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Project Description

Valley Health Systems, Inc. (VHS), coordinates a statewide Health Care for the Homeless program that is administered through five organizations located in the cities of Huntington, Charleston, Wheeling, Beckley, and Morgantown.

Services

VHS, in conjunction with the Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless, provides direct services in Huntington out of Harmony House and administrative oversight through subcontracts with four other organizations. Harmony House is a multi-purpose center for persons experiencing homelessness. A team model is used to ensure comprehensive, coordinated services. The health care team consists of a nurse practitioner, counselor, medical director, dentist, and social and outreach workers. Services include primary medical care, substance abuse assessment and referral, mental health assessment, counseling and referral, transportation, dental care, showers, laundry, and assistance in acquiring housing, employment, and other social services. The project subcontracts with four agencies: West Virginia Health Right, a free clinic which uses 250 medical volunteers to provide services; Wheeling Health Right, a free clinic which uses over 100 volunteers to provide services; Community Health Systems, a community health center; and Morgantown Health Right, a community supported medical clinic.

Linkages

The project works closely with Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless to arrange linkages with other resources and services in Huntington.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 8,500 Project users: 7,058

Subcontractor(s):

Community Health Systems, Inc.

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West Virginia Health Right, Inc.

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Charlestown, WV 25311
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Morgantown Health Right, Inc.

154 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 1519
Morgantown, WV 26507-1519
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