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**Oct 1 2021 NMPHA Fridays: Policy, Equity and Action**

**Ending Homelessness: State and Local Policy Opportunities**

**Hank Hughes, NM Coalition to End Homelessness**

**For more information or to get involved with NMPHA efforts to address Social Determinants of Health, including homelessness, contact Brandy Van Pelt-Ramirez, NMPHA Priority Area Representative,** [**bvanpelt@lfmctr.org**](mailto:bvanpelt@lfmctr.org)**.**

**Links and Resources for Follow up**

**Watch the Recording:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DWDuojMqfTwWcTYoIotbQsmXVM2VMSGG/view?usp=sharing>

**The NM Linkages Program**

**The Linkages program provides rental assistance for individuals with a serious mental illness diagnosis who are also homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Housing specialists and case managers work together to meet a client’s immediate housing needs and to provide supportive services such as case management and mental health care. Link includes service providers.**

<https://housingnm.org/service-providers/linkages>

**Related Articles and Organizations from the Chat**

# **Landlords refuse emergency rent money and Section 8 vouchers, Source NM, Patrick Lohmann, Sept 29, 2021**

<https://sourcenm.com/2021/09/29/landlords-refuse-emergency-rent-money-and-section-8-vouchers/>

# **The Transformative Potential of Community Land Trusts**

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/the-transformative-potential-of-community-land-trusts/>

**The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)**

<https://www.usich.gov/news/usich-is-creating-a-new-federal-strategic-plan-and-were-listening-to-you.-heres-how>

USICH recently started an intensive process to create a new Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. It requires input from people who are part of the response to homelessness, people who have a vested interest in ending homelessness, and people with lived experience.