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ACTION PLAN MEETING – MAY 25, 2016 – COMMITTEE ON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND SERVICES



On July 1, 2016, there will be a new committee included under the umbrella of the ICHH – this will be the Committee on Supportive Housing Production and Services. This committee has previously worked as the Supportive Housing Working Group under the auspices of the Permanent Supportive Housing Steering Committee which was legislatively mandated to create 1000 units of permanent and supportive housing over three years. The initiative exceeded its goal by over 600 units. The PSH steering committee will sunset under the terms of the legislation but the work of the SHWG will continue under the ICHH as the membership of both are very similar and will be aligned. The final report of the PSH initiative will be available soon after submission to the Governor and the Legislature.

This committee will provide the forum where the population specific committees – all will be represented on the new housing production committee – will have the opportunity to share priorities, offer service resources and discuss with their colleagues and the housing agencies recommendations for allocation of scarce housing resources – both capital and operating. These recommendations will be shared with DHCD and other housing agencies as they review and consider specific projects for funding. The partnership and collaboration of the agencies at the table will offer DHCD and other housing agencies a clear set of housing goals for vulnerable populations served by both EOHHS and DHCD/MassHousing/Mass Housing Partnership and others. Furthermore, it will be incumbent upon the service agencies to bring resources to the table to support their consumers within the supportive housing developments which receive awards for capital and operating funding.

The Supportive Housing Production and Services Committee will meet monthly as state agency working meetings. The Committee will hold up to quarterly meetings for outside stakeholders, advocates and providers to attend and offer input and advocacy.