

# 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