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INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

ACTION PLAN MEETING

July 16, 2018



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Awarded capital, operating, and service funding to 47 affordable and supportive housing projects comprising of 1156 units serving a range of target populations including homeless families and individuals, elders, veterans, persons with disabilities, and unaccompanied youth.
- Governor Baker signed the 2018 Housing Bond Bill in late May which authorized up to 1.8 billion in bond funds to be used for affordable and supportive housing production.

ELDER AND CHRONIC HOMELESS COMMITTEE

- Achieved consensus and identified funding for the development and operations of a statewide Data Warehouse.
- Conducted an analysis of MassHealth coverage and service utilization by chronically homeless individuals in Boston.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- MA Olmstead Plan will be published in early FY'19. Plan provides specific action steps and measureable metrics for implementation and a structure to support on-going monitoring and accountability for state agencies.
- Finalized agreement with all parties to extend the MassHousing set aside program to other persons with disabilities and elders and expand the housing agencies who are participating to include Mass Housing Partnership and MassDevelopment. An MOU is in process and will be executed in early FY'19.



VETERANS COMMITTEE

- In collaboration with DOC, DVS, VA and EOHHS presented information on re-entry services for both VA and non-VA eligible veterans within two DOC institutions. Presentations will be made in two more institutions this fall and on-going until all facilities are covered.
- Finalized both federal and state capital awards for financing and re-development of the Long Term Care facility at the Chelsea Soldiers Home . Campus master plan to be approved this summer – RFP for development partners to follow.

COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES

- Developed and began the process for stakeholder engagement to inform the procurement for the Emergency Assistance Program. Procurement to be issued in FY'2019.
Maintained level of families sheltered in hotels and motels to under 50 families.
Decreased EA shelter caseload by 24% since January 2015. Between 1/2015 and 5/2018, 3865 families have chosen diversion through HomeBASE as an alternative to shelter.
- Continued upstream prevention programming through expansion of TPP and expanded engagement of EOHHS agencies in identifying housing instability in the course of their working with at risk families. Program has successfully maintained housing for 92% of families served in FY'18.



UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH COMMISSION

- **Published the MA State Plan to End Youth Homelessness.** Began implementation of the plan. Have assembled templates and guidance for regional networks to develop Youth Action Boards, implement a regional Needs Assessment, develop a high school to college hand off protocol for unaccompanied homeless youth.

Working with Dept. of Higher Education and other state partners, crafted a homeless college student pilot for housing scholarships on state college campuses to be launched in 2019.

Published the MA youth count and survey analysis for 2017. The analysis tracked trends in youth affected by housing instability over last three years. In 2017 there were 501 youth who met the MA definition of homeless.

- **Will issue RFP for youth services in July** – awaiting final youth appropriation in state budget. Seeking statewide coverage through regional networks for services and interventions for at risk youth.