

Overview of the Affordable Housing Transformation Task Force Work to Date



Presentation to Behavioral
Health Transformation
Task Force

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Mandate

“To respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts for programs or services that benefit populations, households, or geographic areas disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, focusing on programs or services that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness.”



Strategic Priorities



Expand
Capacity

Stabilize
Existing
Affordable
Housing

Strengthen
the Safety
Net

Ensure
Access and
Equity



Strengthen the Safety Net

- Invest in solutions for housing insecurity and instability to prevent people from entering the cycle of homelessness
- Invest in transition planning and services (systems shouldn't be able to discharge people into homelessness).
- Overcome the long-term detrimental effects of homelessness and integration with other safety net systems and other supportive services.
- Invest in homelessness resolution for those who are experiencing it today with vouchers and transitional and long-term housing options



Expand Capacity

- Increase access to flexible capital sources and other funding mechanisms that incentivize innovation and reduce costs
- Align critical infrastructure investments with housing investments
- Increase new supply of traditional and nontraditional affordable housing units (rental and ownership)
- Align subsidies and vouchers with unit development whenever possible
- Purchase land and property to secure for future development
- System changes/regulatory framework to expand capacity
- Evaluate and secure additional sources for funding for ongoing capacity investment including support for nonprofit organizations, developers, and community-based organizations



Stabilize Existing Affordable Housing

- Keep people housed through investments in emergency rental assistance and mortgage programs to be available long-term
- Enhance Market stability by purchasing and preserving existing affordable housing supply (rental and ownership)
- Use policies/covenants and other tools to ensure long-term affordability



Ensure Access and Equity

- Prioritize historically disproportionately affected households and communities for investment
- Invest in statewide housing needs assessment and strategy to evaluate and respond to housing inequities
- Promote equitable access to homeownership and rental housing through:
 - Inclusionary policies
 - Innovative and creative tools for affordable, accessible homeownership, including loans
 - Land trusts and landbanking, economic coops, protection of renter/tenants,
 - Expansion of flexible rental vouchers and subsidies



Information / Background Needs Identified by SubPanel

1. Behavioral Health TF update and opportunities to align work
 - Can funds be leveraged?
 - Are there shared “gaps” and needs?

