

## **Attachment 1**

### *Milwaukee City/County Commission on Supportive Housing*

As noted in the previous section, there are a substantial number of residents in the Region that have reported having various cognitive disabilities, which may put them at a greater risk of homelessness if they do not receive assistance. The Supportive Housing Commission was created jointly by the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County in late 2007 to set goals and benchmarks for the effort to address housing needs for persons with mental illness and other special needs, and to monitor progress in meeting those goals. The Supportive Housing Commission has engaged in advocacy on behalf of several supportive housing developments and related legislation. Many of the housing projects have received funding through HUD, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, and the City and County Housing Trust Funds. Examples include:

- Sustaining funding levels for supportive housing activities in the Milwaukee County budget
- Prairie Apartments, a 24 unit building located at 1218 N. Highland Boulevard in the City of Milwaukee, which serves individuals at risk of homelessness because of mental health or other conditions
- Washington Square Apartments, a 24 unit building located at 3940 W. Lisbon Avenue in the City of Milwaukee, which includes 12 units reserved for families in recovery from homelessness or mental illness and space for a food and clothing bank
- Johnston Center Residences, a 91 unit redevelopment of the former Johnston Community Health Clinic located at 1230 W. Grant Street in the City of Milwaukee, which is Milwaukee's largest supportive housing development
- Empowerment Village-National Avenue, a 34 unit building located at 1525 W. National Avenue in the City of Milwaukee, where supportive services are provided for residents
- Empowerment Village-Lincoln Avenue, a 30 unit located building at 525 W. Lincoln Avenue in the City of Milwaukee, where supportive services are provided for residents
- Veterans Manor, a 52 unit building located at 3430 W. Wisconsin Avenue in the City of Milwaukee, is focused on Veterans at risk of homelessness
- State legislation that requires health insurance policies to provide coverage for mental health services at a level comparable to coverage for physical health services.