements the Strategic Plan, and the Faculty Team provides support as needed.	The Faculty and State Teams meet to review progress, adapt plans based on barriers or new opportunities, and assess preliminary feedback and data.	TA continues as needed.	The four states share strategies and progress in a virtual meeting.

SUSTAINING AND MEASURING PROGRESS

1. *PA In-State Meeting #3:*	2. *Sustain and Monitor the Strategic Plan:*
Faculty and State Teams meet to assess feedback and data, consolidate gains, plan for sustainability, and identify next steps.	The state continues to monitor the success of its plan, assessing outcomes over time and revisiting the strategy periodically.

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