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Zach,

Thank you for the hard work staffing the Workgroup. The effort being undertaken is very important for the state and its citizens. Given the scope of the discussion at the Workgroup meeting, it is challenging to know what comments are appropriate. There was a great deal discussed, and much to be added to the Plan. I will try to stay high level and not get overly detailed in my comments regarding the Plan.

1. I believe it is important that PSH best practices be referenced when discussing the PSH model(s). As you are aware, there are parties that refer to PSH when in fact they are not actually providing PSH. And there are others that do not implement PSH to its greatest potential. Any Plan for the state should be built upon best practices.
2. I would suggest renaming “Current Models and Efficiencies” to “Current Models and Programs”, what are listed are not necessarily efficiencies, but they are programs.
3. Please revise the PSH model definitions. Scattered-site is not solely for households experiencing homelessness. Site-based can be subsidized with tools other than “clustering rental assistance vouchers”.
4. The question was asked: What are the biggest challenges. There are two primary challenges
 - a. Not enough funding for PSH
 - b. No linkage of service dollars with housing – scattered site or site-based
5. I am providing, again, the list of recommendations from the second Policy Day convening concerning what should be within the Plan .
6. I would be hesitant to recommend a statewide coordinated entry system for PSH, most local CESs are not functioning optimally. Until the model is efficient at the local level, I don’t think replicating it at the state level, across multiple systems of care, s the best first move.

If you would like more information or to discuss any of these, please let me know.

Further, given the tight turnaround for comments, FSHC will not be submitting comments. The Policy Committee could not meet prior to the end of last week in order to compile its comments in the timeframe requested. All FSHC members were asked to submit comments individually.

Thank you,



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The Florida Supportive Housing Coalition is a statewide advocacy organization comprised of other statewide advocacy organizations, affordable and supportive housing developers, service providers, homeless coalitions, local governments and other likeminded businesses and individuals who understand the role of stable housing to the health and wellbeing of individuals with special needs or experiencing homelessness.

Mission

To rebuild lives through the integration of housing and services for persons with special needs or experiencing homelessness.

Vision

A Florida where people with special needs can live, work and prosper in the communities of their choice with the supports they need.

What We Do

- Advocate with local, state and federal policy makers
- Educate as to best practices and how to access, develop and provide supportive housing
- Provide technical assistance for communities to create actionable plans to develop supportive housing

Supportive Housing Need

12,811 units

2022 POLICY DAY CONVENINGS

In May and September 2022, the Florida Supportive Housing Coalition convened the Executive Office of the Governor, nine state agencies and key stakeholder organizations to hold strategic dialogues regarding supportive housing in Florida. The facilitated meetings explored common purpose, traced the history of Florida's supportive housing policy and examined how best to: increase availability, improve access to services and create data-driven solutions across multiple state agencies and systems of care.

The convenings led to the creation of a working group to develop a State Supportive Housing Action Plan.

Attendees agreed that it was critical to have senior state agency leadership involved with development of the plan. And that stakeholder groups should be engaged in the process.

Key Strategies to Include in State Supportive Housing Action Plan

Attendees identified the following key strategies to be included in the Plan:

- Data sharing and data-driven decision making
- Interagency communication, coordination and resource leveraging
- Long-term sustainable funding; creation of a supportive housing trust fund
- Streamlined access to housing navigation and supportive housing units
- Development of agency and stakeholder capacity
- Evaluation and accountability for State Supportive Housing Action Plan implementation

