2021 Virginia Plan to Increase Independent Living Options - Dashboard - 2nd Quarter Report

Goal 5		ID	ACTION/ INTENDED OUTCOME		Projected Start	Projected Completion Date	Status	STATUS/ACTUAL OUTCOMES
1 1	1.		Virginia Housing will maintain a set aside of 127 Housing Choice Vouchers for the DD population and will maintain at 95% lease up. • Maintain high (approx. 95%) utilization of current VH preference vouchers. Apply for additional Mainstream Vouchers in 2020. • Research options ot ensure VH voucher access is sustained or expanded post Settlement Agreement. • Develop a plan to ensure access to VH vouchers for individuals in the target population.	VH/DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21		Virginia Housing continues to adminster 127 vouchers, with a current utilization rate of 94%.
1 1	1.		Review voucher utilization and identify underserved localities across the state. Perform additional outreach to increase voucher utilization by the target population. • Engage Community Services Boards (CSBs) with low percentages of people on the Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver and DD waiver waitlist who are independently housed. Develop specific action plans with these CSBs to increase referrals in areas with rent assistance.	DBHDS/VH	Jan-21	Dec-21		The DBHDS Office of Community Housing (OCH) and Office of Provider Development (PD) have selected the following CSBs to engage in developing action plans to increase referrals: Northwestern CSB and Horizon Behavioral Health (Region 1), Prince William CSB (Region 2), Piedmont Community Services (Region 3), District 19 (Region 4) and Hampton-Newport News CSB (Region 5). These CSBs were selected because there are Special Admissions Preference vouchers available in these areas yet they have low percentages of people on the DD Waiver/DD Waiver Waitlist who are independently housed. The OCH and PD regional representatives continue to engage DD directors and Support Coordination teams at these CSBs to discuss barriers that have prevented more referrals and develop strategies to address these barriers and increase referrals. Annong the barriers discussed were topics such as lack of providers for services, high staff turnover, transportation to employment, family support, activities, and location. Some of the activities that took place this quarter were: Region 2 has secured a new provider of Medicaid Waiver employment and community transportation services, and the DBHDS Regional Housing Coordinator is working with this provider and the Flexible Funding Administrator for Region 2 to use Flexible Funding to make these employment and transportation services available to individuals on the Waiver waitlist. We anticipate this will reduce one barrier that Prince William CSB has cited as a hurdle to helping individuals transition to independent housing. Staff turnover in residential support services, however, remains a significant challenge. The DBHDS Regional Housing Coordinator in Region 3 partnered with the Arc of New River Valley to provide an information focusing on independent housing resources and how to access them for individuals and families in the voucher utilization target area earlier this year. As a result a family member of one information session participant has completed the housing referral. The DBHDS hous
1	1.2		Encourage local PHAs in areas where there is high demand from the target population and no alternative housing resources to affirmatively serve the Settlement Agreement population. Item completed in 2020 - Delete.	DBHDS/ DHCD, VHDA, DMAS	Delete	Delete		Completed in 2020.

1	1.2	Review utilization of local preference vouchers and State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP). Identify underserved localities statewide. Perform additional outreach to increase target population's voucher utilization. • Engage CSBs with low percentages of people on the DD waiver and DD waiver waitlist who are independently housed. Develop specific action plans with these CSBs to increase referrals in areas with rent assistance.	DBHDS/PHAs	Jan-21	Dec-21	The DBHDS Office of Community Housing (OCH) and Office of Provider Development (PD) have selected the following CSBs to engage in developing action plans to increase referrals: Northwestern CSB (Region 1), Prince William CSB (Region 2), Piedmont CSB (Region 3), District 19 (Region 4), Hampton-Newport News CSB (Region 5). These CSBs were selected because there is SRAP available in these areas yet they have low percentages of people on the DD Waiver/DD Waiver Waitlist who are independently housed. Northwestern CSB has agreed to administer ten subsidy slots for SRAP in their catchment area, which includes Clarke, Page, Warren and Shenandoah Counties and the City of Winchester. Prince William CSB referrals remain steady: OCH received 3 referrals this quarter (compared to 4 referrals in Q2 and 2 in Q1). The Prince William Office of Housing has agreed to make 5 more SRAP tenant-based subsidy slots available beginning in January, bring the total SRAP-tenant based subsidy slots to 15. The DBHDS Regional Housing Coordinator recorded a housing information session for the upcoming Arc of Prince William Circle of Support conference in November. District 19 continues to meet with the OCH and includes management and direct services staff. Two meetings were followed up with an information session conducted by the Region 4 Housing Coordinator for the Support Coordination Staff regarding DBHDS rental and housing resources and how to access them. This quarter there has been an uptick in communication regarding potential referrals, there are currently referrals in progress, but no significant increase from last quarter. The targeted CSB continues to reach out and stay in communication with DBHDS as needed to inquire of technical assistance regarding other housing related issues. The OCH Regional Housing Coordinator has participated in two meetings with HNN CSB and the Region 5 CRC. The last of the these two meetings was conducted on July 28, 2021 and there have been 10 referrals received from HNN CSB compared to only 1 referr
1	1.2	Explore strategies to ensure access to vouchers for individuals with developmental disabilities. Research strategies used by other states and PHAs to ensure access to housing resources and identify strategies that may be effective in Virginia. Provide recommendations to PHAs on strategies to ensure voucher access for the target population.	DBHDS/PHAs	Jan-21	Dec-21	No update this quarter.

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:	1.3	1.3.1.	Apply the 9% LIHTC and 4% tax exempt bond QAP provisions which require developers to construct and rehabilitate units that are available on a preferential basis to the target population. * 29 properties funded in the 2020 competitive round will produce approximately 196 units required to provide the leasing preference. Approximately 50% will target individuals in the DOJ Settlement Agreement population. The 29 includes forward funded deals from innovation, new construction and ASH. * Another 18 TE 4% properties will be producing an additional 210 anticipated units. Approximately 50% will target individuals in the DOJ Settlement Agreement population. (It should be noted this level of 4% credit activity is unusually high and not likely to continue in future years)	VH	Nov-20	Mar-21		OCH will seek guidance from other relevant sources on the best way to engage this plan item.
	1.3	3 1.3.2.	Provide LIHTC competitive program incentives to encourage developers to construct and rehabilitate units and provide a preference for the target population Deleted in 2018	VH	Delete	Delete		Deleted
	1.3	1.3.3.	Make LIHTCs available in a special pool to developers providing accessible units that may have project-based vouchers in integrated settings that must provide preferential leasing to the target population for up to 25% of the units. * Accessible Supportive Housing (ASH) LIHTCs were awarded to 4 developments with 251 total units. 26 units projected for 2021.	VH	Jan-20	Jun-21		No update this quarter.
	1.3	1.3.4	Provide targeted outreach to owners of existing LIHTC properties with units appropriate to the needs of the target population, and encourage them to provide preferential leasing to the target population. Deleted in 2018	VHDA	Delete	Delete		Deleted
-	1.3	1.3.5	Make capital subsidy available to developments where there is an effective demand and available supportive services. Deleted this item in 2020. DBHDS will pursue capital investment in partnership with state and local affordable housing funding cycles, allowing for leveraging of other state, federal and local funding. See Item 2.1.4.	DBHDS	Delete	Delete		Deleted

1	1.3 1	t aa	Explore opportunities to create project-based subsidy where there is an effective demand and available supportive services. Finalize SRAP Project-Based Rental Assistance guidance to increase the types of projects that can receive assistance and to streamline the administration of the resource. Fingage a third PHA to administer project-based SRAP (in addition to Fairfax and Prince William Counties). Negotiate an agreement with the Department of Housing & Urban Development to establish a Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Contract program. Begin implementation activities when agreement is finalized.	VH/DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21		The Section 811 Cooperative Agreement was received by Virginia Housing from HUD
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1	1.4 1	a a a s	Continue to administer SRAP. Continue to manage contracts with 17 Partner Agencies to administer 751 SRAP certificates funded in the base budget through FY21 Engage at least 2 new partners to serve areas that do not have rent assistance resources targeted to this population. Engage current partners to administer additional certificates, including any new FY22 SRAP funding, should it be allocated. On an ongoing basis, identify government agencies and CSBs in underserved ocalities that have the capacity to implement SRAP and enter into partnership agreements with these agencies. Identify strategies to operate SRAP in underserved counties without government agencies or CSBs that can administer SRAP.	DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21		OCH has provided Northwestern CSB a draft SRAP MOA for review, and Northwestern has agreed to the MOA language and funding allocation. OCH anticipates getting the MOA signed with a projected start-date of January 1, 2022. Plans are underway to provide Northwestern CSB a SRAP staff orientation and training. OCH has added five new SRAP tenant-based subsidy slots to Prince William Office of Housing & Community Development's SRAP program, bringing the total tenant-based subsidy slots to 15. OCH reached out this quarter to James City County Office of Housing to explore launching a SRAP program and received a favorable response. James City County staff are reviewing the SRAP MOA and Program Manual. OCH will follow up with the staff in October to confirm their interest. OCH continues discussions with Arlington County's Housing Bureau about implementing SRAP. The Bureau is examining whether it has the staffing capacity to take on ten SRAP subsidy slots, and will provide notification of it's intentions in October. OCH has submitted a budget request to the Governor to increase SRAP subsidy slots in FY23 and FY24. The request is under review.

2 2.1.	2.1.	 Provide targeted outreach to owners of existing multifamily properties with units appropriate to the needs of the target population. Encourage them to provide preferential leasing to the target population. Deleted 2018. 	VH	Delete	Delete		Deleted
2 2.1.	2.1.	2. Provide LIHTC competitive program incentives to encourage developers to construct and rehabilitate units that meet accessibility and Universal Design standards, and are made available on a preferential basis to the target population. • Developers agree to providing preferential leasing of the accessible units in their properties to the target population. • All Developers are informed of this option	VH	Jan-21	Dec-21		No update this quarter.
2 2.1.	2.1	Provide an LIHTC increase in eligible basis for developments that provide a minimum percentage of housing units for people in target population. Deleted 2018.	VH	Delete	Delete		Deleted
2 2.1.	2.1.	4. Provide state-administered capital subsidies to encourage developers to prioritize units for the target population that will meet their needs. Explore development of an agreement between DHCD and DBHDS to better coordinate DBHDS capital funding awards with the Affordable and Special Needs Housing (ASNH) funding competition(s). The agreement would require that DBHDS funds be leveraged with other federal, state or local financing and that units financed with DBHDS funds provide a leasing preference to people with developmental disabilities. 	DHCD/DBHDS	Jan-21	Jun-21		DHCD and DBHDS continue working on the development of a pre-development funding source that DHCD will administer using DBHDS funding
2 2.1.	2.1.	5. Refine LIHTC incentives and state-administered capital subsidies as appropriate to enhance their effectiveness in housing individuals in the target population Review current effectiveness of incentives as part of CY2021 QAP update Develop protocols to coordinate between DHCD for developers/owners of non-LIHTC properties; and VH for 4% credit recipients; and DBHDS to ensure utilization of preference units.	VH/DHCD	Jan-21	Jun-21		DHCD funded six projects (32 I/DD units) with its Spring round of ASNH. Bickerstaff Crossing (6 units) in Bristol; Fairview Town Homes (1 I/DD unit) in Whytheville; Magnolia Place (6 units) in Blackstone; New Home - Oak Street Agining in PLace (6 units); in Manassas; Powhatan Terrace (5 units) in Williamsburg, and Quarry Station (8 units) in Manassas.
2	2.1 2.1.	Provide ongoing training to developers on accessibility and Universal Design standards Enhance understanding of and compliance with HUD Section 504 requirements/Americans with Disabilities Act Architectural Guidelines, building code standards and Universal Design standards Enhance understanding of and compliance with HUD Section 504 and Fair Housing Act Amendments requirements for reasonable accommodations.	VH	Jan-21	Dec-21		No update this quarter.
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2 2.2.	2.2.1	Seek to identify feasible incentives to encourage owners to agree to preferential leasing. Deleted in 2018.	VH	Delete	Delete	Deleted
2 2.3.	2.3.1.	Encourage localities to leverage local funding with state capital subsidy incentives for development of units with preferential access to target population. At least 1 local government provides funding to support developments with units that provide a preference for the target population (this is contingent or 2.1.4 - we would require local leveraging as a criteria for award of any state-administered capital subsidy).	DBHDS/DHCD	Jan-21	Dec-21	DHCD funded six projects (32 I/DD units) with its Spring round of ASNH. One of the six projects included local resources from Hampton Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority - Powhatan Terrace (5 units in Williamsburg.
3 3.1.	3.1.1.	Develop communication materials tailored to PHAs, developers, landlords and owners of multifamily properties and individual units. • Continue to produce and distribute 2-3 newsletters/year to PHAs, LIHTC properties and landlords about target population's successes, needs and available resources.	DBHDS/ VH, DHCD, DARS, DMAS	Jan-21	Dec-21	OCH continues to draft and distribute the Housing Happenings newletter to link housing providers and stakeholders with updates on housing efforts to increase integrated independent living options for people with developmental disability. The Fall/Winter 2021 issue is being drafted.
3 3.1.	3.1.2.	Develop and update outreach & educational materials to reflect new services and expanded resources that promote the transition to housing. Materials support: • Targeted outreach to increase voucher utilization (Action Item 1.1.3) • Support coordinator and provider trainings (Action Items 3.2.1 & 3.2.5) • RIT information sessions on housing resources for individuals/families (Action Item 3.2.4) • Continue to create communication materials and distribute through targeted outreach, support coordinator trainings, and RIT information sessions.	DBHDS/ VH, DHCD, DARS, DMAS	Jan-21	Dec-21	Outreach and educational materials continue to be updated as needed for targeted outreach efforts, information sessions and expansion of resources as applicable.
3 3.2.	3.2.1.	Educate DD support coordinators about how to assist individuals with post- tenancy supports in housing in accordance with the Medicaid Waiver's allowable activities. • Conduct at least one webinar for support coordinators throughout the Commonwealth.	DBHDS/ DMAS	January-21	December-21	OCH has developed a tenancy supports training outline to assist support coordinators with identifying and utilizing supports and strategies that work to increase housing stability and are still waiting for approval of the training material.
3 3.2.	3.2.2.	Develop an updated on-line training module for DD support coordinators to reflect the new on-line housing referral and assessment system. • Contingent upon completion of 4.3.1, incorporate a Coordinated Housing Assessment & Referral System module into the existing on-line independent housing training series for support coordinators.	DBHDS	January-21	June-21	No update this quarter.

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3	3.2.	3.2.3	RITs conduct targeted information and outreach to individuals, families and support coordinators in areas where housing resources are underutilized to increase referrals for independent housing. At least one information session for individuals/families is hosted in for CSBs identified in 1.1.2 & 1.2.2 Housing resource guides for individuals/families are developed for CSBs identified in 1.1.2 At least one tour or open house for individuals/ families is hosted in service areas for CSBs identified in 1.1.2		Jan-21	Dec-21	Region 2: The NoVA RIT partnered with Our Stomping Ground (formerly CityCenter NoVA) to offer a virtual information session to individuals and families about upcoming LHTC properties with leasing preferences in July 2021. A follow up session is scheduled for October 2021. The RIT continues to exchange valuable information about mergency rent and utility assistance during the pandemic, funding opportunities to expand permanent supportive housing for people with developmental disabilities and serious mental iliness, and LHTC properties that have available units with leasing preferences. In addition, the RIT has reviewed several case studies of individuals whose housing was at risk and discussed possible interventions to stabilize housing. The RIT also conducted a virtual housing exploration session for transition-aged students at Chantilly High School in Fairfax County in September 2021. Region 3: The Regional Housing Coordinator and the Far Southwest RIT continue to meet and workshop outreach efforts to increase housing resource awareness, access and utilization. The Far Southwest RIT continues to share housing resource information with community partners. The RIT continues to focus on sharing housing resource information with transition program providers and has offered to facilitate housing exploration sessions for students in public school systems across the region. Region 4: The Regional Housing Coordinator and RIT continue to meet and work on outreach strategies to increase referrals for underutilized independent housing resources across the Central VA Region, and other housing related items. Region 4 during this plan year conducted an information session for the Support Coordination Staff at the identified targeted CSB, and will participate in an upcoming High School Transition Fair in November that will include individuals and families that are in the catchment area of the targeted CSB. Region 5: The RITs for Region 5 continue to meet as scheduled. The Southside and Peninsula team's have partnered toge
3	3.2	2 3.2.4	RITs lead local/regional efforts to educate PHAs, landlords and housing providers about the need for housing resources RIT members support outreach to PHAs and housing providers to: (1) make SRAP available in local communities & (2) leverage local, state and tax credit resources to develop independent housing for the Settlement Agreement target population. (3) work with PSH Steering Committee to identify localities/regions with demand and service capacity to generate effective housing-service partnerships	DBHDS/RITS	Jan-21	Jun-21	Housing coordinators continue to work with members of RIT teams to increase SRAP and PSH housing resources in their regions as well as work to increase housing resources, landlords and housing providers.
3	3.2	3.2.5	Educate DD waiver service providers who offer independent living supports and in-home supports about how to assist individuals with pre- and post-tenancy supports in housing in accordance with the Medicaid Waiver's allowable activities. * Conduct and record at least one webinar for DD Waiver service providers throughout the state.	DBHDS/DMAS	Jan-21	Dec-21	OCH has developed a tenancy supports training outline to assist providers with identifying and utilizing supports and strategies that work to increase housing stability and are awaiting approval of the training material. No additional update this quarter.

	3.2			DBHDS/Local CSBs, Local Continuua of Care	Complete		This action item is completed.
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4 4	l.1 4.1.	Develop and promote new community housing guide service for the provision of lease up/tenancy support services Once Medicaid Waiver regulations are approved, make the DBHDS Independent Housing Curriculum for Community Housing Guides (CHGs) available on the Commonwealth of VA Learning Center Continue perform targeted outreach to develop at least two providers of CHG services in each region.	DBHDS/ CSBs	Mar-21	Dec-21	The DBHDS Office of Community Housing (OCH) has completed the recordings of the Independent Housing Modules for Community Housing Guides in Articulate Storyline 3 (e-learning software), and has submitted proposed changes to its housing webpages which will create a new webpage on resources for Community Housing Guides. These webpages are currently in production. Once the webpages are posted, OCH will work with the DBHDS Learning Management System coordinator to upload the recordings to the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center and to set up automatic issuance of training certificates to individuals who pass the exam for each module. OCH continues to manually administer exams and issue training certificates to new staff who complete the pilot modules. OCH and the DBHDS Provider Development team hosted an information session for Medicaid DD Waiver providers to learn about how to make Community Housing Guide services in the communities they already serve. Five provider agencies that participated on this call have referred staff to complete the Independent Housing Modules.
4 4.1.	4.1.:	3. Initiate a model partnership between service providers and housing providers in a LIHTC property in at least one region • Through an RFP process, identify at least one LIHTC housing provider and service provider that are willing to partner on a supportive housing project. • Assist the housing provider and service provider with planning the partnership strategy and developing a Memorandum of Agreement that meets PSH fidelity criteria. • Partnership implemented.	DBHDS/ VH, DMAS	Jan-21	Dec-21	The DBHDS Office of Community Housing facilitated a statewide webinar in September 2021 for service providers to learn about forming partnerships with LIHTC housing providers to make permanent supportive housing available to people with developmental disabilities and serious mental illness in LIHTC properties. Simultaneously, Virginia Housing facilitated a statewide webinar for LIHTC providers to learn about forming PSH partnerships with service providers. In both webinars, DBHDS and VH offered to link LIHTC properties to service providers in the area where the properties are located (and vice versa). Both webinars emphasized the importance of developing a Memorandum of Agreement that spells out the role and responsibilities for each party. The LIHTC-Service Provider Partnership RFP is slated to be released in October 2021.
4 4	l.1 4.1.	Obtain input on barriers to housing for the target population and strategies to remove barriers and increase access to local housing resources from key stakeholders. • Meet quarterly with stakeholders on the Integrated Housing Advisory Committee to identify barriers and strategies, and provide updates on VPIILO plan progress. • Identify new members to fill vacancies on the IHAC.	DBHDS/ VH, DHCD, DMAS, DARS, VDH, DVS, DSS	Jan-21	Dec-21	The Integrated Housing Advisory Committee (IHAC) met on August 26, 2021, elected a new IHAC vice-chair and installed a new chair. Members discussed convening the ad-hoc committee to identify new committee members and increase committee member diversity. The Committee reviewed new state budget commitments for emergency rent assistance and increases in reimbursement rates for providers of supportive services. The Committee also discussed progress toward Quality Improvement Initiative goals, the development of the Community Housing Guide service and the extension of the Settlement Agreement.
4 4.2.	4.2.	1. Continue to review DD Waivers to identify potential strategies that will facilitate greater access to independent living and help individuals maintain their housing. • Assist DBHDS Waiver staff with finalizing toolkit on the use of the shared living service for individuals who receiver ent assistance. • Assist with the development of the Medicaid Provider Manual for services that support independent living. • Develop strategies to improve access to and efficacy of the Community Housing Guide service. • Assist DBHDS DD Waiver staff to educate providers about changes to the DD Waiver and licensing regulations that will permit individuals to use DBHDS or PHA rent assistance along with supportive living services.	DBHDS/DMAS	Jan-21	Dec-21	No update this quarter.
4 4	1.2 4.2.	Improve coordination of Building Independence (BI) waiver assignments with availability of housing and service resources. Monitor the coordination process for those on the BI waiver with availability of housing and service resources.	DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21	The Housing Team continues to work with the RSS Team to monitor the timing of approval of BI Waivers in order to facilitate access to community guide services to assist with obtaining housing.

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4	4.3	4.3.1.	Use an electronic assessment, intake and referral system to seamlessly connect individuals in the target population to housing. Review WaMS changes that may impact the way the housing module operates Make changes to the housing module to ensure system operability. Data is transferred and electronic assessment and referral system is launched Support cordinators are trained on use Housing matches are made through web-based system Housing outcomes reports in the system	DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21		No update this quarter. No update this quarter.
4	4.3	4.3.2.	Develop strategies to address tenancy support gaps in each RIT region. Continue piloting Tenancy Supports in DD Regions 2 & 5 Explore tenancy support gaps in underserved areas and funding strategies to implement tenancy supports.	DBHDS, Regional RITs/ DHCD, VH	Jan-21	Dec-21		The Tenancy Supports Pilot continues to operate in Regions 2 and 5. Fairfax-Falls Church CSB has served a total of 22 individuals and Hampton-Newport News CSB has served a total of 17 individuals as of the end of this quarter. Fairfax-Falls Church CSB's subcontractor, Consulting Connection Services, has begun offering tenancy supports to individuals from other CSBs in Region 2. The OCH is entering into a MOA with Highlands CSB to make a Tenancy Supports Pilot available in Region 3.
4	4.3	4.3.3	Continue to identify and catalogue creative approaches to leveraging private resources to create housing options for individuals in the target population. Completed in 2018	DBHDS	Complete	Complete		This action item is completed.
4	4.3	4.3.4.	Continue to assist Community Resource Consultants with provider development efforts in areas of the state with high housing demand, available housing resources and minimal service capacity. * Regional Housing Coordinators coordinate with CRCs to identify providers to apply for JumpStart grants to serve those with unmet service needs in housing. * Assist group residential providers to explore individuals' interest in independent housing and support provider efforts to expand services in independent housing.	DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21		The DBHDS Office of Community Housing (OCH) and Office of Provider Development (PD) organized a second Housing Exploration Series in September 2021 for individuals who currently live in group homes or sponsored residential settings to learn more about independent housing and the resources available to help people with developmental disabilities in the Settlement Agreement population* rent their own homes and receive supports to live independently. Unfortunately, no individuals participated in the first two sessions, so OCH canceled the third session in the series. OCH and PD intend to reach out to targeted residential providers and make the exploration series available to those that agree to offer the series to their group home residents, especially providers that are interested in assisting residents to move to independent housing and backfill empty beds with individuals who are ready to be discharged from state hospitals. OCH and PD continue to follow up with the support coordinators for the individuals who participated in the first pilot to link them to resources for transition planning.
4	4.3	4.3.5.	Develop a performance measurement system for independent housing. I dentify several key performance indicators using the referral and leasing spreadsheet I dentify baselines and benchmarks for each indicator Track identified performance indicators	DBHDS	Jan-21	Dec-21		The DBHDS OCH continues to develop performance measurement tactics. To increase data collection of program outcomes the exit destination survey has been reviewed, converted to an appropriate platform and the delivery/collection system has been outlined. Exit Surveys and data collection will begin October 2021.

4 4.3	4.3.6 In collaboration with the PSH Steering Committee, develop a process to coordinate housing referrals within DBHDS and from key state agencies. • Continue to refine the process for filling units in new construction/rehab projects with multiple leasing preferences. • Continue to refine the process for filling turnover units in occupied projects with multiple leasing preferences.	DBHDS/DMAS, DARS, VH	Jan-21	Dec-21	No update this quarter.
4 4.3	Solicit input on the development of the 1115 Waiver High Needs Support Benefit Hold input sessions. 4.3.7 Form workgroups to address benefit design and operations.	DMAS/DBHDS, DHCD, VH, DARS, DSS, DVS, VDH	Jan-21	Dec-21	No update this quarter.