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Dear Colleagues,

EveryOne Home is pleased to share with you the *Transitional Housing Assessment and Recommendations Report for EveryOne Home Alameda County, CA*, a report prepared by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and funded by a technical assistance grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). EveryOne Home sought the assistance of CSH for this project after the community had participated in a HEARTH Clinic to plan for the implementation of the new HEARTH Act legislation. At the clinic, the community prioritized assessing our transitional housing programs to determine how to improve their outcomes and whether they might convert to permanent supportive housing or Rapid Re-housing.

The assessment was conducted during the summer and fall of 2012 and includes discussion of and recommendations for the option of conversion to transitional housing through a contract amendment process. Since then HUD has determined that conversion is not possible through a contract amendment process and should be executed through the Continuum of Care funding competition. EveryOne Home and our stakeholders have determined that this approach is problematic for a number of reasons and advocated with HUD to continue making the contract amendment option available. Our advocacy has not been successful to date. Nevertheless, EveryOne Home believes that the analysis contained in this report and the recommendations for improving performance and targeting are of value to our strategic planning as a system, and are releasing the report even though the recommendations about conversion cannot be pursued as outlined at this time.

In conducting its analysis, CSH used a tool that resulted in scoring programs on a number of factors. EveryOne Home wants to be clear that the numbers attached to individual program analysis should not be considered as a grade of the program or a prescription for what will happen with that program. They are a framework from which the operators, local funders, and the continuum can discuss the best ways to maximize the results of the program and the resources it uses.

Upon release of this report, EveryOne Home would like to thank the following individuals and organizations:

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- The Corporation for Supportive Housing for conducting the analysis and writing the report;

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- Amy Davidson and Drew King from the City of Berkeley, Robert Ratner from Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Susan Shelton from the City of Oakland, and Riley Wilkerson from Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department for serving as the steering committee for this project.

As we continue with our local efforts to prevent and end homelessness quickly and cost effectively for people facing a housing crisis, this report offers insights into a major and evolving component of our system of care.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elaine deColigny".

Elaine deColigny, Executive Director