Community Support Program for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness (CSPECH)

National Health Policy Forum
CSPECH History

- Began in 2005 as a Performance Incentive by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership
- Joint project of MHSA and the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
- 5 providers
- 50 members
- Program details evolved over time
- 2015 - 602 members
Key Elements for Successful Program

- Commitment to low-threshold, permanent supportive housing
- Access to housing units
- Strong relationships with landlords
- Easy referral process controlled by providers who know the Members best
- Access to behavioral health and medical services as determined by Member
Key Contract Elements

- Day rate
- Member eligible for 90 days prior to accessing housing
- Member continued eligibility for CSPECH benefit during temporary hospitalizations for medical, behavioral or detoxification
- Services provided by Bachelor’s level staff or staff with lived experience
Questions?

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