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Moving Forward

Fiscal Year 2016 Moving To Work (MTW) Annual Plan

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SDHC Fiscal Year 2016 MTW Annual Plan Introduction

- Overview of the Moving to Work (MTW) Program
- *Moving Forward* Update
- Proposed MTW Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2016
- Questions/Comments



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What is MTW?

- The federal MTW demonstration program was authorized in 1996.
- MTW allows SDHC to design innovative, cost-effective ways of providing housing assistance to low-income families.
- SDHC is one of only 39 public housing authorities nationwide, out of 3,400, to receive an MTW designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- The SDHC program is locally known as *Moving Forward*.



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MTW Statutory Objectives

- Utilize Federal dollars more efficiently
- Increase housing choice
- Increase financial self-reliance



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Utilize Federal Expenditures More Efficiently

- **SDHC Path to Success – MTW Initiative**
 - Modifies the method used to determine the monthly rent payment amounts for federal Housing Choice Voucher and public housing participants
 - Tiered rent structure incentivizes families to increase income
 - Minimum monthly rent payment amounts for program participants who are identified as able to work (Work Able)
 - Implemented July 1, 2013
 - Phase 2 of Path to Success effective July 1, 2015



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Increase Housing Choice

- **Choice Communities – MTW Initiative**
 - Helps federal Housing Choice Voucher families move to low-poverty neighborhoods
 - More than 600 families live in Choice Communities



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Increase Financial Self-Reliance

- **SDHC Achievement Academy – MTW Initiative**
 - On-site learning and resource center with a computer lab
 - Career development
 - Employment search
 - Financial education and counseling
 - Benefits screening



**SDHC Achievement Academy
Computer Training Class
1.30.14**





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New MTW Initiatives (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

1. The Monarch School Project
2. The Guardian Scholars Program
3. Permanent Indoor Homeless Shelter Beds
4. Simplify Income and Asset Verification Systems



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The Monarch School Project – Initiative 1

Description

Provide rental assistance to homeless families with children attending Monarch School

- Within 3 years, 25 families will begin to participate in the Monarch School Project
- SDHC provides rental assistance to families
- Families participate in supportive services through the SDHC Achievement Academy and Monarch School to obtain opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency

Statutory Objective

Increase housing choice

Impact

Improved housing opportunities for families in San Diego



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The Guardian Scholars Program – Initiative 2

Description

Provide rental assistance to up to 100 college students participating in the Guardian Scholars Program, which assists San Diego State University students:

- Aging out of the foster care system;
- Under legal guardianship;
- Wards of the court; or
- Unaccompanied homeless youth

Statutory Objective

Increase housing choice

Impact

Improved housing opportunities for families in San Diego





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Permanent Indoor Homeless Shelter Beds – Initiative 3

Description

Authority to provide funding for permanent indoor emergency shelter beds in the City of San Diego for homeless San Diegans

Statutory Objective

Increase housing choice

Impact

Shelter beds available for unsheltered homeless individuals in San Diego



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Simplify Income and Asset Verification Systems – Initiative 4

Description

Eliminates assets as a component of the rent calculation process and disallows homeownership as a criterion for program admissions

- Participants are not required to provide information for assets
- Assets are not used to calculate the tenant's rent payment amount
- Applicant families are ineligible if they own a home

Statutory Objective

Utilize Federal expenditures efficiently

Impact

Streamline administrative processes to achieve cost savings



Questions & Comments

