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# INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

ACTION PLAN MEETING – JULY 16, 2018  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES / OLMSTEAD PLANNING COMMITTEE



## MISSION

The mission of the committee on housing and services for persons with disabilities is to ensure 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 these individuals and families.

## WORK TO DATE

- The state Olmstead Planning Committee was convened to update the current 2008 Olmstead Plan and ensure compliance with recent Dept. of Justice guidance and requirements of an Olmstead Plan.
- As consultants to the Olmstead Plan, TAC has supported and completed the data and progress analysis, facilitated the stakeholder engagement process and drafted the plan and accountability table in collaboration with state agencies for final review by commissions and secretariats.
- MassHousing, DHCD, Mass Housing Partnership and Mass Development have drafted an MOU relative to the expansion of existing 3% set-aside for clients of DDS, DMH, EOEA and MRC in state financed housing developments.



- The ICHH Committee on Housing and Services for Persons with Disabilities completed the work of the Commission to Study Ways to Prevent Bullying of Tenants in Public and Subsidized Housing. The report was filed with the legislature in December of 2017.
- The final Olmstead Plan will be published in August of 2018 after an extensive stakeholder engagement process, several convenings of the Advisory Council and the Olmstead Planning Committee and comprehensive review and engagement of all relevant housing, EOHHS services, transportation and workforce development agencies.
- The Plan includes an accountability table with specific measurements and benchmarks as well as the commitment to on-going monitoring of progress and the creation of an infrastructure to oversee implementation.
- CMS/IAP technical assistance project has been completed in June. An Action Plan has been developed to launch two pilots which will involve a joint procurement of housing and services for both homeless individuals and homeless families.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONGOING WORK

- Execution and implementation of an MOU among state housing agencies, including DHCD, MassHousing, Mass Housing Partnership and MassDevelopment, and EOHHS agencies, including DDS, DMH, MRC, and EOEA by December 2018. This expansion will extend the 3% preference to housing supported by state housing agencies other than MassHousing and will offer the preference to serve additional populations with disabilities beyond DDS and DMH consumers.
- The IAP joint procurements will be designed to support both individuals and families who are homeless and who are high utilizers of health care and other federal and state resources. The individual procurement will be offered by December of 2018 and the family procurement will be offered by June of 2019.
- The Olmstead Planning Committee will develop the process and infrastructure to monitor and implement the State Olmstead Plan as well as insuring continued stakeholder engagement in the implementation strategy and updates to the plan going forward.



- The Olmstead Steering Committee consisting of representatives of EOHHS and DHCD will monitor and provide updates to state agencies and stakeholders on the Commonwealth's progress in achieving its 2018 Olmstead Plan goals.
- The Olmstead Planning Committee consisting of representatives from all EOHHS agencies, all housing agencies, MA DOT and EOLWD will meet bi-monthly and assist the Steering Committee in monitoring progress on the Commonwealth's Olmstead plan goals.
- The planning committee will insure that agency goals in the plan are updated and refined as needed.
- The Steering Committee will convene bi-annual meetings of the Advisory Council and the Planning Committee to review and update on plan implementation.