



Bridges Provider Meeting

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Our Mission: The Core Purpose

Housing is foundational to a full life and a thriving state, so we equitably collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance housing that is affordable.

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Agenda

10:00 - 10:05	Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review
10:05 – 10:15	Utilization Review
10:15-10:30	Bridges Demographics
10:30 – 10:40	Vera Institute of Justice
10:40- 10:50	Grant Operations at MN Housing
10:50-11:05	Service Funding/CCBHC/ AMHI
11:05- 11:10	Request for Proposals Update
11:10-11:15	Questions

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Utilization Review

- Thank you for the Annual Reports!!
- Rents trending higher for most providers
- Applicants with barriers are struggling to find housing
- RTC referrals are struggling to use vouchers
- Need resources both money and services to assist with securing housing

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Bridges Demographics

- Minnesota Housing is committed to creating equal access to programs
- Through our draw request form and completing applications at recertifications you are giving us updated data on who is accessing the program
- This includes people's barriers to housing
- The current demographics as of 7/26

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Current Bridges Demographics

- Bridges current demographic data shows that 33% (participants may be counted in more than one group in the table above reflecting 37.9%) of the head of households identify as Indigenous, Black or people of color. This number is up slightly from 29% in December 2018.

Indigenous, Black and People of Color Households		
Group		Percent
American Indian		6.44%
Asian/Pacific Islander		3.40%
Black		20.57%
Latinx		5.19%
Other		2.33%

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Demographic Breakdown

Race and Ethnicity of Households: Overall

Group	Count	Percent
Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color	204	32.90%
Missing	38	6.13%
White/non-Latinx	378	60.97%

BIPOC Households: Detailed

Group	Count	Percent
American Indian	44	7.10%
Asian/Pacific Islander	22	3.55%
Black	119	19.19%
Latinx	31	5.00%
Other	14	2.26%

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Average Days into Housing

Mean	Median
135	87

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State Demographics People with Disabilities

- According to data from Minnesota Compass (mncompass.org), 12% of people in the state identify as having at least one disability. Of this total, 58.3% identify as Indigenous, Black or a person of color.

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Barriers to Housing

Household Barriers: Overall

Barrier	Count	Percent
No reported barrier	385	62.10%
Reported barrier	235	37.90%

Household Barriers: Detailed

Barrier	Count	Percent
A criminal record	104	16.77%
An eviction or unlawful detainer in the past three years	34	5.48%
Low (A score of 600 or below) or no credit	176	28.39%
Negative landlord reference	40	6.45%
Outstanding debt to a landlord or utility company	35	5.65%

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Vera Institute of Justice

- Bridges has been selected to receive TA from the Vera Institute of Justice
- The goal of the TA is to provide insight and assistance with program development to better serve those with barriers to housing
- 12 months of TA will include your insights as providers and other stakeholders
- It is understood that we need to better understand how to support providers, develop appropriate levels of services and housing search assistance and other variables
- You will be included in this TA going forward- Excited about what we will learn!

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Grant Operations

Monthly Draw Requests Best Practices

Standard naming convention: 26_07_Happy County_Bridges

Communication: mhfa.rental-assistance@state.mn.us

Timelines: Due the 15th, submitting before this date doesn't ensure payments are made earlier

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Grant Operations-Monitoring

Monitoring Values

- Transparency, mutual respect and customer focused
- Stewardship of state resources
- Build and maintain positive relationships
- Clear communication that seeks to understand and build trust

Monitoring Actions

- Provide accountability and oversight
- Discover grantee best practice and innovative work
- Ensure proper spending
- Identify opportunities for improvement
- Provide technical assistance for grantees that may need additional follow-up

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Grant Operations-Monitoring

Administrative Review

Policies and procedures, Board of Directors, contractual obligations

Financial Reconciliation

Job Cost report (payroll, fringe, program expenses)

Substantiating documentation for select transactions

File Review

Program Guide for direction

Close-out meeting

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Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)

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Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)

- CCBHC is an outpatient, integrated care model incorporating care coordination
- [CCBHC](#) are community clinics that offer comprehensive, trauma-informed, evidence based, person- and family-centered mental health and substance use disorder services, primary care screenings, and care coordination to all ages regardless of ability to pay or place of residence
- CCBHCs provide outreach, increase access, improve services, and serve as a “one-stop-shop” to those who are currently underserved

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Current CCBHCs in Minnesota

<u>Alluma</u>	<u>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation</u>	<u>Canvas Health</u>	<u>Central Minnesota Mental Health Center</u>	<u>CLUES</u>	<u>ElevaCare</u>
<u>Fraser Child and Family Center</u>	<u>Hennepin County Mental Health Center</u>	<u>Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center</u>	<u>Human Development Center (Brightwater Health)</u>	<u>North Homes Children and Family Services</u>	<u>Northern Pines Mental Health Center</u>
<u>Northland Counseling Center, Inc</u>	<u>People Incorporated</u>	<u>Ramsey County Mental Health Center</u>	<u>Range Mental Health Center</u>	<u>Sanford Health Behavioral Health Bemidji</u>	<u>Scott County Mental Health Center</u>
	<u>South Central Human Relations Center (Spero)</u>	<u>Western Mental Health Center</u>	<u>Woodland Centers</u>	<u>Zumbro Valley Health Center</u>	

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Coverage Across MN COC Regions

Northwest • Alluma • North Homes • Sanford Bemidji	Central • Canvas Health • Central Minnesota Mental Health Center • Northern Pines	Northeast • Brightwater Health • North Homes • Northern Pines • Northland Counseling	St. Louis • HDC • North Homes • Northland Counseling • Range Mental Health
West Central • Northern Pines	Suburban Metro • Canvas Health • Fraser • People Inc. • Scott County Mental Health Center	Ramsey • CLUES • Fraser • People Inc. • Ramsey Co. MHC • Wilder	Hennepin • Canvas Health • CLUES • Fraser • Hennepin Co. MHC • People Inc.
Southwest • ElevaCare • Western Mental Health • Woodland Centers	Southeast • Hiawatha Valley • Spero • Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center		

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Adult Mental Health Initiatives (AMHI)

- Developed in 1996 [AMHI](#) are regional collaborations charged with overseeing adult mental health services and funding to counties and tribal governments in their area
- Responsible for designing, planning, improving, and maintaining a mental health service delivery system for adults with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI), including:
 - Provide an expanded array of services from which clients can choose services appropriate to their needs
 - Prioritize evidence-based services and implement services that are promising practices or theory-based practices
- Service design and delivery is unique to each AMHI, and may include Bridges-like housing subsidies and other supportive services
- AMHI planning process includes a broad range of stakeholders and partners

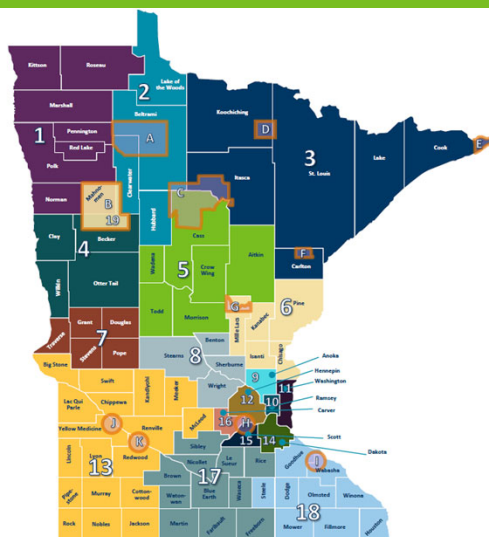
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AMHIs Across Minnesota



Adult Mental Health Initiatives

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| 1. NW8 | 8. CommUnity | 14. Dakota |
| 2. Region 2 | 9. Anoka | 15. Scott |
| 3. Region 3N/ ABHI | 10. Ramsey | 16. Carver |
| 4. BCOW | 11. Washington | 17. SCCBI |
| 5. Region 5+ | 12. Hennepin | 18. CREST |
| 6. Region 7E | 13. SW18/ SMAMHC | 19. White Earth |
| 7. Region 4S | | |

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Cooperative Agreement/Service Funding

- The housing agency and service provider responsibilities are important and distinct roles that should be clearly defined- Not just what each party does, but how you do it
- Provide examples for housing crisis or behavioral health crisis- What are the steps taken by each party?
- How is the housing search supported? Transitions from the program?
- Regular meetings between the Housing Agency the Area Mental Health Initiative and service providers
- Us the cooperative agreement as a working document to spell out and guide expectations of the partnership

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Request for Proposals Update

RFP to be released Fall 2026

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Thank You!

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