

Survey Close to Completion for LHA's Statewide Strategic Framework



The Lanterman Housing Alliance Board is calling on its members and their networks to play a vital role in the development of a Statewide Strategic Framework for the development of affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities. The Framework, funded by California's State Council on Developmental Disabilities and led by LHA in partnership with the nationally-recognized Corporation for Supportive Housing, will engage key stakeholders, establish benchmarks, identify broad goals and encourage visionary problem solving related to housing and services for California's DD population.

Many of the recommendations will stem from data collected through a broad-based survey that will document the existing and projected need within diverse populations, identify current and preferred living situations, and delve into the need for, and availability of, supportive services. The survey itself has been drafted by the Corporation for Supportive Housing and is nearing completion. It will be distributed via Survey Monkey to all LHA members for their own completion and distribution to all of their networks.

“This survey is at the heart of the Strategic Framework,” Said Patti Uplinger, LHA Coordinator. We need to know what's happening now with our community around the state in all types of living situations – or not happening. To do that, we need to hear as many residents, families, service providers, advocates and self-advocates as possible.”

The survey will be ready for distribution in early February. Uplinger added, “We're urging all LHA members to have their staff fill out the survey as soon as they get it, pass it on to the people they work with in the industry, and ask them to pass it on to everyone in their circle. This is the only way we'll get a broad-based look at the current state of affordable housing for our population.”

CSH will report preliminary survey results to LHA at its April meeting in Sacramento.