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Subject: Comprehensive Homeless Service Center Plan-Update

## Summary

The Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) has been working since February of 2022 to develop a Comprehensive Homeless Service Center Plan in accordance with the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the City of Columbia. The Agreement executed between both the City of Columbia and the Columbia Housing Authority stipulates that a draft report be submitted to City staff by August 15, 2022. A final report is due on or before September 30, 2022.

CHA has been working collaboratively with the Voluntary Action Center, Turning Point, Room at the Inn, Loaves & Fishes, Love Columbia, and other local partners to develop the plan. CHA has also been conducting efforts in accordance with the City Agreement, CHA's proposal for services and within the required timeframes.

As a follow up to our July 21, 2022, meeting, the following is a short list of activities taken thus far:

- Convened collaborative planning partners for on-going monthly planning meetings, January-July.
- Completed planning, preparation, and implementation of a variety of public engagement events.
  - Park Avenue resident engagement
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  - Broadway Christian Engagement
  - Turning Point Unsheltered Roundtable
  - CHA Resident Advisory Board Roundtable
  - COMO Mutual Aid Ride along to homeless camps
  - Survey of CHA Residents regarding experience with homelessness and housing insecurity
- Travel and visit to other communities to tour homeless service facilities.
  - Springfield
  - Tulsa
- Review of local data on homeless populations and market analysis.
- Convened local Continuum of Care (Boone County Coalition to End Homelessness) to identify supportive services to include within the plan.
- Identified properties for homeless service center.
- Site feasibility, engineering, architecture.
- Direct consultation from CHA to Voluntary Action Center to assist with financial analysis and planning for both capital and operating budgets.
- Completion of operational plans.
- Identification of short-term facilities and plans for interim period prior to project completion.
- Drafting of initial Draft Report

A draft report will be submitted on August 15, 2022, city staff comments are then due back to CHA by August 31<sup>st</sup> and a final report will be submitted prior to September 30, 2022. Each of these agreed to dates are stipulated within the Agreement between the City of Columbia and CHA.