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# INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

ACTION PLAN MEETING – JULY 16, 2018 – COMMITTEE ON SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND SERVICES



## MISSION

The Supportive Housing Production and Services Committee to the ICHH will coordinate and facilitate the collaboration of the Commonwealth's housing and services agencies to promote the development of affordable housing with supports for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens. This collaboration recognizes the value of stable and affordable housing in supporting the health and well-being of our citizens and the SHPS will act as the catalyst for this development program for the future.

## WORK TO DATE

- 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.
- Governor Baker filed the Housing Choice Initiative to provide incentives, rewards, technical assistance and targeted legislative reform to encourage and empower municipalities to plan and build a diverse housing stock, including affordable units.



- Awarded capital, operating, and service funding to 47 housing projects comprising 596 supportive housing units and 1156 affordable housing units overall serving a range of target populations including homeless families and individuals, elders, veterans, persons with disabilities, and unaccompanied youth.
- The funding awards were made by DHCD in collaboration with EOHHS agencies in both competitive rental rounds and in the case of the FCF program, a rolling application process.
- DHCD held a dedicated funding round for supportive housing projects, and used its allocation of federal Housing Trust Fund (HTF) resources as one of the capital sources. LG Polito and Undersecretary Chan announced these 7 awards in Dennis in May 2018, at the site of a new project serving adults with autism.
- Cross-Agency Education - Delivered training for 100 case managers working in state and private agencies on basic housing information



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONGOING WORK

### Continue Action Plan Implementation:

- Needs Assessment – create table for targets and benchmarks for supportive housing development
- Further Enhance Coordination of Financial Resources – joint RFP for housing and services for chronically homeless families and individuals to be issued FY19
- Eliminating Barriers/Reducing Fragmentation: Cross-Agency Education – will continue bi-annual training of service agencies and providers on housing basics.
- Eliminating Barriers/Reducing Fragmentation – the development of state wide HMIS data warehouse is in process.
- Benchmarks to Assess Financial Savings -Working with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), designed and administered a survey to 28 supportive housing projects funded through DHCD's supportive housing rounds. The survey is complete, and CSH will issue a report in early FY19.