

# Healthcare for the Homeless Program Updates

- RFP Results

- NAP Grant Released

- Mobile Medical Program Transition

Governance Council Meeting 6/17/24

# RFP Funding Context

- The RFP process was very competitive as we received \$28 million in requests from 25 agencies and had only \$7.9 million to award.
- Total HCHN contracted funds have been reduced by \$622,000 from the prior year's awards due to:
  - flat funding from HRSA
  - budget deficits at King County
  - reductions in Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy funding that supports HCHN services

# Review Process

- A review panel comprised of community members and subject matter experts including individuals with lived experience scored the applications.
- In determining awards, HCHN leadership took into account:
  - review panel scoring results
  - past performance of current contractors
  - potential service gaps
  - equity considerations
  - geographic distribution of services

# Current Network Services Renewed for 2025+ Without Reprocurement

- Street Medicine Team outreach services
- Medical Respite
- Dental van
- Palliative care program

# Medical, behavioral health, & enabling services

The following  
14 agencies  
will receive  
award funding  
to begin  
January 1,  
2025

- African Community Housing Development\*
- Catholic Community Services
- Chief Seattle Club\*
- ETS REACH
- Friends of Youth
- Harborview Medical Center
- HealthPoint
- Neighborcare Health
- Peer Washington
- Ryther
- Seattle Roots Clinic (formerly Country Doctor)
- Wellspring
- YMCA
- YWCA

# Senior Mobile Medical Outreach

▶ POCAAN

# Highly Impacted Communities (HIC) Strategy

- ▶ Chief Seattle Club\* (awarded funds for HIC and behavioral health)

# New Agencies

We are pleased to welcome to the Network:

- **Chief Seattle Club** is the recipient of our Highly Impacted Communities funding. They will provide mental health and traditional healing services to relatives at their main site in Seattle's International District and at three permanent supportive housing sites in Seattle.
- **African Community Housing Development** will provide rapid rehousing and case management services for members of the African diaspora community including newly arrived asylum seekers.



# RFP Next Steps

- ▶ Agencies received notification of their award status and are working with contract monitors to negotiate their contract terms
- ▶ Review panelists were also notified, and we plan to send out an announcement to our listserv this week
- ▶ Awarded contractors will be included in our Service Area Competition Application Due August 26

# HRSA Funding Opportunities

- ▶ HRSA *finally* released the NAP notice of funding opportunity (NOFO)
  - ▶ Grant is due 9/30/24 with funding to start June 2025 pending legislative approval
  - ▶ We are planning to apply in partnership with Consejo to fund a clinic sited at their Renton location
- ▶ We're applying for the HRSA behavioral health expansion funding in partnership with REACH and DESC
- ▶ And we are applying for HRSA expanded hours funds to increase 6 hours weekly evening and weekends at DTPH
- ▶ And we are partnering with Seattle Roots (formerly CDCHC) on the HRSA grant to support jail transition

# Mobile Medical Program Transition

- Starting in early 2025, we will be transitioning our Mobile Medical Program to a street medicine model
- This transition builds on our existing street medicine team and reconfigures staff of the current vans operating in Seattle and South King County.
  - This means that instead of 2 mobile medical van teams and 1 street medicine team, we will have 3 street medicine teams serving Seattle & King County, along with a medical field team that will maintain continuity of care for several current program sites.
- The full-sized RV vans will be retired.

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- ▶ The timing of this move reflects longstanding operational and financial challenges with the current Mobile Medical Van Program that have reached a critical point.
- ▶ It is not financially sustainable in its current operational model due to high maintenance costs, an inflexible staffing model, maneuverability constraints, and scheduling limitations.
- ▶ We will not be continuing contracts with REACH and HealthPoint for mobile van partner services in 2025.

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- Teams will use smaller sprinter vans which are less expensive to operate and easier to maneuver yet are large enough to provide private sterile space.
  - This will enhance our ability to reach individuals distant from traditional access points.
- Mix of scheduled and ad hoc sites (rather than being fully scheduled for a single site per day).
  - This will allow them to move to additional locations throughout the day to maintain higher productivity and meet emerging needs.
- A new medical field team (MD + medical assistant) will provide services at current Mobile Medical partner sites that are able to accommodate clinics inside of their buildings.
  - This will maintain continuity of care with current program clients and sustain existing partnerships.

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The street medicine model promises to:

- ▶ reduce costs
- ▶ enhance operational flexibility
- ▶ ensure a widespread presence across the county
- ▶ focus clinical service delivery to maximize public health impact
- ▶ reduce duplication of services

The 3<sup>rd</sup> street medicine team is made possible by a new state-level investment in our Street Medicine Program.

- The state legislature and Governor have created a new street medicine program for five WA cities: Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Everett, and Kitsap County.