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Good morning, Mr. Summerlin,

We participated in the March 27 Statewide Supportive Housing Workgroup. Our organization, The Key Clubhouse of South Florida, is located in a 80-unit supportive housing building in Miami called Northside Commons, which was developed by Carrfour Supportive Housing. The building was built with financing from the FHFC and completed in July 2021. Forty-two of our clubhouse members who have serious mental illnesses live in apartments above our clubhouse. It is the first supportive housing project in Florida with a clubhouse program operating in the same building.

This project has made it possible for 42 of our members, many of whom experienced homelessness or were at risk of homelessness, to have dignified, permanent apartment homes right above their clubhouse, where they participate in our work-based and employment placement program and where they will receive ongoing support throughout their lives. It has created a close-knit community of peers helping peers both downstairs in the clubhouse and upstairs in the apartments. We have often have visitors coming to see the building and our clubhouse who are amazed that such a thing exists for people living with serious mental illness.

Northside Commons came out of a close partnership that we've had with Carrfour Supportive Housing over several years. We feel that this is a model that should be considered by other communities that have clubhouses because it offers an perfect umbrella of support services for residents with SMI. There are 16 clubhouses currently operating in Florida and new ones are starting to form.

On the Key Clubhouse website ([www.keyclubhouse.org](http://www.keyclubhouse.org)) we have a short video that highlights the new building, clubhouse and apartments our members live in. It's also viewable through YouTube: <https://youtu.be/YOcT9bjWzw>.

We would be happy to present more information on this model to the workgroup if invited. Please let me know if you would like any further information.

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