



ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Promoting Respect, Recovery, Hope



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB) is a group of 12 volunteers appointed by Alexandria City Council. The CSB oversees the use of public funds to provide mental health, developmental disability and substance use disorder services through the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS). The CSB is required by policy to periodically update its Housing Plan to identify the highest priority housing needs for the clients served by the Board and to identify strategies to meet those needs. The draft revised plan for FY 2018-FY 2025 is attached for your review and comment. The Board requests that you submit any feedback or questions about the draft plan on or before November 30, 2017 to:

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The Board will review and consider all feedback and plans to vote on a finalized version of the Housing Plan at its December 7, 2017 meeting. When the Board has approved the Plan, it will be docketed for City Council to consider approval, likely in January 2018.

The draft plan for FY 2018-FY 2025 represents a continuation of the previous plan's emphasis on implementation of best practices in the provision of housing and support services to individuals with disabling mental illness, developmental disability and or substance use disorders. The draft plan continues the CSB's shift away from buying and directly operating homes and other residential properties to providing supportive services in affordable housing units owned and operated by private and/or not-for-profit housing providers.

The draft plan is written to cover an eight year period in order that its next revision will synchronize with the review/revision of the City's Consolidated Housing Plan.

The CSB appreciates your sharing of the draft plan with your organization's membership and others who may share an interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roy Shannon'.

Roy Shannon