

Statewide Housing Coordinators for Long Term Care Reform

Governor's Office of Health
Innovation and Transformation

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GOHIT Activities

- The Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation (GOHIT), created by the Governor's Executive Order, is responsible for directing Illinois' health reform initiatives, particularly those related to the State's Alliance for Health Innovation Plan.
- GOHIT is responsible for leading and coordinating implementation of this Plan that seeks to:
 - achieve better health for our residents,
 - improve the effectiveness of the delivery system and
 - lower costs so health care and insurance is affordable for everyone in the state.

Intersection with Alliance for Health Innovation Plan

What does this have to do with me?

- Housing and in particular, affordable housing plus supportive services, figures highly in three of the five objectives of the Alliance Innovation Plan.

Housing

Alliance Innovation Plan Objectives

**Ensure supports & services for
people w/specific needs**

**Enhance public health &
address social determinants**

**Expand state's leadership role
& promote improvement**

Ensure services & supports for people with specific needs

- Specific needs include
 - frailty
 - developmental and intellectual disability
 - physical disability
 - serious mental illness
 - justice-involvement
 - homelessness
 - child-welfare involvement and HIV/AIDS.
- No one can manage and improve their lives and personal health without access to decent, clean, safe and affordable housing.

Enhance public health & address social determinants

- Housing is Healthcare:
 - National Health Care for the Homeless Council
 - 100,000 Homes Campaign
 - American Public Health Association
 - and many more
- 60% of an individual's overall health is determined by access to:
 - Safe & Affordable Housing
 - Education
 - Public Safety
 - Transportation
 - Healthy Foods
 - Social Support
 - Adequate Income

Expand state's leadership role & promote improvement

- Governor Quinn recognized the importance of community integration and access to housing.
 - March 2012--hired one Statewide Housing Coordinator and one Regional Housing Coordinator for Long Term Care Reform.
 - January 2014--three Statewide Housing Coordinators for Long Term Care Reform working out of the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation.

What is Olmstead and Why Does It Matter?

- Overview of the Supreme Court Olmstead decision and related state class action lawsuits
 - Supporting people with disabilities in the communities of their choice

Olmstead Supreme Court Decision

- A 1999 Supreme Court ruling that requires states to:
 - Eliminate unnecessary segregation of persons with disabilities.
 - Ensure that persons with disabilities receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

Olmstead-Based Class Action Lawsuits

➤ *Williams v Quinn*

- Filed in 2005
- Alleged that Illinois was in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Plaintiff class of 4,500 Illinois residents with Serious Mental Illness
- Living in Institutes of Mental Disease (IMDs)

Olmstead-Based Class Action Lawsuits

➤ *Williams v Quinn*

- Agreed to in 2010
- Requires the transition of thousands of class members (people with SMI) to integrated, community-based living with appropriate support services.

Olmstead-Based Class Action Lawsuits

➤ *Ligas v Hamos*

- Filed in 2005
- 6,000 individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Residing in private, State-funded Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICFs/DD) of nine or more persons, or
 - At risk of being placed in such facilities and
 - 20,000+ people waiting on the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) list

Olmstead-Based Class Action Lawsuits

➤ *Ligas v Hamos*

- Agreed to in 2011
- Requires transition of all individuals living in ICFs/DD who affirmatively request community-based settings and services.
- Serving of people from the PUNS list

Olmstead-Based Class Action Lawsuits

➤ *Colbert v Quinn*

- Filed in 2007
- Open class of 14,000 to 16,000 Illinois residents with disabilities with Medicaid insurance
- Living in Nursing Facilities in Cook County

Olmstead-Based Class Action Lawsuits

- *Colbert v Quinn*
 - Agreed to in 2011
 - Requires that 1,100 class members be offered placement in permanent supportive housing by the end of the 30th month after the Implementation Plan is adopted.

Statewide Housing Coordinators

- *Olmstead*-based lawsuits are only part of the housing need that the Statewide Housing Coordinators spend their time on:
 - Money Follows the Person
 - Statewide Referral Network
 - Section 811
 - Public Housing Authority relations
 - State Operated Developmental Center Closure
 - People Experiencing Homelessness
 - And much more!

Statewide Housing Coordinators

- Lore Baker, Statewide Housing Coordinator, Springfield, areas of concentration:
 - *Ligas v Hamos* and State Operated Developmental Center closures
 - Money Follows the Person Initiative
 - Public Housing Authorities, outside Chicago and Cook County
 - Lead Referral Agent management outside of Cook County
 - Public Housing Authorities outside Cook County

Statewide Housing Coordinators

- Brady Harden, Statewide Housing Coordinator, Chicago, areas of concentration:
 - *Williams v Quinn*
 - *Colbert v Quinn*
 - Lead Referral Agent for Cook County
 - Public Housing Authorities, particularly Chicago and Cook County

Statewide Housing Coordinators

- Juanita Irizarry, Statewide Housing Coordinator, Chicago, areas of concentration:
 - Section 811 Implementation
 - Statewide Referral Network
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 - Public Housing Authorities, particularly Chicago and Cook County

Questions?

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