Short-term Family Housing in Ward 1
2500 14th Street, NW

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B
December 7th, 2017
Homeward DC: Strategic Plan 2015-2020

Vision: By 2020, homelessness in the District will be a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.

Objectives:
1. Develop a more effective crisis response system
2. Increase the supply of affordable and supportive housing
3. Remove barriers to affordable and supportive housing
4. Increase the economic security of households in our system
5. Increase prevention efforts to stabilize households before housing loss occurs

Replacing DC General with smaller, more dignified Short-term Family Housing sites is a critical part of the homeless system reform underway in the District. For more information: http://ich.dc.gov/
Making Homelessness Rare, Brief & Nonrecurring

- Prevent homelessness by providing robust services
- Offer safe and dignified short-term housing to people who experience homelessness
- Help people transition into housing ASAP
Current State with DC General

Far Too Big and Institutional:
Old Hospital that houses 260 families each night, 50 plus families on each floor

Poor Conditions:
Old, outdated building that is beyond its useful life

Inadequate Programming Space:
Not enough space for children and families to receive needed services

The Wrong Environment that can be a Barrier to Better Outcomes
Large, institutional setting dilutes effective service delivery is not the right environment for families

Future State with Short-term Family Housing

Small, Residential Setting
No more than 50 families per site

New, Dignified and Modern
New, beautiful facilities, designed specifically to meet the needs of families

Programming Space
Designed to provide children and families with the supports and services they need.

A Supportive Environment that Helps Families Achieve Stable Housing, Quickly
Warm, residential setting that supports families quickly through the immediate crisis of homelessness back to more stability in housing.
Short-term Family Housing Services & Supports

Wrap-around Services
- Connections to permanent housing programs
- Housing search assistance
- Social work staff
- Early childhood screenings & school liaisons
- Education, training, & employment services
- Health care
- Financial & budget management counseling

Partnerships with Community Service Organizations
- Health & wellness
- Mentoring & tutoring
- Programming & activities for children

24 Hour Staffing & Security
Short-term Family Housing
2500 14th Street, NW

- 35 Apartment Style Short-term Family Housing Units and associated services
- 15 Apartment Style Senior Permanent Supportive Housing Units and associated services
- Refresh the Rita Bright Recreation Center
- Feasibility Study outlining potential master planning for the site
Ward 1 Site Plan
A FRESH START TO ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Artist’s Impression / Massing Diagram
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Projected Milestones

- Community engagement begins December 2017
- Feasibility Study (Start Dec 15th) March 2018
- Legislative Approval January 2018
- Design Build Procurement March 2018
- Foundation to Grade Permit Approval December 2018
- Building Permit Approval March 2019
- Start Construction January 2019
- Substantial Completion February 2020
Community Engagement and Feedback

ANC Engagement
• Meetings and calls with ANC 1B Commissioners leading to today
• ANC 1B meeting 12/7

Town Halls
• Town Hall forum in early January in partnership with ANC 1B

Advisory Team
• Ward 1 Short-term Family Housing Advisory Team will be established in partnership with ANC, Council, community stakeholders and advocates.
Contact

Visit dmhhs.dc.gov/homewarddc for more information about the Ward 1 site and Short-term Family Housing.

Questions? Email dmhhs@dc.gov.