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INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

ACTION PLAN MEETING – MAY 25, 2016 – COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MISSION & WORK TO DATE

MISSION

The mission of the committee on disability housing and services is to insure that individuals and families with disabilities have access to supportive housing within the community that provides the least restrictive integrated housing opportunity to enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

WORK TO DATE

- The committee has previously worked as a sub-committee on targeting to the Supportive Housing Working Group.
- The committee has reviewed several assessment tools and considered the impact of state and federal fair housing laws that act as barriers to development and targeting of resources.
- A survey was sent to EOHHS agencies requesting data on housing needs for each agency over the next five years.
- Committee members engaged MassHousing to discuss expansion of existing 3% set-aside for DMH/DDS clients in MassHousing-financed housing developments.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Convened the ICHH Committee on Disability Housing and Services
- Working group reached agreement in principle for expansion of MassHousing 3% set-aside expansion to also serve clients of Elder Affairs and Mass Rehab Commission (subject to final approvals of all agencies)
- Piloted assessment tool for homeless young adults, to serve as a model for assessment tools serving other populations

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONGOING WORK

Evaluate pilot assessment tool to determine application for other targeted populations

Amend MOU to implement expansion of MassHousing set-aside program to serve other populations such as elders and those with other disabilities.

Support increased collaboration with housing agencies at the table of the new Committee on Supportive Housing Production and Services to facilitate joint procurement of housing and service dollars.

Proceed with planning and initiating a process of engagement of all stakeholders in order to develop an updated Olmstead Plan for Massachusetts.

MEMBERSHIP

DHCD: Roberta Rubin; Margaux LeClair; Brendan Goodwin; Joanne McKenna; Ayana Gonzalez

DDS: Victor Hernandez

DMH: Joe Vallely

MRC – Nicky Osborne, Courtenay Loiselle

EOEA – Emily Cooper, Robin Lipson and Alice Bonner

MassHousing – David Eng

EOHHS – Scott Taberner and Alice Moore

ICHH – Linn Torto

This Committee will be expanded in FY'17 to include other state agencies, housing and services providers, advocates, consumers and other stakeholders as part of the Olmstead Planning Process to be launched in FY'17.