Item D.3 Consistency with the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan

Describe how the proposed housing development is consistent with the sponsoring county mental health department's approved Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. Provide specific information regarding how the development meets the priorities and goals identified in the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.

Response:

Los Angeles County Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Update to the Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for MHSA Community Services and Support (CSS) identified a need for permanent supportive housing for Older Adults - with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) who are homeless and are underserved. Additionally, the County's original MHSA Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan, prepared following an intensive collaborative effort and input from consumers, family members, community leaders, service providers and other interested parties, which included community forums and age-specific surveys, found that the provision of supportive permanent housing for Adults and Older Adults who are homeless or in danger of homelessness, was ranked first among the top six issues identified by community stakeholders for this age group. The MHSA Housing program at Montecito Terraces directly responds to this identified community need and County priority by directly serving the Older Adult population with SMI.

Montecito Terraces Responds to Identified Need for Older Adults

AMCAL Multi Housing Inc. (AMCAL) is building a new senior development in the Panorama City section of Los Angeles on Blythe Street near Van Nuys Blvd. The new community will include 98 units in a combination of one and two bedroom units. Ten of the Units will be set aside for OA persons with mental illness who are enrolled in MHSA programs. The rest of the units will be affordable to individuals and families over age 55 earning between 30% and 60% of the Los Angeles County Area Median Income (AMI). Ten of these units be reserved for households eligible under the Mental Health Services Act ("MHSA") who are homeless and have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness.

DMH, through its directly operated and contracted service providers will provide mental health services for ten of the units at Montecito Terraces. This affordable housing project is designed to offer a larger sense of community to MHSA tenants. Each unit will have a full kitchen, private bedroom, bathroom and living room allowing the tenants privacy and independence.

In addition to onsite amenities such as a community room, community kitchen, computer lab, and pool there are a number of amenities within walking distance to the project, including a bus stop, full scale grocery store, pharmacy, medical clinic, a variety of restaurants and coffee shops. Offices for the services coordinator and MHSA OA full service providers will also be onsite.

Montecito Terraces will provide much needed high quality permanent supportive housing for Older Adults with serious mental illness who are homeless. Mental health services will focus on attaining and maintaining maximum independence in the community for each of the participants and will utilize an approach based on individualized goals. Overall wellness, both physical health care and mental health treatment, will be stressed.