

AMHI/CSP Statewide Meeting Notes

December 11, 2025

- Welcome
- Introductions
 - AMHI/CSP Supervisor – Pam Sanchez
 - AMHI/CSP Team Leads – Breanna Bertozzi & Chris Ederer
 - AMHI/CSP Consultants – Jamie Preuss, Stacy Livingston & Sara Erie
- Agenda
- Equity Acknowledgement
- AMHI/CSP Updates
 - Communication Request
 - Send all inquiries to the AMHI/CSP shared email box: MN_DHS_amhi.dhs@state.mn.us
 - Must include AMHI/CSP name, fiscal agent (if applicable), and brief description in email subject line and document names.
 - Example: Region 2, Beltrami Co. AMHI 2025 Budget Revision Request
 - Direct Payment Implementation
 - MACSSA-appointed workgroup meets bi-weekly
 - Working to develop reporting metrics
 - Ongoing collaboration with coordinators
 - Finalizing internal financial processes – Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
 - Gaps and Barriers Legislative Report
 - Developing new approach for collecting accurate and current data and information
 - CSP Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
 - Effective January 1, 2024
 - All CSP BRASS codes are included in the calculation of CSP MOE
 - CSP MOE progress reports can be viewed on [CountyLink](#)
 - Agencies should be reporting only 90% of their calculated CSP eligible costs for reimbursement.
 - DHS will reimburse up to 100% of the reported expenditures on the DHS-2895 (within the award limit)
 - The requirement is that the annual grant reimbursements cannot and should not exceed 90% of actual costs.
 - This ensures compliance with the 10% county match requirement.
 - Question: Is only the 2895 being utilized to calculate the CSP MOE?
 - Answer: Yes, the progress report is calculated using the expenditures reported on the DHS-2895, which flows to the SEAGR report.
 - MHIS Reporting for AMHI/CSP
 - Effective January 1, 2027
 - MHIS reporting will no longer be required for services paid for using AMHI or CSP funds.
 - This change reflects recent legislative approval for direct payment implementation within the AMHI and CSP programs.
 - As a result, these programs will no longer be considered grant programs.
 - Per the [MHIS Manual](#), MHIS reporting continues to be required for agencies providing client services paid through Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) and/or grant funds.
 - NOTE: MHIS reporting for Mobile Crisis and MHCP covered services is still required.

- BRASS Code 437x – Supported Employment/Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Services
 - IPS supported employment helps people living with behavioral health conditions work at regular jobs of their choosing.
 - Began in 1985 in collaboration with Department of Employment and Economic Services (DEED) and Behavioral Health (BHD).
 - Currently there are two IPS trainers who provide technical assistance and training across the state.
 - There are eight principles of IPS
 1. Focus on competitive employment
 2. Eligibility based on client choice
 3. Integration of rehabilitation and mental health services
 4. Attention to worker preferences
 5. Personalized benefits counseling
 6. Rapid job search
 7. Systematic job development
 8. Time-unlimited and individualized support
 - Job loss and extended unemployment impacts all areas of people's lives, including mental health.
 - IPS services utilize evidence-based practices that are backed by strong research.
 - There continues to be extensive ongoing research.
 - Question: Can 437 be used for SMI in the CSP grant if AMHI is restricted to SPMI only? Or is SPMI required for both?
 - Answer: CSP statute falls under AMHI statute, so all of the same rules apply. SPMI is an eligibility requirement for AMHI and CSP.
- AMHI & CSP Cash Advance Reconciliation Refresher
 - 2025-2026 AMHI/CSP contract language:
 - 3.1 Terms of Payment
Advance. The COUNTY will receive an initial payment of three hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$312,500) which is granted pursuant to Minnesota Administrative Rule 9535.1740 at the start of each calendar year during the contract term.
Reconciliation. Any portion of the cash advances that are unspent must be returned to STATE at the end of each calendar year of the contract term.
 - How it works:
 - Advance payments issued to each AMHI & CSP County/Tribe/Fiscal agent at the beginning of each calendar year (January 2025 & January 2026).
 - Each advance payment will be 25% of County/Region/Tribe annual allocated amount for each funding source (AMHI and CSP)
 - Advance payments will be reconciled at the same time as Q4 payments are processed each calendar year.
 - CY 2025 Q4 expenditure reports/DHS-2895 are due by January 30, 2026.
 - CY 2026 Q4 expenditure reports/DHS-2895 are due by January 30, 2027.
- AMHI/CSP Uncompensated Care Guidance
 - Applicable statutes
 - AMHI: [Sec. 245.4661 MN Statutes](#)
 - CSP: [Sec. 245.4712 MN Statutes](#)
 - Allowable use of AMHI/CSP funds:
 - Uncompensated care for undocumented & uninsured individuals.
 - Must meet AMHI/CSP criteria:
 - Adults (Age 18 and over)

- Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI)
 - Mental health services only (not SUD services)
- AMHI/CSP funds cannot be used to pay for no-shows or to hold beds.
- AMHI/CSPs must ensure that they are invoiced per person served and that each person served meets AMHI/CSP eligibility criteria.
- AMHI/CSPs must ensure that MHIS data is entered on each person served.
- AMHI/CSP funds are payor of last resort.
 - AMHI/CSP funds can only be used
- AMHI/CSPs have the authority and the flexibility to develop an uncompensated care policy and to determine how they choose to utilize their AMHI and CSP funds.
- Question: Can AMHI/CSP funds be utilized to pay for ongoing care when a client is waiting at a CBHH (DNMC) and will transfer to the next step down of care?
 - Answer: No, it is the counties responsibility to cover those expenses.
- Question: Can AMHI/CSP funds be used to pay for co-pays?
 - Answer: Co-pays are a responsibility of the recipient. Therefore, using AMHI/CSP funds to pay for those co-pays could be counted as income for recipients and could affect their benefits.
- Question: Do we need to have a benefit (example: MA) denial in order to utilize AMHI/CSP funds MA-billable services?
 - Answer: CSP statute language clearly states that benefit assistance is required – encouraging people to apply for benefits is not sufficient.
- Question: What if the client refuses to apply for assistance due to political/religious belief?
 - Answer: The AMHI/CSP must have a policy that details what they do in those situations. The same applies for individuals with private or commercial insurance.
- Question: Why does one county get reimbursed at a higher rate for TCM when it costs them the same amount to provide the same services?
 - Answer: TCM is outside of our team's scope – suggested bringing this up as a possible topic for MACSSA.
- Question: If someone is requesting CSP grant funds to reimburse CSP services but they are ineligible for MA and their commercial insurance doesn't cover CSP services, are they eligible for CSP grant funds?
 - Answer: Yes, as long as they meet AMHI/CSP eligibility criteria.
- Homelessness, Housing & Behavioral Health Grant Programs
 - Opportunities for partnership through programs and projects
 - Homeless Youth Act
 - Youth = Individuals up through age 24
 - Supports activities such as outreach, drop-in centers, emergency shelter, transitional housing and/or permanent supportive housing programs serving youth experiencing homelessness and youth at-risk of homelessness.
 - Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing
 - Youth = Individuals up through age 24
 - Supports activities such as outreach, shelter, and/or housing services for youth who are sexually exploited and experiencing homelessness.
 - Shelter-Linked Mental Health
 - Youth = Individuals up through age 24
 - Provides funding to increase access to mental health services for youth residing in a Safe Harbor or Homeless Youth Act shelter or housing program.

- Eligible providers are current Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing (SH) and Homeless Youth Act (HYA) grantees. SLMH funds operations and services for: Engagement and rapport building with youth, On-site mental health services, Staff trainings and consultations
- Homeless youth Cash Stipend Pilot Project
 - Youth = Individuals up through age 24
 - A project to evaluate direct cash transfers as an intervention for youth homelessness in Minnesota. Eligible youth will be recruited from Hennepin County and St. Louis County in September 2024 to receive a cash stipend with supportive services for two years. Eligible youth include homeless youth who are 18 to 24 years of age and who live in Hennepin or St. Louis County at the time of initial enrollment.
- Transitional Housing Program
 - Provides transitional housing for up to thirty-six (36) months for homeless individuals and families and facilitate independent living. The goal of THP is to provide time-limited rental assistance and wrap-around support services, including case management and tenancy supports, to create a more stable environment and ultimately transition participants into permanent housing.
- Emergency Solutions Grant
 - Meets the operating and service costs associated with the provision of emergency shelter to people experiencing homelessness and short to medium-term rental subsidies and stabilization services for persons leaving the streets, emergency shelter or temporary living arrangements. Funds can be used for the operation of emergency shelter, rental assistance (up to 24 months), and support services for participants.
- Emergency Services Program
 - Program intended to increase the number of people who live in safe and stable housing through the provision of street outreach, drop-in or day shelter, overnight emergency shelter (congregate), or other shelter settings including hotels/motels or emergency apartments. ESP funding can be used to assist participants in obtaining essential services such as access to permanent housing, transportation, medical and mental health services, employment counseling, substance abuse treatment, emergency childcare, or other services needed to stabilize housing.
- Shelter Capital Funding
 - Just over \$100 million in funds were awarded through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process for qualified responders to acquire, plan and design, construct, and/or renovate emergency homeless shelters for youth, single adults, and/or families experiencing homelessness. Over \$365 million in requests were received in response to the RFP. Funds were provided through a one-time legislative appropriation.
- Long-Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund
 - Funds supportive services to help adults, families and youth experiencing long-term homelessness find and maintain housing. The fund was created by the 2005 Legislature, and currently there are seven projects: six multi-county collaboratives and one multi-tribal collaborative. Geographically most of the state is covered by these seven projects. The fund provides services including case management, outreach, direct assistance that allow individuals and families to attain and stay in their housing.
- Housing Access Services Grant
 - Grant program that supports Minnesotans with disabilities and disabling conditions to access housing, while living with dignity and choice.
- HB101 Places Website

- A real-time openings tool that helps people, and their housing advocates find housing opportunities in programs where services may be available. [HB101 Places](#)
- Community Living Infrastructure Grant
 - Grant funding under the Minnesota Housing Support Act (Chapter 256I) to develop and support community living infrastructure throughout the state.
- Cost Neutral Transfers
 - Joint Powers agreements between Counties or Tribal Governments and DHS (HHSS Administration). The CNT is a conversion of funding from the Housing Support program to county and tribal human services agencies according to their approved plan.
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
 - Works to transition people out of homelessness and into other housing and services. Provides homeless outreach and case management services. May also provide housing transition, housing sustaining, clinical assessment, community mental health, habilitation and rehabilitation, substance use treatment services, and direct assistance funding.
- Crisis Housing Assistance Program
 - Prevent homelessness and retain their housing while a person receives inpatient or residential behavioral health treatment. Provides short term housing assistance such as rent, mortgage, lot fees, and utilities for up to 90 days.
- Housing with Supports for Adults with SMI (HSASMI)
 - Helps people who are homeless obtain and retain permanent supportive housing. May provide outreach, case management, housing transition, housing sustaining, site-based housing, community support services, and direct assistance funding.
- Bridges Regional Treatment Center
 - Provides temporary rental assistance, security deposits, other limited housing fees, and coordinates access to supportive services for low-income people with mental illness who are exiting the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center or St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. The program operates in partnership with the Minnesota Housing Bridges rental assistance program. Related Statute [462A.2087](#).
- Continuum of Care ([CoC](#))
 - Eleven regional county or tribal collaborative strategic planning groups
 - Focused on implementing and funding housing and services to reduce and end homelessness
- HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - HUD released the most recent NOFO on November 13 which outlined significant changes
 - Capping funds for projects that had been previously funded at 30%, while also limiting funds for permanent housing projects to 30% - Minnesota CoCs commit more than 80% of funds for permanent housing.
 - The NOFO also implemented policy changes and behavioral health service expectations.
 - NOFO prompted two lawsuits, one by [20 states](#) and a second by a coalition of [homeless advocates](#).
 - HUD [withdrew the NOFO](#) on December 8th, but plans to reissue it.
- 2026 AMHI/CSP
 - Statewide meeting dates and times are yet to be determined.
 - Once dates and times are identified, the details will be posted on the [AMHI website](#).
 - Upcoming Lunch & Learn planned for early 2026
 - Date/Time: To be determined
 - Topic: AMHI/CSP Budget Revisions