

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL
TAC 2 Work Group
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CALL TO ORDER, Welcome and Introductions

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AGENDA

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**Review/Revise/Add Recommendations for
HHSCC 2014-15 Biennial Plan (See Below)**

Members

Next Steps

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HHSCC Work Group Implementation Strategies

Work Group 1 – Add additional resources for Service-Enriched Housing (SEH)

- Pursue additional Section 811 funding opportunities in the future – use dollars to develop single family housing as well as Multi-Family Project Rental Assistance
- Coordinate with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Centers to obtain additional Housing and Urban Development VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers
- Convene the Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations to identify ways to leverage local CoC and other funding, e.g. HOME – if only offering services don't qualify for some funding, e.g. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Notice of Funding Availability (NOFAs) set policies; don't overlook that opportunity to encourage collaboration. Peer-to-peer mentoring. Consistent definition of CoC, consistent definition of Homelessness for HOME and Coc
- Coordinate with Department of State Health Services (DSHS) on their rental assistance and TDHCA Section 811 Project Rental Assistance programs to analyze cost savings and impact on quality of life to provide data for consideration of establishing a state-funded rental assistance program
- Training for Texas Apartment Association on people with disabilities and services available to support tenants - Create training for housing and services staff and developers in various formats, e.g. video, PowerPoint, Webinars, face-to-face
- Coordinate additional Housing and Services Partnership (HSP) Academies
- Coordinate with the DSHS as they implement their rental assistance program – TDHCA staff work with Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) to become Tenant-Based Rental Assistance administrators
- Coordinate with DSHS as they implement the Home and Community-Based Services – Adult Mental Health Program – increase the utilization of the Project Access vouchers for DSHS pilot
- Encourage DSHS to expand the rental assistance program to all LMHAs
- Expansion of Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Expansion of Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
- Delivery System Redesign Incentive Payment (DSRIP)
- Balancing Incentives Payment (BIP) – No wrong door, conflict free case management, single assessment

Work Group 2 – Develop SEH in rural and mid-sized cities

- Help rural communities identify local resources and support collaboration of resources and funding, e.g. Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance – Create training for housing and services staff and developers in various formats, e.g. video, PowerPoint, Webinars, face-to-face
- Point out in the report the need for SEH in rural communities
- Educate individuals on the definition of SEH
- Increase points for developers to develop small (50 unit) projects of SEH projects in rural communities – perhaps jointly owned project with the city (tax abatement from city)
- Increase points for Supportive Housing

- Create points for developers who develop SEH
- Re-establish a Rural Housing Expansion Program
- Coordinate additional Housing and Services Partnership (HSP) Academies – in rural areas of the state
- TDHCA representative continue to participate on the State Independent Living Council, the Council for Advising and Planning for the Prevention and Treatment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, Promoting Independence Advisory Committee, Community Resource Coordination Groups, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Re-entry Task Force to disseminate information about housing and services available to people with disabilities and aging Texans
- TDHCA continue to support the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless and the Disability Advisory Workgroup in order to identify housing and service needs in rural and mid-sized cities

Work Group 3 – Create a Series of Incentives to expand SEH

- Encourage people with disabilities and advocates to participate in the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) process – provide specific recommendations to TDHCA staff
- Include Section 811 Project Rental Assistance in future QAPs
- Review possible incentives in the QAP for for-profit corporations
- Review possible incentives for developers who agree to provide an on-site case manager
- Review creating more incentives for deeply affordable housing (20% Area Median Family Income (AMFI))
- Review policies relating to accessing affordable housing for persons who have a criminal history
- Review possible TDCJ resources for persons with criminal histories transitioning into the community
- TDHCA staff continue to participate on the TDCJ Re-entry Task Force