Second Phase: Unity House Supported Housing Evaluation

Abstract: The proposed project is designed as a second phase of the Unity House Supported Housing Evaluation previously funded by Charitable Leadership Foundation. This next phase will build on current findings and collaborative partnerships with local and state governments. Model replication and expansion into other geographical areas were identified as primary areas of interest among the collaborative partners in this project, including Charitable Leadership Foundation, Unity House, Rensselaer County, and the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), and the School of Social Welfare. The experiences of Unity House’s Enhanced Supported Housing Program offer rich data to be utilized for future programming efforts. As a result of the CHAP study and evaluation conducted by Dr. Hardiman, the School is well positioned to also conduct initial evaluability and feasibility assessments for model replication sites, assist with the development of training and technical assistance materials, and aid in the resulting processes. Essentially, this next phase will build on the evaluation from its initial focus on the effectiveness of a specific program to demonstrate the supported housing model’s ability to create systemic and sustainable changes in New York State’s approach to homelessness.