



## MOVING ON PROGRAM PROFILE: SAN DIEGO, CA

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### Background and Program Description:

San Diego County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) and CSH are working together to implement a Moving On initiative with the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC). BHS contracts with Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) that provide Assertive Community Treatment and housing supports to individuals with serious mental illness, many of whom are homeless or at-risk of homelessness when they enter the program. The FSPs use a Housing First approach and utilize a variety of housing options including Independent Living Homes (ILHs), subsidized units that were developed with BHS funding, master-leased units, and other market rate housing to ensure that clients are housed quickly after they enter the program. A significant portion of the FSP clients rely on SDHC housing subsidies or on subsidies that are provided from BHS program funds.

The average monthly enrollment for all of the contracted FSP programs is over 1200, and BHS estimates that 10 -15% of these clients are clinically stable and could access psychiatric care in the community but remain in the program to maintain housing supports. Because of this, the FSP programs are experiencing a gridlock as there are limited affordable housing options in San Diego County for clients who are clinically able to exit permanent supportive housing but lack the income to afford market rate housing. While some FSP clients have obtained tenant-based subsidies from the SDHC, the need for additional housing subsidies persists. BHS is pursuing a Moving On strategy to help fill that gap and provide additional subsidies, as well as open up slots for new FSP clients who need permanent supportive housing.

SDHC has proposed a pilot Moving On program that will offer 25 housing subsidies to stable clients who are able to exit their FSP program and access community services to address their mental health needs. BHS, CSH, and SDHC are working together to develop a service model to provide transitional services to former FSP clients with the goal of maintaining permanent affordable housing.

### Identification and Assessment Process

A draft [Moving On Assessment was developed by SDHC](#) and was distributed to FSP and County staff for review, as it is anticipated that FSP staff will be completing the assessment. SDHC will review feedback at a joint meeting scheduled in May 2016.

### Initiative Partners

San Diego Housing Commission (City of San Diego)  
San Diego County Behavioral Health Services  
CSH

### Funding Sources

SDHC will fund the 25 housing vouchers, and BHS will fund the transition services for Moving On participants.

### **Housing Resources**

SDHC is able to use its MTW flexibility to allocate housing resources to this Moving On pilot and will consider adding additional subsidies.

### **Services**

BHS and SDHC are currently reviewing options for providing Moving On transition services, but there is a tentative agreement that aftercare services will be provided for at least six months and up to 12 months with a minimum of one monthly contact with the Moving On participant. Services may include a variety of supports around health care engagement, medication assistance, connection to social services, independent living skills coaching, housing stabilization, etc. Tenants will also be provided pre-transition services (housing location, lease signings, moving, etc.) from BHS case managers.

### **Backfilling Supportive Housing Units**

SDHC is planning to utilize the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP) system that has been designated by the Regional Continuum of Care (RCCC) with the VI-SPDAT as the assessment tool. While some FSP programs with housing resources that are funded by the RCCC will be required to use CAHP, all FSPs are encouraged to use the CAHP system which is linked to the HMIS, Service Point. BHS programs have additional eligibility requirements beyond what is captured in CAHP, and efforts are currently underway to better integrate CAHP and BHS resources to ensure that housing and supportive services are matched appropriately.

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