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MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Introduction:

1. The California Department of Mental Health (DMH), the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) and the County Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) announced a new housing program under which \$400 million in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds were made available to finance the capital costs associated with development, acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families, especially including homeless individuals with mental illness and their families. The new program is called the MHSA Housing Program and funds for capitalized operating subsidies are included in the \$400 million that has been designated for the program.
2. This program will serve persons with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who meet the MHSA Housing Program target population description.
3. Santa Clara County's allocated amount is: \$19,249,300, of which \$6,416,400 can be used for capitalized operating subsidies. In all the housing projects that the County will develop, MHSA money pays only for units designated to qualified consumers. Other County responsibilities include:
 - ❖ Involve stakeholders in the planning process.
 - ❖ Select non-profit housing developer(s) to work on this housing.
 - ❖ Guarantee the provision of services consistent with the CSS Plan to the MH tenants for the life of the MHSA loans involved in the projects.
 - ❖ Establish an agreement per housing project with all participating parties: developer, service provider, property management company and County.
 - ❖ Develop an application for each housing project and submit it to DMH and CalHFA for approval.

Required Process:**Updated: 6/30/08**

Steps	Current Status
1. Conduct a Stakeholder input process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Established a contractual relationship with County Office of Affordable Housing (OAH) to assist in the development of all housing projects: 12/11/06. ❖ Conducted meetings, focus groups and interviews with stakeholders (involving consumers, staff of the county and contractors clinics): August-November 2006 and June-August 2007. ❖ Conducted a survey in October 2007 to obtain the input from consumers about their housing needs. ❖ Established a Housing Advisory Committee in May 2006. It has met several times to advise the Department staff.
2. Secure the services of non-profit housing developer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ After a competitive RFQ process, Charities Housing Development Corporation and Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition were selected. ❖ OAH and MHD are meeting on an ongoing basis to discuss potential housing projects.
3. Choose housing projects to bring forward to the State for approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ First housing projects decided upon: Belovida Santa Clara (a housing project for seniors) and Kings Crossing (housing for TAY and adults). ❖ Input obtained from County Staff during numerous meetings. ❖ The Mental Health Board held a public hearing and reviewed the projects on May 12, 2008. ❖ Stakeholders Leadership Group approved projects on 5/16/08.
4. Write an application for each housing project according to the MHSA guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The applications for the two projects have been completed. ❖ Meeting(s) with potential service providers and the developers to discuss the supportive services plan were held in March, 2008. ❖ The appropriate input from the developers was provided. ❖ The required Memorandum of Understanding between the parties involved has been completed.
5. Post the service components for public review for 30 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ These components for the two projects were posted from March 31, 2008 to April 30, 2008.
6. Secure the approval of the Board of Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Board of Supervisors approved the two projects on May 20, 2008.
7. Submit the application to DMH and CalHFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Applications for the two projects were submitted May 29, 2008
8. Concept Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This meeting to review the projects is scheduled for July 8, 2008. CalHFA is conducting this meeting.
9. Approval by the State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Promised by the State: within 60 days of the submission of each application.