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2023 Fellowship Work Plan One Sheet Overview

GOAL ONE:

Increase housing opportunities and choices for people with I/DD.

OBJECTIVE

Influence OHCS's upcoming 5-year Statewide Housing Plan by leveraging the community engagement and outreach process to ensure the interests, needs, and concerns of the I/DD community are understood and considered by the Agency and the Housing Stability Council.

This objective reflects the state housing finance agency (OHCS) upcoming outreach and engagement process for the Statewide Housing Plan. The Statewide Housing Plan is used to determine Oregon's housing needs and gaps in the current continuum of housing programs and provide OHCS with agency priorities and a direction-setting framework to lead, fund, and support priority issues for the next 5 years. Since 2019, OHCS has used the Statewide Housing Plan to guide funding decisions for affordable housing. If we want OHCS to plan and dedicate resources to housing for people with I/DD, this must be identified in OHCS's next statewide housing plan. This goal aligns with the Foundation's values of representation, creating diverse communities, and increasing self-determined options for affordable, accessible, integrated housing.

OUTCOME

This goal and objective are to create robust statewide engagement from the I/DD community in the statewide housing planning process, with the intended outcome of Disability or I/DD being recognized in the 2024-2029 Statewide Housing Plan as one of the statewide housing plan priorities. Inclusion in the Statewide Housing Plan will drive agency action, investment, and prioritization by OHCS that will have a direct result in increased housing funding for people with I/DD, leading to more units, opportunities for home ownership, and increased access to rent subsidies.

GOAL TWO:

Increase housing access and stability for people with I/DD.

OBJECTIVE

Ensure people experiencing I/DD are well-served by the new health-related social needs (HRSN) initiatives under the 1115 Waiver and/or pursue strategies to have HRSN services (pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining supports and housing navigation services) added to the adult 1915 c waiver for people with I/DD.

This objective reflects OHA's current efforts to support Health-Related Social Needs within the 1115, recognizing housing as a strong social determinant of health and health outcomes. Although the Foundation supports a range of housing options for people with I/DD, the primary focus of these objectives is to expand independent, integrated housing options that are covered by a lease in the individual's name, in settings chosen by the individual, and where there is a clear separation of the delivery of services and housing. These objectives align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's (CMS) Home and Community-Based Settings Rule, as well as the Foundation's Fellowship focus on increasing self-determined options for affordable, accessible, inclusive housing for people with I/DD.

OUTCOME

To determine how OHA plans to implement 1115 health-related social needs (HRSN) supports and services and hold OHA accountable to deliver services appropriately to individuals with I/DD (specifically pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining supports and housing navigation services), either within the 1115 or using this opportunity as leverage to move services to the 1915(c).