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**Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, CSH and Local Agencies
Join Stakeholder Teams for Supportive Housing Presentation Finale**

HENDERSON, NV, November 16, 2016 -- Local groups will gather tomorrow at Dignity Health -St. Rose Dominican's WomensCare Center of Excellence in Green Valley to complete a six-month training that will lead to the creation of supportive housing for some of Nevada's neediest individuals. Supportive housing (*affordable rental housing + intense case management + tailored services such as healthcare*) is demonstrating the ability to stabilize very vulnerable people, providing them with a home of their own, keeping them housed while offering access to services that improve their lives and lead to self-sufficiency.

Jointly sponsored by St. Rose and CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing), this training for local developers, housing agencies, project managers, providers, advocates and management teams in Las Vegas and southern Nevada is officially known as the *Frequent User Supportive Housing Institute*. These local stakeholders were divided into teams during the first meeting and have been working together to create a project plan. Teams will be presenting their projects tomorrow to a panel of public and private funders of permanent supportive housing from the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, State of Nevada, and the philanthropic community.

"Supportive housing has been a critical need for those vulnerable populations in southern Nevada for a very long time and we're so proud of the progress these teams have made in creating a solution," said Brian Brannman, senior vice president of operations, Dignity Health Nevada. "We at St. Rose are extremely pleased to be a sponsor and supporter of this important program."

CSH -- the national leader in promoting, financing and helping communities create supportive housing -- is active in 40 states, including Nevada, and the District of Columbia.

"Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican understands why it is essential to train and nurture providers interested in creating supportive housing," said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH. "It costs society more, certainly in emergency health services, to do nothing and leave vulnerable people on the streets than it does to provide them housing and access to preventative and regular care in a stable environment."



According to De Santis, CSH efforts nationally have demonstrated how affordable housing and access to comprehensive healthcare changes the trajectory of those facing difficult lives, including unstably housed and homeless people who have lacked preventive and specialized attention for years.

"The Institute focused on frequent users of emergency rooms and other crisis care because destitute and desperate people who over-rely on such services can realize better health at lower costs if they find stability in permanent housing with access to consistent, person-centered care," said De Santis.

The Institute offered participating groups CSH financial and technical assistance to bolster local teams planning to develop, operate, manage and sustain supportive housing. Last month, the Institute sponsored a site visit and peer-to-peer exchange introducing Clark County teams to supportive housing providers in the Phoenix, Arizona area. This trip allowed participants to explore best practices and learn from models in a locale supporting successful projects. Those on the site visit were joined by Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani and Clark County Chief Administrator Sabra Newby.

The following local organizations participated in the Institute:

Blue Cove Homes
Caridad
City of Las Vegas
City of Henderson
CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing)
Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican
HELP of Southern Nevada
HELP USA
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Nevada Housing Division
WestCare Nevada
Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health
Clark County Social Services
Hope Home Foundation
Nevada HAND
Nevada Health Centers
The Salvation Army
The United Way
U.S. Veterans Initiative
Willing Hands,
United Healthcare
Anthem
Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson
Amerigroup
Veterans Village
Nevada Department of Health Care, Financing & Policy



About Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican: As the community's only not-for-profit, religiously sponsored health system, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has been guided by the vision and core values of the Adrian Dominican Sisters for more than 65 years. As the Henderson and Las Vegas communities grow, the three St. Rose Dominican hospitals (the Rose de Lima, Siena and San Martín Campuses) and more than 3,400 employees will continue the Sisters' mission of serving people in need. St. Rose Dominican is a member of the 21-state Dignity Health network of nearly 11,000 physicians, 56,000 employees, and more than 300 care centers, including hospitals, urgent and occupational care, imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics. For more information, visit our website at strosehospitals.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or our [Blog](#). St. Rose is hiring! To apply for an open position, visit our [careers](#) website.

About CSH: CSH has been the leader in supportive housing for 25 years, demonstrating its potential to improve the lives of very vulnerable individuals and families. CSH has earned a reputation as a highly effective, financially stable organization, with strong partnerships across government, community organizations, foundations, and financial institutions. CSH is advancing innovative solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve lives, maximize public resources, and build healthy communities. We are working to assure that housing and healthcare solutions are accessible to more people in more places. Visit us at www.csh.org