

## Mid-Year Report

Grantee: JFCS Philadelphia

People present: Courtney Owen, Susan

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Project: Hoarding Support

What problem was being addressed? Hoarding that affects safe housing and health

What actions have been implemented? Individual sessions, groups, education of professionals.

What went right? Very excited to receive Community Cares Grant Oct 1 to expand volunteer program. Plan to have encouragement volunteers, people who will pick up stuff to donate, peer co-facilitators. Have not heard yet on Next50 grant.

Also got approved as Community Behavioral Health provider in Philadelphia, which makes eligible for Medicaid & Medicare reimbursement. Expect other counties to follow and for this to generate referrals. Both art and mindfulness therapists already Medicare providers.

Daily groups: now Art Therapy, Mindfulness, Buried in Treasure, Family. Monthly art therapy and hoarding drop in groups.

What went wrong? None of them are marketers. How to get word out to other professionals about their program.

What surprises did you encounter/what was serendipitous? Many participants prefer virtual groups, so will continue.

How are you measuring effectiveness? Participant surveys, attendance.

What changes will you make in the remainder of the year? Starting to resume in-person home visits. Challenging to deal with comfort levels, mandates, lack of office space (gave up office space when staff went virtual), find right balance of in-person and virtual. All participants will be required to take Buried in Treasure group first as baseline education.

Notes: Great to see them achieving goal of sustainable funding (insurance reimbursement). We discussed possibility that FFA funding might be reduced next year toward phasing out (5 years).

