Ending homelessness will require expansion of programs offering both social services and affordable housing (supportive housing models). A barrier to the creation of supportive housing is the lack of public funding to cover supportive services to the families, youth and adults experiencing homelessness. Medicaid is becoming an excellent source of funding to increase local capacity—federal health care dollars that cover case management, care coordination and tenancy support services in community housing settings. Lawyers can become involved in reforms to State Medicaid Plans and assist community agencies to access Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, lawyers representing persons with disabilities can advocate to expand Medicaid funding to meet the goal of integrating homeless and disabled persons in community-based settings under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999). Speakers will review changes in federal law and regulations, identify States that have amended their State Medicaid Plans to expand services to service people experiencing homelessness, and review ways Olmstead and Medicaid can be used to utilize supportive housing to prevent homelessness for those at-risk of institutionalization.

Panelists:

Peggy Bailey, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Washington, DC
Pamela Cohen, Disability Rights California, Oakland, CA
Richard Hooks Wayman, Executive Director, Hearth Connection, Saint Paul, MN
Elizabeth Zirker, Disability Rights California, Oakland, CA

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