County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Mental Health Services Act Silver Star Apartments

Item D.9 Design Consideration For Meeting The Needs Of The MHSA Tenants

The design of Silver Star Apartments effectively considers the needs of MHSA tenants and low-income households that will reside there. The property will be secure well lit, gated, and have surveillance cameras installed throughout the site for added security. A tranquil environment will be provided through landscaping, gardens, and a meditation area.

The project's community room will be where tenants can socialize with others or have group classes or meetings. The computer lab and community room will be utilized as classrooms for group skills classes in order to maintain the tenant's independent skills curriculum, if they are inclined. Residential services coordinators offices and a property management office will also be located in the community room. The private offices allow for one-on-one meeting between service coordinators and other clinical services staff with tenants in a confidential setting.

The units available to the MHSA eligible tenants will be 10 one-bedroom units of approximately 547 square feet each. The remaining one-bedroom units will be for the non-MHSA tenants, but will have the same design. Each unit will be well-equipped with a full kitchen with energy efficient refrigerator, stove/oven, sink, and storage cabinets, with an adjacent dining area. All units will be ADA accessible and designed to Universal Design standards.