The current financing and delivery of medical care is characterized by shorter hospital lengths of stay with the expectation that recuperation will take place in the home. Hospitals caring for patients who do not have a home face a difficult dilemma. With limited discharge options, hospitals must make the decision to discharge these patients to the street or shelter where opportunities for recuperation are bleak or allow them to stay in the hospital for an extended amount of time until they are fully stabilized. Because homeless people are sicker than people who are housed and often have co-occurring mental health and/or substance use issues, the latter option is extremely costly and hospitals often lack the staffing and expertise to assist such patients.

Many hospital discharge planners naturally seek the assistance of emergency shelters. However, emergency shelters generally provide night shelter only. Typically, guests arrive late in the afternoon, get a hot meal and shower, and are released to the street early in the morning on the following day. Even for a homeless person who is not ill, there is considerable exhaustion associated with making it through a day without easy access to a bathroom, food, or a place to rest. When a homeless person is sick and diagnosed with a combination of illnesses, an overnight emergency shelter bed is inadequate for recovery.

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The final T-HUD bill provides $46.1 billion for housing programs, an increase of $4.5 billion over FY09 funding. All programs received increased funding except the HOME program, which was level-funded. For several funding sources that saw decreases in funding during the last decade, including HOME and the Community Development Fund, these FY10 increases only restore funding to FY04 or FY05 levels.

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2009 CHAS Data

HUD has posted the 2009 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS) data on www.huduser.org/. CHAS data is used by state and local governments in their consolidated planning processes and can also be used by advocates to determine housing needs in their states or counties. The previous version of this dataset was based on the 2000 Census; the new version is based on the 2005-2007 Three-Year American Community Survey (ACS) Estimates.

The new data differ slightly from previous versions because they are based on a different source, but in general, the same housing problems, income categories and household types are used. The primary difference stems from the fact that the ACS is a survey rather than a census, and therefore the number of households surveyed is smaller. For this reason, the 2009 CHAS data is available only at the state, county, and county subdivision level at this time. However, since the data is now based on the ACS, it will be updated on a more regular basis. HUD expects that in 2010 it will be able to post data on cities with a population of 20,000 or more. In 2011, with the release of the Five-Year ACS Estimates, HUD plans to have data available for smaller cities and by census tract.

At this time it is not possible to access the data on the State of the Cities Data System Simple Query System, as it was for the 2000 data, but this platform should be updated in 2010. For now, researchers must download the files in either Excel or SPSS at the geographic level desired. HUD reformatted a number of the Census tables to make them easier to use and have included a number of resources, such as a Basic User’s Guide and Data Dictionaries, to make the files easier to use.

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nursing home, skilled nursing facilities frequently refuse to accept a patient because of the same discharge issues faced by hospitals. Not wanting to discharge a patient to the street and lacking adequate staffing to manage housing placement or behavioral health care needs, most nursing homes simply refuse to accept homeless patients. With reluctant nursing homes and limited options for day shelter, many homeless patients need to remain in a hospital bed until their health is stabilized.

Many communities have designed medical respite programs as a humane and dignified approach to recuperative care for people who are homeless. Traditionally, the term “respite” is used to refer to a break or time off for a caregiver of a disabled child or elderly adult. However, the term has taken on a new meaning over the last two decades for providers of health care services to homeless people. The term “medical respite care” has emerged to describe recuperative or convalescent services needed by homeless people with medical problems. The Respite Care Providers’ Network (RCPN) defines medical respite care as “acute and post-acute medical care for patients experiencing homelessness who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury while living in shelter or on the streets, but who are not sick enough to be in a hospital”. Medical respite care fills a service gap between hospital and shelter, and provides home-like care to those without a home. Medical respite services are provided in a variety of settings including homeless shelters, motel/hotels, apartments, board and care facilities and stand alone facilities. Medical respite programs provide a safe place to recover with medical monitoring and support services such as food, laundry, transportation to medical appointments, medication management, security, case management and referral to specialty care.

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Making the Connection

Obtaining Identification

By Kathryn Nelson

The authors of this column welcome your comments and questions. See contact information at the end of the article.

As most of you all are well aware, obtaining identification is extremely difficult when a client does not have any IDs to begin the process. In this month’s column I want to share with you the story of “Sam” and my agency’s efforts to obtain identification for him. Hopefully, what we learned on this journey will be of help to you.

On October 23, 2009, “Sam”, a 20 year old male was referred by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) to my organization to help obtain identification. Sam told us he had no identification, and didn’t know where to start. Since he had no identification he was unable to obtain help through SNAP (formerly Food Stamps).

Like many of our clients, Sam is a poor historian. Sam told us that his birth certificate and social security card were lost during one of the many moves made by his family. He was unable to recall, the last school he had attended. He told us he has not seen a medical doctor or dentist for at least 7 years. Sam said he was raised by his maternal grandmother, who died 7 years ago and after her death he went to live with a maternal uncle. Sam told us that his uncle told him that he was born somewhere in Lake County Illinois, but Sam did not know the town. Sam knew his mother’s name but did not know her birth date, but fortunately he was able to get this information from his uncle.

After obtaining appropriate releases, we contacted Lake County vital statistics to find out the procedure for ordering a birth certification without proper identification. Staff at Lake County said they could accept documentation from any professional agency saying that agency staff had witnessed Sam’s signature. Using this information we contacted the DRS case worker to request they provide copies of Sam’s signature that were on several DRS forms. In addition, Sam’s DRS case worker wrote a letter saying he had witnessed Sam sign the documents.

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Homeless Headlines

Current Rental Market Trends

Increased rental vacancy rates nationwide have not translated into greater availability of homes affordable to low income households and the assisted stock in particular has remained tight, according to a HUD working paper on the U.S. rental housing market released December 22, 2009. The paper also finds strong evidence of a trend, suspected by housing advocates, towards households moving in together to save on housing costs.

The report finds that while national rental vacancy rates remain above 10 percent, this is not the case for the assisted housing stock. Vacancies in project-based Section 8 developments have not exceeded 5 percent in recent years. Public housing vacancy rates fell two percentage points, from 11.5 percent in 2006 to 9.5 percent in 2008, to dip below the national rate. Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects also appear to have vacancies below the market rate, though this finding is based on a more limited dataset.

The report also finds significant geographic variations in supply and demand for both assisted and unassisted homes. While areas such as Detroit and Atlanta saw vacancies increase steadily from 2005 to reach 16 percent in 2008, other areas such as Seattle and Washington, DC, had vacancy rates that steadily declined in the same period and reached nearly 5 percent in 2008.

Finally, the report finds evidence that an increasing number of households have been moving in together to save costs. The authors note that nearly 12 percent of all households that moved in 2009 did so to join another household, up from less than 10 percent in 2005—a 25 percent increase. This so-called “doubling up” is thought to be one of the causes of the declining demand in the market, and could help explain the seemingly contradictory trends of rising vacancies and rising renter distress that can be observed in recent data. Before the release of this report, advocates have lacked non-anecdotal evidence of an increase in doubling up.

The paper pulls together primary source analysis as well as information from secondary sources to present a coherent picture of affordability in the current rental market. HUD and Low Income Housing Tax Credit program data are the basis for much of the primary source analysis, and these data are supplemented with information from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey (CPS), and the related Housing Vacancy Survey. The report’s findings are presented largely as bullet points, tables or graphs, which should help to make the information accessible.

U.S. Rental Housing Characteristics: Supply, Vacancy, and Affordability, by Rob Collinson and Ben Winter, can be found at: www.huduser.org/portal/publications/workpapr1.html

Second Chance Act Grants

Solicitation for Second Chance Act Grants to State and Local Governments Released Today On December 22, 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) released the solicitation for Second Chance Act grant applications to state and local governments for adult and juvenile reentry demonstration projects (Section 101). Funding under this section is available to help state and local agencies implement programs and strategies to reduce recidivism and ensure the safe and successful reentry of adults and juveniles released from prisons and jails back to the community.

To download the solicitation or find out more about the grant program, go to nationalreentryresourcecenter.org/about/second-chance-act.

The deadline for applications is 8:00 p.m. ET on March 4, 2010.

Inquiries about the solicitation should be directed to Dr. Gary L. Dennis, Senior Policy Advisor for Corrections, Bureau of Justice Assistance, at 202-305-9059 or gary.dennis@usdoj.gov. Inquiries about the juvenile-related requirements of this solicitation should be directed to Thomas Murphy, Grants Program Specialist, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, at 202-353-9059 or Thomas.murphy@usdoj.gov.

For more information about downloading the solicitation, applicant eligibility requirements, instructions on registering for the online grant application system, and other application materials, go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10BJA_JJ_SecondChanceDemonstrationSol.pdf.

BJA will issue other Second Chance Act solicitations, including the request for Section 211 grant applications from nonprofit agencies/organizations, at a later date.
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We contacted Social Security and asked what other documents could be used in conjunction with the birth certificate to verify identity. Social Security told us they are able to use any documentation that is completed by a licensed medical physician or licensed psychologist or psychiatrist, that lists a person’s identifying information, such as date of birth, age, and gender. We once again contacted DRS and Sam’s case worker was able to provide a copy of Sam’s psychological report. Sam now took this report to the local Social Security office. This time Social Security staff told him that in addition to the psychological report he needed DRS to write a letter on the agency’s letterhead, saying Sam was seen at DRS by the psychologist. The DRS caseworker once again completed a letter and included in the letter that DRS provided the psychological evaluation, and also provided identifying information about Sam including his date of birth, age, and gender. Sam went back to Social Security with the original letter and documents and was now finally given a print out that had his social security number. Sam received his official replacement card about seven days later and was now able to obtain a state identification card.

As you can tell from Sam’s story, there are a number of ways and resources that can be used to verify your identity. Obtaining this information sometimes is complicated. It also requires persistence, collaboration and creativity.

The DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization focused on advocacy and planning in DuPage County, Illinois and designer and trainer of Making the Connection: A Guide to Accessing Public Benefits. The DuPage Federation is affiliated with Northern Illinois University, Regional Development Institute. Questions can be directed to knelson@dupagefederation.org or cking@dupagefederation.org.
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**Type of Grantmaker:** Company-sponsored foundation  
**Limitations:** No support for discriminatory organizations, political candidates, churches or religious denominations, religious or theological schools, social, labor, veterans’, alumni, or fraternal organizations not of direct benefit to the entire community, athletic associations, national organizations with local chapters already receiving support, medical or nursing schools, or pass-through organizations. No grants to individuals (except for scholarships), or for emergency needs for general operating support, political causes, legislative lobbying, or advocacy efforts, goodwill advertising, sporting events, general operating support for United Way member agencies, tickets or tables for testimonials or similar benefit events, named academic chairs, social sciences or health science programs, fundraising events, or trips or tours.  

**Financial Data** (Year ended 12/31/07):  
**Total giving:** $3,656,342  
**Giving activities** include: $1,833,411 for 511 grants (high: $398,842; low: $25)  
$60,000 for 30 grants to individuals of $2,000 each (high: $2,000; low: $2,000)  
**Number of Staff:** 5 full-time professional, 1 full-time support

**Purpose and Activities:** The foundation supports programs designed to promote education; environment; community enrichment; and entrepreneurship. **Fields of Interest:** Community/economic development; Education; Employment; Federated giving programs; Higher education; Housing/shelter; Social entrepreneurship; Youth development; **Population Groups:** Minorities; Women; Youth  
**Types of Support:** Annual campaigns; Building/renovation; Capital campaigns; Conferences/seminars; Continuing support; Employee-related scholarships; Employee volunteer services; Equipment; General/operating support; In-kind gifts; Program development; Scholarship funds; Scholarships—to individuals; Sponsorships  
**Application Information:** Excessive proposal materials are not encouraged. Electronic or faxed proposals are not accepted. Application form not required. Initial approach: Proposal. Copies of proposal: 1. Board meeting date(s): As required. Deadline(s): Between January 1 and October 31. Final notification: Within 60 days.

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**Limitations:** Giving limited to areas of company operations, with emphasis on IA, IL, KY, MN, NC and WA. No support for national, statewide, or religious organizations. No grants to individuals.

**Financial Data** (Year ended 12/31/08):  
**Total giving:** $2,005,380  
**Giving activities** include: $2,005,380 for grants  
**Number of Staff:** 1 full-time professional

**Purpose and Activities:** The foundation supports community foundations and organizations involved with arts and culture, education, cancer, housing development, diversity, human services, and community development. **Fields of Interest:** Community/economic development; Education; Federated giving programs; Health care, clinics/centers; Higher education; Housing/shelter, development; Human services; Salvation Army; YM/YWCAs & YM/YWHAs  
**Types of Support:** Building/renovation; Capital campaigns; Employee matching gifts; General/operating support  
**Application Information:** Application form not required. Initial approach: Proposal. Copies of proposal: 1. **Deadline(s):** None.

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organizations or federated funds. No grants to individuals, or for endowments, fundraising events, debt reduction, political campaigns, or religious programs; generally, no grants for research or planning projects. Financial Data (Year ended 12/31/08): Total giving: $27,571,707 Giving activities include: $27,567,717 for 184 grants (high: $2,000,000; low: $250) $3,990 for 9 employee matching gifts Number of Staff: 2 full-time professional, 2 full-time support Purpose and Activities: The foundation supports organizations involved with education, the environment, employment, housing, youth development, children’s day care, and economic development. Fields of Interest: Children, day care; Community/economic development; Education; Employment, services; Housing/shelter; Youth development Types of Support: Continuing support; Employee matching gifts; General/operating support; Land acquisition; Management development/capacity building; Matching/challenge support; Program-related investments/loans; Program development; Scholarship funds; Technical assistance Application Information: A full proposal may be requested at a later date for Education, Economic Development, and Environment support and Vital Lands Illinois. An application form is required for Elgin Grantworks. Organizations receiving support are asked to provide an interim and final report. Initial approach: Letter of inquiry for Education, Economic Development, and Environment; download application form and mail proposal and application form to application address for Elgin Grantworks; download project application and E-mail to application contact for Vital Land Illinois. Board meeting date(s): Quarterly. Deadline(s): 1st Friday in May and October for Education, Economic Development, and Environment; 1st Friday in February, June, and October for Elgin Grantworks; None for Vital Lands Illinois. Final notification: 10 business days for Education, Economic Development, and Environment; 8 to 10 weeks for Elgin Grantworks.

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Thus, medical respite care provides a safe alternative for hospitals and for individuals in need of post-discharge medical care. But it also assists hospitals in providing continuous care to individuals who might otherwise return to their emergency department. The benefits for the health and well being of a homeless person as well as the cost savings for communities are significant incentives for planning and implementing a medical respite program. The following sections provide detailed descriptions of the steps involved in developing a medical respite program.

This document may be downloaded free of charge at www.nhchc.org/Respite/

To order print copies, go to: www.nhchc.org/Publications/

For further information, go to: National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Inc. P.O. Box 60427 Nashville, TN 37206 E-mail: council@nhchc.org Web site: www.nhchc.org


**CHAS Data**  
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HUD is currently accepting feedback on this data in order to improve its usefulness. NLIHC will use this data to update resources such as the Congressional District Profiles (www.nlihc.org/detail/article.cfm?article_id=3810&id=61).

For more information on the 2009 CHAS data, along with the resources on how to use the data and the tables themselves, go to: www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/cp.html

**Appropriations**  
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In addition to increases in program funding, HUD will launch a new comprehensive housing and neighborhood development program, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, which will be funded within the HOPE VI program. The final FY10 T-HUD appropriation provides $65 million for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative from within the $200 million for HOPE VI. Two-and-a-half months into the federal fiscal year, HUD can now properly evaluate allocation of funds within housing programs and refine estimated spending needs for FY11. The President is expected to make his request to Congress for FY11 funding the first week in February 2010.

View the updated budget chart at: www.nlihc.org/doc/FY10-chart-12-17-09.pdf

View the final bill at: frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h3288enr.txt.pdf

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