



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Commission on Disabilities

**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: MARCH 5, 2018**

**FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING MANAGER ABOUT THE HOMELESS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIP AND EDUCATION PROGRAM**

## **ISSUE:**

Receive a presentation from the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health Housing Manager about the Homeless Housing Opportunities, Partnership & Education Program.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive a presentation from the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health Housing Manager about the Homeless Housing Opportunities, Partnership and Education Program.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Commission on Disabilities (COD) was established to review community policies, programs and actions that affect persons with disabilities and create a public awareness of their needs in the areas of employment, housing, transportation, communication and physical accessibility.

The Homeless Housing Opportunities, Partnership and Education Program (HHOPE) is funded as part of the original Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports (CSS) plan. The CSS plan is designed to enhance mental health services for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and for transitional aged youth, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness. HHOPE manages, coordinates, and monitors all CSS programs that provide housing support services to people with mental health conditions.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health Housing Manager will share information on services currently in place to house residents with mental health conditions. These services include HUD grants, shelter plus care, men's grant, women's grant, The Path, The Place and the MHSA rental housing communities of Rancho Dorado and Vintage at Snowberry.

“The Path,” and “The Place” are outreach and engagement programs for chronically homeless adults who, due to serious mental health disorders, have rejected housing and resisted support. These programs provide a drop-in center that operates 24 hours a day and on-site low demand permanent supportive housing for 25 adults. The drop-in centers use peer-to-peer outreach and engagement to aid guests in accepting housing to access meals, showers, laundry, and linkage to a wide range of community resources. The Path and The Place are operated by Recovery Innovations of California, Inc. under contract with the Department of Mental Health.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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