The MHSA Housing’s goal was first to create up to 185 new, deeply affordable housing units for clients of Behavioral Health Services (BHS). HCA partnered with OC Community Resources to assist with the technical skills needed to accomplish this goal.

The goal for open projects is to ensure that residents succeed in their housing by providing targeted services.

To date there are 87 new units open and occupied in Anaheim, Irvine, and San Clemente.

There are going to be an additional 30 units in Anaheim and Irvine within the next 7 months.

Projects currently in the pre-development phases will provide another 57 units which will be located in San Clemente, Anaheim, Fullerton, and Orange.
Who will reside in MHSA Units?

- Adults
- Older Adults
- TAY

MHSA Housing Program Criteria

- Must have a serious mental illness or emotional disorder
- Must be homeless or at risk of homelessness
- “Homeless” means living on the streets or lacking a fixed residence

“At Risk” Defined

- “At risk” means TAY exiting child welfare or juvenile justice systems
- Individuals discharged from institutional settings
- Released from city or county jails
- Temporarily placed in a residential care facility upon discharge from jails or institutional settings
- Discretion of County Mental Health Director
Referral Process

- If the project has a lead provider, that organization refers from their population; if there is no one there who is eligible, the opening is advertised throughout BHS.
- If the County is the lead provider Res Care will notify all sites of unit availability
- If the site includes Section 8 Project-based Vouchers, referrals are made from the Housing Authority’s waiting list, assuming they meet MHSA Housing Program eligibility criteria.
- Programs refer the MHSA Housing Program Eligibility Certification materials to Res Care.
- Res Care will send on to either the property management company or OCHA depending on the project.
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