



The County of San Diego links homeless San Diegans who suffer from mental illness to supportive housing as a first step towards stability and recovery.



Hotel Churchill

Total Units	73
MHSA Units	16
Non-MHSA Affordable Units	56

Completion Date Sept 2016

Full Service Partnerships (FSPs):

Mental Health Systems, Inc. &
Pathways Community Services

Hotel Churchill

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Project Description

Hotel Churchill is an affordable housing development located on C Street between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue in downtown San Diego. Originally built in 1914 and designated as a local historical resource by the City of San Diego (Historic Site Number 234), the structure was vacant and uninhabitable by the time that rehabilitation work began in 2015.

The complex consists of 72 residential studio units, plus one addition unit reserved for an on-site property manager. Sixteen units are designated for transition age youth (aged 18 to 25) and adults with serious mental illness who are eligible for supportive services under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) housing program. This program is part of a larger initiative by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) to link individuals with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to permanent supportive housing and social services.

The 16 MHSA units are designated for eligible transition age youth and adult participants in Full Service Partnership (FSP) programs operated by Mental Health Systems, Inc. and Pathways Community Services. The FSPs provide the MHSA tenants of Hotel Churchill with wrap-around supportive services that include mental health and substance dependence services, case management, supportive employment services, referrals and linkages to health care services and other services as needed.

As part of the Housing First – San Diego Initiative, the remaining 56 units are affordable housing units that are available to low-income homeless veterans earning up to 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) of San Diego County.

Hotel Churchill also contains 1,510 square feet of street-front retail space and 809 square feet of office, community and conference room space. The development includes open space amenities, laundry facilities, and a community and conference room

TOTAL COST

\$20,616,367

MHSA CAPITAL FUNDS

\$1,800,000

The development of Hotel Churchill was made possible through the financial assistance and dedication of the San Diego Housing Commission, Civic San Diego, and California Housing Finance Agency in collaboration with County of San Diego BHS.

Why is this project here?

The goal of Hotel Churchill is to provide safe, affordable housing linked to social services to promote residential stability and self-sufficiency. Residents have access to transportation and other services to live as independently as possible.

Mental Health Systems, Inc. and Pathways Community Services provide MHSA tenants with Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), an evidence-based treatment and services approach to assist these residents in sustaining wellness and their housing. Mental Health Systems, Inc. and Pathways Community Services assign ACT teams, which are available 24/7, to be responsible for structuring a service plan for each client and monitoring the client's progress.

Veterans Administration (VA) provides on-site supportive services and case management for tenants who are eligible for VA health care services and have experienced homelessness. VA case managers may connect these veterans with support services such as health care, mental health treatment, and substance use counseling to help them in the recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community.



What is MHSA “supportive housing”?

Supportive housing is a community-based service model that provides housing integrated with support services, such as: mental health services, primary health care, alcohol and drug services, case management, and social services to help homeless individuals with mental illness gain stability and live more productive lives.

Supportive housing consists of two main components: permanent housing, and social and mental health services. The combination of a stable home, coupled with access to mental health and social services, medical care, counseling, education and employment, has been proven to benefit not only the participants, but their neighborhoods and communities as a whole.

As of January 2018, an estimated 8,576 people are homeless in San Diego. Based on national research, roughly 30 percent of unsheltered homeless individuals suffer from severe mental illness, a major contributing factor to their homelessness.

County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services is partnering with service providers and housing developers to address the dual stigma of homelessness and mental illness. The partnership recognizes that housing matters, because a stable home in combination with social and mental health support services can break the cycle of homelessness.

Home is where recovery begins.

For more information:

MHSA Housing Matters campaign
www.HousingMatters.org

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