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RE: Calgary Homeless Foundation to withdraw funding of Keys to Recovery Program

Effective September 28th, 2018, Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) will not be renewing the Keys to Recovery program contract. Over the past two years, CHF has worked diligently with Keys to Recovery to explore possibilities and develop solutions, however, Keys to Recovery has been unable to address the gaps that were identified. This was a difficult decision and we do not make these decisions lightly.

CHF is responsible to our funders, tax-payers and the people we serve to soundly invest their dollars to maximize impact within our community. Accordingly, every program CHF funds must demonstrate ongoing and sustainable capacity to meet the deliverables of our Funding Agreement. We regularly review funding agreements and identify issues of financial risk, community risk, and program performance with funded agencies. We need to be responsive to evidence gathered during these review processes and quickly re-align funding to meet client-centred outcomes.

Program funding remains with the client and the continuum of program spaces, including sobriety, remain in community. It is our priority to provide clients with support services that respect client choice and recognize the progress they have made in the Keys to Recovery program. CHF and Keys to Recovery are working collaboratively to develop a client-centred transition plan that is focused on client success and have identified agencies that can offer housing supports that align to their specific need. These supports include other Housing First programs, affordable housing, rent subsidy programs or even graduation into independence. Clients will continue to have access to sobriety supports as part of individualized service planning and as identified by the individual.

Between mid-August and September 28th, Keys to Recovery and the receiving agencies will work together to create individualized service plans and facilitate warm transfers to ensure all of clients will be transitioned into appropriate supports in the community.

Sincerely,



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