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Report Pursuant to Chapters 133 & 283 of the Acts of 2016 regarding the End Family Homelessness Reserve (1599-0017) and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Services (4000-0007)

Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016 (Chapter 133), Line item 4000-0007, appropriated \$1M in funding for housing and supportive services for unaccompanied youth pursuant to M.G.L. Section 16X of Chapter 6A. Line item 4000-0007 requires that "the secretary of health and human services shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than March 1, 2017 on: (a) the number of youths served through this item; (b) the types of services received by participating youths; (c) the number of youths who transition into stabilized housing and the zip code of the stabilized housing; (d) the number of youths who remain in stabilized housing after 90 days, when applicable; (e) other quantifiable data related to client outcomes as determined by the secretary; (f) the number of youths turned away from the program; and (g) the amount of funding awarded to vendors for the delivery of services and the names of each vendor."

Chapter 283 of the Acts of 2016 (Chapter 283) authorized that a remaining fiscal year 2016 (FY16) balance of \$1M be carried into fiscal year 2017 (FY17) to further support program services under line item 4000-0007. In addition, Chapter 283 funded line item 1599-0017, End Family Homelessness Reserve, to provide tailored and flexible short-term assistance to families that are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, with a goal of rapid housing stabilization, support coordinated delivery of public benefits and human services to such families; and provide prevention, diversion or stabilization services.

The intent of this report is to meet any reporting requirements related to Chapters 133 and 283.



I. Funding Distribution

To meet the requirements of M.G.L. Section 16X of Chapter 6A and Chapter 133, in March 2016, EOHHS conducted a procurement combining line items 1599-0017 and 4000-0007. EOHHS used line item 1599-0017 to procure the services of 8 lead entities statewide, to assemble and support local Consortiums that provide services to families and individuals in crisis. Each Consortium was to include housing and service agencies, and other entities that provide support for people facing recent or chronic homelessness. The Consortiums were to also support services for unaccompanied homeless youth ages 18 to 24, with funding available through line item 4000-0017. Youth services were to include case management, supportive services, and outreach, as well as flexible financial assistance to meet their unique financial barriers to stability.

The eight Lead Entities that were awarded contracts to implement local Consortiums and provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth include:

Geographic Area	Funding FY16 & FY17	Lead Entity	Funded Partners Consortium	Funded Partners Youth
Metro Boston	Consortium \$225K Youth \$350K	United Way of Massachusetts Bay		Bridge Over Troubled Waters
Metro West	Consortium \$225K Youth \$350K	South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)		Wayside
Worcester/ Worcester County	Consortium \$240K Youth \$375K	Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance		LUK, Inc.
Fall River/ New Bedford/ Taunton/ Attleboro	Consortium \$225K Youth \$350K	Catholic Social Services (CSS)		
Hampden County	Consortium \$275K Youth \$375K	City of Springfield	HAP, Inc. (HAP Housing); Catholic Charities	Gandara
Merrimack Valley	Consortium \$225K Youth \$350K	Community Teamwork	Community Action, Inc. (CTI); Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC); Emmaus, Inc.	United Teen Equality Center (UTEC); Youth Harbors; Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC); Children's Friend and Family Services (CFFS)

North Shore	Consortium \$250K Youth \$400K	Lynn Housing and Neighborhood Development (LHAND)	Lynn Continuum of Care (Lynn CoC) North Shore Continuum of Care (North Shore CoC) Lynn Economic Opportunity (LEO)	North Shore Community Action Programs (NSCAP); Family Success Center (FSC); North Shore Continuum of Care (North Shore CoC)
Franklin, Hampshire, Berkshire Counties	Consortium \$250K Youth \$394K	Community Action		Dial Self; Berkshire County Reginal Housing Authority (BCRHA)
TOTAL	Consortium \$1.915M Youth \$2.944M			

II. Services

In the first nine months that the Consortiums were operational (April 2016 - December 2016), the following services were provided, based on preliminary data reported by each Consortium:

	Families	Individuals
Referrals	1,052	598
Outreach	942	515
Coordinated Entries	565	417
Prevention Resources	200	83
Diversion Resources	49	19
Rehoused	41	67
Connected to Tenancy Preservation Programs	52	16
Referred to Substance Abuse Services	8	14
Referred to Behavioral/Mental Health Services	7	10
Referred to Domestic Violence Services	6	3
Engaged in a Housing Stabilization Plan	259	154

	Youth
Referrals	1,575
Outreach	401
Unaccompanied	834
Parenting	249
Referred to Shelter Program	400
Referred to Housing	311

Reconnected with Family	160
Enrolled in Education Program	454
Completed/Graduated from an Education Prgm	60
Enrolled in Workforce Devt/Job Training	230
Gained Job Experience (i.e. 6 wks cont. empl.)	430
Secured Stable Housing (i.e. 3 mos. in one place)	236
LGBT who have requested services	195