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Information Release:

Homeless Services Center Renovation Project

On August 20, 2013 the Homeless Services Center will begin the renovation of the Page Smith Community House (PSCH) and development of the new Homeless Recuperative Care Center (RCC). When complete in October 2013, this project will greatly enhance Homeless Services Center's efforts to transition individuals out of homelessness and in to permanent housing. The project consists of a total replacement of the 40 existing PSCH units, which are currently dilapidated and worn beyond repair. The project will also develop 12 new beds for the innovative Recuperative Care Center, a safe respite for those recently discharged from local hospitals with no other place to call home.

Service Impact

The current PSCH residents will be temporarily relocated to the on-site Paul Lee Loft Emergency Shelter while the renovation takes place. The Homeless Services Center has created a plan for moving, temporary storage, and basic essentials for PSCH residents.

As a result, the Paul Lee Loft Emergency Shelter will be temporarily closed to new emergency shelter residents during the construction period. Current Paul Lee Loft residents will be vacated on August 8, 2013. HSC has worked with partnering service providers to create a temporary relocation plan for the most vulnerable Loft residents, when possible. We ask that all interested individuals place their name on a waitlist for emergency shelter once the construction is complete, expected late October 2013.

HSC will continue to accommodate "crisis referrals" from local emergency healthcare providers, as possible.

Daytime Essential Services and case management will remain intact during the duration of the construction. There will be no impact on the Rebele Family Shelter.

We recognize that a temporary closure of the Paul Lee Loft significantly decreases the already insufficient number of emergency shelter beds in our community. We are working with fellow service providers and faith communities to ease the burden of this temporary transition where possible. We ask that anyone able to support our efforts to meet the needs of our county's unsheltered population contact us at 831.458.6020 or the Association of Faith Communities at afc@solopublications.com.