2019 Public Policy Agenda

Public Policy Goal: Central City Concern is dedicated to providing and advocating for services that are individualized and build on people’s assets. Services should be integrated, following the person and/or family to attain what they need to be housed, healthy, resilient and engaged.

Policy Focus #1 – Increase Affordable Housing Supply
Work with local, state and federal governments to increase affordable housing development that comes with sustainable rental subsidies and high-quality resident services
A. Seek increase in funding and supportive strategies to expand affordable housing development, permanent supportive housing, and retention of existing affordable housing in our communities, especially in communities of color
B. Provide feedback on local implementation plans to ensure the most effective strategies for increasing affordable housing access and providing support services
C. Amplify the voices of communities of color and people with low incomes living in or seeking affordable housing

Policy Focus #2 – Increase and Improve Recovery Services
Work with local, state and federal governments to increase financial investments in substance use disorder care systems to cover a range of services including detox, treatment and long-term recovery
A. Seek increase in funding for a complete substance use disorder intervention system that includes prevention, treatment and long-term recovery support
B. Provide feedback on implementation plans to ensure new/enhanced programs and services meet best practices and provide wraparound supports
C. Advocate for workforce investments and strategies to enhance and grow qualified behavioral and mental health professionals; especially increase professional development opportunities for people of color and peer specialists with lived experience

Policy Focus #3 – Improve Health Service Delivery Systems
Work with local, state and federal governments to further develop a health care system that is financially stable and delivering high-quality services to people most in need
A. Provide feedback to establish attainable and effective goals for value-based care metrics that incentivize service integration across physical, mental and behavioral health needs
B. Advocate for long-term sustainable financial planning to support Federally Qualified Health Centers and state Medicaid systems
C. Seek clear standards of care for mental and behavioral health service delivery, improving access and care attainment for those most in need, especially communities of color

Policy Focus #4 – Increase and Improve Stabilizing Interventions
Work with local, state and federal governments to protect and increase investment in transitional and support programs that help people attain greater stability
A. Increase flexible funding for employment support programs to enhance program access and long-term support for career-focused employment attainment
B. Increase funding for stabilization programs for people exiting the criminal justice system and/or hospital care
C. Establish a long-term financial commitment to transitional and permanent supportive services integrated into housing interventions and provide feedback regarding appropriate levels of resident services