

# Statewide Permanent Supportive Housing Workgroup

Agenda – July 13, 2023

## 1. Charge of the Workgroup.

The State's Permanent Supportive Housing Workgroup has been identified as a group of key policy makers for the purpose of developing a statewide Action Plan that will bring together State Agencies for the purpose of identifying efficiencies, improving existing efforts, and charting a course of future collaboration and coordination.

## 2. Definition of Permanent Supportive Housing.

Affordable rental housing leased to households for continued occupancy. Tenancy is based on a lease for term as long as the tenant complies with lease requirements. Permanent Supportive Housing shall support housing stability, access to activities of daily living, community-based services, and inclusion in the general community through voluntary participation in supportive services.

## 3. Corporation for Supportive Housing presentation.

The [Corporation for Supportive Housing's](#) presentation provides examples of innovative permanent supportive housing solutions that have not been identified in Florida. Specific examples of efforts aimed at braiding services funding with housing, with specific efforts including efforts to strengthen housing stability for permanent supportive housing residents.

## 4. Florida's REACH Office presentation.

During the May 18 Workgroup meeting the creation of the REACH Office which coordinates statewide efforts related to the workforce development system was mentioned as a possible model to explore. The REACH Office will provide a presentation on how their coordination efforts work and what processes may be generalized to replicate a similar supportive housing effort.

## 5. Framework for State Action Plan.

The purpose of this Workgroup is to develop an Action Plan that examines three key components:

- a. Recognize Current Models and Identifying Efficiencies
- b. Strategize Ways to Improve and Enhance Existing Efforts
- c. Discover Opportunities for Future Collaboration and Coordination

## 6. Public Comments Received.

**From:** [William King](#)  
**To:** [Zach Summerlin](#)  
**Cc:** [Silvia Quintana](#); [Stefania Pace](#)  
**Subject:** Support of Supportive Housing State Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 8:00:45 AM  
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Good morning, Zach,  
Please accept this letter of support for the State Supportive Housing Plan from Broward Behavioral Health Coalition's CEO, Silvia Quintana. We look forward to participating and supporting the State of Florida Workgroup members.

*William J King, BA*  
*Director of Housing and SOAR Entitlements*

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May 16, 2023

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**Re: Support for Supportive Housing State Plan**

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, Inc. (BBHC) would like to submit this letter of support to the State of Florida's efforts to develop a State Supportive Housing Plan. As the DCF Managing Entity for Broward County, who actively participates in our County's Continuum of Care and is an integral part of working to solve the housing needs of our community, BBHC fully understands the benefits of safe, secure, and affordable housing. Access to stable housing is essential for individuals with behavioral health and substance use challenges to have the best chance of remaining out of the high-cost, higher levels of care. Individuals experiencing behavioral health and/or co-occurring substance use challenges within our provider network require a host of layered supports, housing being one of the most critical.

Our providers serve persons with severe and persistent mental health disorders, as well as those that struggle with substance use disorders. Our providers work with families at risk of Child Welfare involvement, who also have housing instability contributing to their challenges. Our team of providers face the huge and arduous task of finding housing for individuals that are being discharged from State Hospitals, acute care facilities, residential treatment facilities, jails, and prisons, as well as those experiencing homelessness.

BBHC supports the development of a Supportive Housing State Plan, as well as the creation of a Supportive Housing Trust fund to help address the critical need of our community and the State of Florida. BBHC is in full support of the State of Florida Workgroup members and will continue to help the State agencies in the development of these programs.

Sincerely,

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Silvia Quintana, CEO  
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**From:** [Ron Hoag](#)  
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I listened in on the second meeting webinar and just had a few thoughts/comments:

I like the fact that the work group is using best practices on which to base further development of supportive housing. I think it is important to look at best practices from states where the mental health accessibility rating is the highest (Florida as you know is ranked near the lowest in the country).

I also recommend that the work group use some funding to hire a major consulting firm (such as McKinsey) to do some independent analysis and make their own independent assessment. A SWOT analysis alone is very helpful.

Thanks for all you are doing to improve mental health coverage in our state.

Ron Hoag  
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