



“Responding to the Need for Affordable Supportive Housing for Invididuals with Mental Illness in N/NW Suburban Cook County”

The Vision:

We propose to help create and oversee the operation of between 20 and 30 units of safe, affordable, permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness who are living in the north or northwest suburbs of Chicago.

The Building

will be a single apartment building or perhaps two adjacent buildings. Each resident would have his or her own one-bedroom or a studio apartment with its own kitchen and bathroom facilities. There would also be a common area where residents could socialize or meet for group activities. The site will also have office space for professional staff.

The residents will pay rent limited to no more than one-third of the resident’s monthly income. Each resident will have a lease, just as he or she would have in any other apartment.

The Site

will be in or near a downtown area, close to public transportation, within walking distance of grocery stores and other shopping, and have easy access to governmental, medical and other professional offices.

Supportive Services:

To provide case management and other supportive services, the Task Force will partner with a mental health service provider . The case management staff will coordinate other supportive services, including psychiatric services, counseling, education and job training.

Our Clients

- will be single adults or small families from the north and northwest suburban area who
- have serious and persistent mental illness, and who
- are currently housed inappropriately. and who
- might be currently living in such places as nursing homes or perhaps at home with ageing parents – parents who might currently be trying to serve as their case managers, or who
- might be homeless

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