

The Safe Haven Clinic Initiative:

Tackling the seemingly intractable co-occurring epidemics of homelessness and addiction in California

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Project Description/Mission

- Creating enduring community centric solutions for the co-occurring California epidemics of Homelessness and Addiction by supporting the Creation and Sustainability of the first Safe Haven Clinic (in 2021):
- The Safe Haven Clinic was designed through the CHCF fellowship and has 4 core elements integrated under one roof:
 - sobering, medical respite with hospice and detox, street medicine and a pharmacy. 10-day LOS with 24/7 nursing
 - future Safe Haven Clinics will be created with fidelity and best practices learned from the founding clinic(s)
 - funding is from cost savings to hospitals, philanthropy, grants and government funding

Outcome-oriented SMART goal

- Support the launch of the first Safe Haven Clinic with Mendocino County in 2021 in a SNF commandeered by the County as a COVID Alternate Care Site (ACS) and purchased with CARES act funds – Whitmore Lane, Ukiah CA.

Solution

- Completed 25 Interviews with Stakeholders in Mendocino County and convened 2 county wide SHCI retreats
- Raised 1.85 million to support SHCI (850K from Arlene and Michael Rosen Foundation and 1 million from HRSA RCORP)
- Branding and website for SHCI launching October 2020
- New Non-profit called Safe Haven Clinic Collective underway



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Lessons Learned

- Silver Linings to Disasters (commandeered building)
- Pivot Pivot Pivot
- FOLLOW BRILLANT BLACK WOMEN: Antionette Carroll – design thinking genius

Results

- 2019 prototyping began for 1st Safe Haven Clinic focused on Mendocino County
- Mendocino County Specific Support for start-up at Whitmore Lane
 - Fund SHC manager and Whitmore Lane Site Manager (2020)
 - Fund design thinking workshops for Whitmore Lane (2020)
 - Fund Medical Director (Dr Doohan)

Next Steps

- Expanding in 2020 to Chula Vista, San Diego County
- Chula Vista Specific Support is starting with Community Engagement
 - Support Border health Rocks and the Border health Heroes Award as a new annual event indirectly benefiting SHCI (direct benefit is to Scripps Border AHEC)) (2021)
 - Fund design thinking workshops for Border AHEC and Family Medicine Residency program in Chula Vista (2021)

Additional ongoing Supporting Actions by Safe Haven Clinic Initiative in 2020

- Establishment of first SHCI design thinking brick and motor workshop in Chula Vista and first SHCI virtual academic seminar (summer 2020)
- SHCI Programmatic Integration with Scripps Mercy Chula Vista Family Medicine Residency Program and Border AHEC (Area Health Education Center; Chula Vista) (Fall 2020)
- New Non-profit called Safe Haven Clinic Collective will ensure Future Safe Haven Clinics will be created with fidelity and best practices learned from the founding clinic(s)