Cincinnati Sobering Center
Business Model

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Identification of the Need

- **2011**: 2,647 patient visits to three ED’s with primary diagnosis of substance abuse, 11,248 had substance abuse as a secondary diagnosis.

- **2012**: Substance Abuse identified as a gap in the Regional Community Health Needs Assessment.

- **2013**: Substance Abuse visits in the ED’s is growing at significant rates.
Current State

- Patients brought to area ED’s under the influence by EMS or Police
- Full assessment cannot be completed until patient is sober (2-8 hours)
- ED’s already overcrowded
- Physical layout of ED’s not conducive
- Security and safety issues
- Other patient disruption
- Minimal or no intervention for recovery offered
Desired State

Shift inebriated patients from hospital ED’s to a lower and more appropriate level of care.

Provide a compassionate place of respite to those needing a safe place to recover.

Provide motivational support to those in need of recovery resources.

Cost effective alternative to the ED
Criteria

- Brought by EMS or Police to facility
- Must meet inclusion criteria
- Medically stable
- Not a physical threat to self or others
- Adult only >18
Funding

Planning Grant

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  o UC Health - University of Cincinnati Medical Center
  o TriHealth
  o The Christ Hospital Health Network
  o Mercy Health Partners
Accomplishments

• Prevention of reoccurrence will be enhanced by the ability of this specialized resource to assess a client’s needs and refer to and better collaborate with outside community resources.

• Early intervention will be available as early as the first occurrence and entry into the health care system.

• A higher quality of care/treatment will be provided by the availability of a more appropriate level of care, timely delivery of that care, staff with expertise in dealing with substance abuse issues, and multiple options for follow-up resources.
Next Steps

Business Plan presented to funding hospital CEO’s for approval

Hiring of Program Director

Implementation Plan

Identify Facility

Provide Education / Marketing

Spread the Concept
Questions

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