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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.

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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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