

## SASH 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY EVALUATION SUMMARY

- US HUD and US HHS jointly contracted with RTI International, an international research firm, to determine whether VT's SASH program reduces Medicare expenditures for SASH participants living in HUD properties
- The evaluation concludes that ***“the SASH program reduced the rate of growth in total Medicare expenditures and expenditures for post-acute care among SASH participants residing in SASH properties that implemented their program before April 2012 and relative to both comparison groups.”***
- The key qualitative finding is that SASH successfully integrates services across community based organizations and links care teams to primary care practices, hospitals and Community Health Teams: ***“The major SASH program implementation success has been the linkages the program has created among different community organizations”***. 67 partner agencies are working together to fill gaps and eliminate duplication, modeling the Administration's health reform vision.
- The evaluation finds that savings begin to appear in the second year of operation of a SASH panel, reflecting the time-intensive intake and assessment process that occurs in year one. **The savings in year two more than pay for year 1 and all public resources invested in the program.**
- The savings SASH produces are relative to two control groups: a demographically similar group of rural, upstate New York Medicare beneficiaries living in HUD-funded properties who are not SASH participants and who are not part of an MAPCP innovation program like Blueprint, and Vermont Medicare beneficiaries who live in HUD-funded properties and are included in a Blueprint medical home but are not SASH participants.

### SASH vs. Upstate NY control group

- **Savings of \$183.10 per member per month (PMPM) or \$2197 per person per year in total Medicare expenditures**
- Savings of \$125.08 PMPM or \$1501 per year in Acute Care expenditures
- Savings of \$59.69 PMPM or \$716 per year in post-Acute Care expenditures

### SASH vs. non-SASH VT control group

- **Savings of \$146.32 PMPM or \$1756 per person per year in total Medicare expenditures**
- Savings of \$45.17 PMPM or \$542 per year in Acute Care expenditures
- Savings of \$90.99 PMPM or \$1092 per year in post-Acute Care expenditures

### SASH VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Vermonters Enrolled in SASH: 3861

Number of Vermont Affordable Housing Sites with SASH program: 118

Number of Vermonters Employed in SASH-specific positions: 72 (FTEs)