

## BACKPACK MEDICINE PROGRAM



System Transformation and Community Investment Program focus on integrating community-based care into the healthcare delivery system, supporting community based organizations in programming designed to positively impact health outcomes, health equity, and the cost of healthcare.

FLPPS is partnering with addiction treatment organization Huther Doyle to provide medical care and drug treatment to the unsheltered homeless in Monroe County.

Huther Doyle focuses on assisting individuals and families seeking recovery from substance abuse disorder and addiction by offering rapid access evaluation and research-based, individually focused recovery and wellness programs. Since its inception in 1977, Huther Doyle has established working relationships with a number of healthcare, SUD treatment, mental health treatment and social service provider agencies

Huther Doyle will pilot a one-year Backpack Medicine Program to provide “boots-on-the-ground” preventive and just-in-time medical interventions for unsheltered homeless individuals with substance abuse disorders. A mobile unit composed of peers and medical students from the URMCMedicine Program will visit homeless encampments two-three times per week.

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“Huther Doyle is pleased to have received funding to support this outreach pilot. It is the perfect complement to our Mobile Treatment Unit and will allow us to reach folks who are not yet ready to seek formal treatment for their addiction but who, nonetheless, need and deserve to have a multitude of health care issues looked at and addressed.”

**KELLY A. REED**  
**PRESIDENT & CEO OF HUTHER DOYLE**

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The program will leverage telehealth and a Mobile Treatment Van to provide wound care, blood pressure and glucose monitoring, and substance abuse treatments. This grassroots intervention program is designed to meet people where they are to build trust and offer treatment to those who are most vulnerable and least likely to seek support on their own or until they are compelled to seek intervention at hospital emergency rooms.

As a social determinant of health and trust-building intervention, Huther Doyle will also provide healthy foods to encampment residents.