

Assessment and Conversion of Transitional Housing Programs

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Strategy 2-5. Convert time – limited transitional housing units

- Convert, as appropriate, time limited housing
- Permanent Housing, transitional services more consistent with housing first approach
- Make transitional housing more flexible and target it for those populations for whom time limited transitions are appropriate (SA, DV, PPH, HHB)

Implementation Plan- Volume II-Action Plan workbook

- Goal to convert 75 family units and 38 individual units over 5 years
- Conversion could assist in meeting identified need for additional 2,650 permanent units over 10 year period
- These units include units with intensive, moderate, and low/no services

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Workgroup Process

- Worked to develop a survey for all family transitional providers, and completed it with input from all
 - Identified 2 providers interested in pursuing conversion
 - Obtained some useful information about program costs, population served etc.

Workgroup Process

- Developed a profile of the types and characteristics for transitional models that may help refine systems planning
 - Begin to develop common terminology
 - Look at lengths of stay, targeting
 - Joe Meyer and Shannon Steene will present this

Workgroup Process

- Formed another subgroup to research and develop permanent supportive housing model
 - Met with HUD officials and local human services providers
 - Review our own experiences as well as best practices
 - Mike and Melonie will present on this

Workgroup Process

- Developed a subgroup to look at how to improve transitional programs
 - Success of programs and areas for improvement
 - Evaluation of collaborative efforts for conversion
 - Client Outcome Measurements Tools
 - Greg, Hanan and Victoria will present on this

Further suggestions

- Task Group also recommending establishment of a transitional housing oversight group
 - Informing providers about best practices
 - Support both providers and OPEH
 - Improving outcomes/conversions
 - Chris Fay will present

Systems Core Lessons

- Support New Partnerships
- Facilitate change
- Modify old systems
- REMEMBER-change occurs slowly, so set realistic expectations that encourage success, continued growth, and buy-in