

NEWS RELEASE: McLean County is one of four communities in the Country awarded a Corporation for Supportive Housing Scaling Data Integration: Advancing Pay for Success, Systems Change, and Supportive Housing for Vulnerable, Justice-Involved Populations Grant.

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) announced today at its annual summit taking place in Denver, Colorado that the County of McLean, Illinois has been selected as one of four communities in the country to receive the Scaling Data Integration: Advancing Pay for Success, Systems Change, and Supportive Housing for Vulnerable, Justice-Involved Populations Technical Assistance Grant. In cooperation with the Arnold Foundation and the Social Innovation Fund, this grant will provide an estimated \$200,000 in technical assistance over the next year to bring data sets together from housing and homeless systems with public safety/criminal justice data and ultimately with the goal to integrate with health provider information to assist in treatment and diversion strategies.

McLean County Board Chairman John McIntyre stated, "McLean County is honored to be one of four communities in the country to be selected to participate in the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Data Integration/Pay for Success Technical Assistance Grant. As addressed in McLean County's Mental Health Action Plan and by the work of the County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, this partnership with CSH will allow us to use data to ensure that supportive housing is targeted to those who are most in need and to improve outcomes for individuals that cycle between multiple systems of crisis care, including our homeless shelters, emergency rooms, and the criminal justice system. The information which results from this data collection will allow McLean County to better make the case for alignment of scarce housing and behavioral health resources. Finally, the Pay For Success (PFS) model being utilized by CSH aligns with McLean County's Mental Health Action Plan goal to ensure that funds are utilized in a manner that produces tangible results. We look forward to working with the Corporation for Supportive Housing and our community partners in this endeavor."

Over the past 6 years, McLean County has undertaken a community mental health initiative to address deficiencies in mental health service provisions; both inside and outside of the criminal justice system. This initiative has included a more than yearlong community dialogue incorporating task force meetings with community stakeholders and the development of a Mental Health Action Plan released in 2015, followed in late 2015 by development of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal to assist in provisions for those with behavioral illness as they relate to public safety and ultimately, the creation of a public/private Behavioral Health Coordinating Council in 2016 to assist with coordination and improvement of community service delivery.

McLean County has worked to develop data analysis capabilities including contracting with Illinois State University's Stevenson Center, participating in 2016 as a member of the White House Data Driven Justice Initiative, entering into a recent data sharing agreement with the University of Chicago's Center for Data Science and Public Policy (DSaPP) and maintaining a regular dialogue with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Agency and the newly formed Illinois Department of Innovation and Technologies (DoIT).

Some McLean County entities have had limited success using ad-hoc pulls of information from limited data sets, focusing on super-utilizers. The County hopes to capitalize on this assistance from the Corporation of Supportive Housing, the Arnold Foundation and the Social Innovation Fund to both build a strong data sharing process with all of its community partners, but also to put in place processes that will assist with the development of necessary supportive housing and assist in helping community members to obtain assistance and treatment for behavioral illness, before it reaches a crisis, necessitating involvement by public safety, emergency rooms or the crisis stabilization center.

In addition to this CSH Grant Award; over the past 6 months, McLean County has received a U.S. Department of Justice – Justice Mental Health Collaboration Grant to train community first responders to recognize and work with those with behavioral illness in crises and a SAMSHA Technical Assistance Grant to train individuals to implement an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program for persons with mental illness.