



# A Housing Authority and Homeless Coalition Partnership

**Permanent Supportive Housing**

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# Purpose of Partnership

- Increase permanent supportive housing (PSH) for individuals and families
- Bring DHA housing resources to community efforts to end chronic homelessness
- Bring MDHA's allied nonprofit partner organizations into DHA's plan for PSH creation

# Background

- 2008--DHA created a homeless preference policy to enable housing investments prioritizing homeless and at risk of homeless populations
- 2009--MDHA and DHA created a Memorandum of Understanding to describe MDHA's role in developing PSH in partnership with DHA
- 2009—2013 The DHA-MDHA partnership developed and implemented strategies to end chronic homelessness through increased access and improved outcomes to PSH

# PSH Partnership Strategies-I

## 1-Development of first Dallas PSH project for children and families

- Lease of DHA Facility to MDHA to serve homeless women with disabling conditions and disabled women with children
- Creation of LLC operated by DHA, MDHA and a local service provider to manage property and provide case management, supports and other
- DHA paid operating costs through vouchers
- MDHA raised funds for furniture, landscaping and playground

# **PSH Partnership Strategies-II**

## **2-Identify Units in existing DHA facilities for PSH units and programs**

- Identified potential 100 units in Cliff Manor that housed seniors and disabled; many residents were moving to newly constructed facilities.
- Contracted with local homeless behavioral health and housing provider to provide case management and clinical services for single homeless men and women with disabilities.

# PSH Partnership Strategies III

## **3-Leverage Project Based Vouchers to create PSH residences with services**

- DHA has issued several RFP's for PSH that require responses from "teams" of landlords coupled with a service provider to provide case management, support services and ensure clinical services including behavioral health and primary care

# **PSH Partnership Strategy IV**

## **4-MDHA and DHA led the development of an integrated three year plan for PSH**

- 2013-2016
- Endorsed by MDHA CoC, DHA, City of Dallas, Dallas County, NorthStar Behavioral Health System
- DHA committed to provide housing resources for 1200 of these units

# Accomplished to Date

- First Child and Family PSH Project-Pebbles Park Apartments: 41 Units
- Cliff Manor PSH Project: 50 Units
- Project Based Voucher PSH: 626 Units

# Current Action

- **DHA RFP released in May of 2014 for 400 units of project based vouchers**
  - Response to RFP should include landlord and service provider
  - Projects must serve disabled homeless populations or criminal just referred potential residents