

Supportive Housing Program

(Former Domiciliary Hostel Program)
Hamilton ON.

Residential Care Facilities

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Supportive Housing Program

▶ City of Hamilton Sponsored Review

- SHS Consultant Report (Domiciliary Hostel Program Review Sept 2011)
- Creation of a DOM Hostel Review Implementation Committee.

▶ Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton

- Sponsored by Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association (OHSNA)
- Consultant review & report on the Domiciliary Hostel Program across Ontario.
- Consultant follow-up report dated October 2014

▶ Domiciliary Hostel Working Group

- Councilor Terry Whitehead (Chair)
- City of Hamilton Community Services dept. Manager
- OHSNA Hamilton Executives
- City of Hamilton: Public Health Manager
- City of Hamilton: By-law & enforcement Superior
- City Of Hamilton: Public Health Nurse Manager

▶ Program review & report; Hamilton

- 29 Recommendations
- Program under funded

▶ Program review & report; Ontario

- 5 recommendations
- Program under funded

▶ Continuous Improvement Group

- Working group unique to Hamilton
- Regular meetings
- Platform to communicate, discuss and derive resolution for program issues.

Supportive Housing Program

- ▶ **Domiciliary Hostel Program**
 - Provincially is no longer recognized
 - (Former Domiciliary Hostel Program)
 - **Per-diem : 50.00/day occupied bed**
- ▶ **Waitlist-----**
 - Started Jan 2, 2016; no expiry date
 - People are waiting months on end for housing
 - Current homes with subsidy at risk for closure
 - **No subsidy intake at \$700/month or \$22,50 /day. Inflexed of 44-46 clients without subsidy; July 2016**
 - Increase available vacancies
- ▶ **Available Beds; on a negative trend**
 - 2010 (1080 Beds with paid subsidy)
 - 2016 (740 Beds with paid subsidy)
 - 2016 (**910 available subsidy beds**)
- ▶ **Housing with Related Supports**
 - Housing with Related Supports Service Category , rolled out November 2014
 - Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Guidelines of November 2012
- ▶ **Implications:**
 - **Full Shelter:** Temporary Housing; **\$58 /day ; high cost per stay**
 - Adequate funding for full occupancy regardless of actual vacancy level
 - **Longer Stay in Hospital: Expensive Housing; \$1000.00 / day**
 - Delay in discard process, reduces the availability of hospital beds
 - **Streets of Hamilton :** Option for people falling through the cracks.
 - Increase emergency room volume; people off their meds.
 - This data not is not captured on wait list report; visible on the street
- ▶ **Systematic closures of Supportive Housing**
 - Funding not adequate to sustain expected level of service
 - Single source of funding; Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)
 - Waitlist: Putting vulnerable people at risk staying homeless

Supportive Housing Program

► Request

1. Recognition of the program “ Supportive Housing Program”

- As part of the Housing with Support Category; CHPI Guidelines of 2012
 - We are in compliance with all 40 CHPI guidelines rolled out in 2012
 - We are in compliance with all 8 New CHPI guidelines; Housing with Related Support 2014
 - We are asking the City to recognized and formally make the name change to align with current ministry documentation

2. Termination to the waitlist: Apply adequate funding.

3. Urgent and strategic plan to address:

- CHPI funding allocation for Housing with Supports; increase slated for 2017
- Apply annual inflation/ CPI adjustments to sustain and maintain standards
- Secure sustainable funding to stop the erosion / closures of one of Hamilton’s CORE Affordable Housing Program.

Closing

Supportive Housing Program

We are a permanent housing solution for the City of Hamilton

*Our residents are vulnerable & challenged and thus they need
adequate funding to support and maintain good quality of life.*

Thank you for the opportunity to present today