

PHA Plans
Streamlined Annual
Version

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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that introduced 5-year and annual PHA Plans. The full PHA plan provides a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form allows eligible PHAs to make a streamlined annual Plan submission to HUD consistent with HUD's efforts to provide regulatory relief for certain types of PHAs. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 11.7 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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Streamlined Annual PHA Plan
for Fiscal Year: 2008
PHA Name: Community Connections

NOTE: This PHA Plan template (HUD-50075-SA) is to be completed in accordance with instructions contained in previous Notices PIH 99-33 (HA), 99-51 (HA), 2000-22 (HA), 2000-36 (HA), 2000-43 (HA), 2001-4 (HA), 2001-26 (HA), 2003-7 (HA), and any related notices HUD may subsequently issue.

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Streamlined Annual PHA Plan Agency Identification

PHA Name: Community Connections

PHA Number: DC880

PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy) 09/2008

PHA Programs Administered:

Public Housing and Section 8

Number of public housing units:
Number of S8 units:

Section 8 Only

Number of S8 units:

Public Housing Only

Number of public housing units:

PHA Consortia: (check box if submitting a joint PHA Plan and complete table)

Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortium	Programs Not in the Consortium	# of Units Each Program
Participating PHA 1:				
Participating PHA 2:				
Participating PHA 3:				

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Public Access to Information

Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:
(select all that apply)

PHA's main administrative office PHA's development management offices

Display Locations For PHA Plans and Supporting Documents

The PHA Plan revised policies or program changes (including attachments) are available for public review and inspection. Yes No.

If yes, select all that apply:

- Main administrative office of the PHA
- PHA development management offices
- Main administrative office of the local, county or State government
- Public library PHA website Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- Main business office of the PHA PHA development management offices
- Other (list below)

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[24 CFR Part 903.12(c)]

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B. SEPARATE HARD COPY SUBMISSIONS TO LOCAL HUD FIELD OFFICE

Form HUD-50076, PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual Plan identifying policies or programs the PHA has revised since submission of its last Annual Plan, and including Civil Rights certifications and assurances the changed policies were presented to the Resident Advisory Board for review and comment, approved by the PHA governing board, and made available for review and inspection at the PHA's principal office;

For PHAs Applying for Formula Capital Fund Program (CFP) Grants

Form HUD-50070, Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace:

Form HUD-50071, Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions; and

Form SF-LLL & SF-LLLa, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

1. Site-Based Waiting Lists (Eligibility, Selection, Admissions Policies)

[24 CFR Part 903.12(c), 903.7(b)(2)]

Exemptions: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component.

A. Site-Based Waiting Lists-Previous Year

1. Has the PHA operated one or more site-based waiting lists in the previous year? If yes, complete the following table; if not skip to B.

Site-Based Waiting Lists				
Development Information: (Name, number, location)	Date Initiated	Initial mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics	Current mix of Racial, Ethnic or Disability Demographics since Initiation of SBWL	Percent change between initial and current mix of Racial, Ethnic, or Disability demographics

2. What is the number of site based waiting list developments to which families may apply at one time?
3. How many unit offers may an applicant turn down before being removed from the site-based waiting list?
4. Yes No: Is the PHA the subject of any pending fair housing complaint by HUD or any court order or settlement agreement? If yes, describe the order, agreement or complaint and describe how use of a site-based waiting list will not violate or be inconsistent with the order, agreement or complaint below:

B. Site-Based Waiting Lists – Coming Year

If the PHA plans to operate one or more site-based waiting lists in the coming year, answer each of the following questions; if not, skip to next component.

1. How many site-based waiting lists will the PHA operate in the coming year?
2. Yes No: Are any or all of the PHA's site-based waiting lists new for the upcoming year (that is, they are not part of a previously-HUD-approved site based waiting list plan)?
If yes, how many lists?

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3. Yes No: May families be on more than one list simultaneously
If yes, how many lists?
4. Where can interested persons obtain more information about and sign up to be on the site-based waiting lists (select all that apply)?
- PHA main administrative office
 - All PHA development management offices
 - Management offices at developments with site-based waiting lists
 - At the development to which they would like to apply
 - Other (list below)

2. Capital Improvement Needs

[24 CFR Part 903.12 (c), 903.7 (g)]

Exemptions: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component

A. Capital Fund Program

1. Yes No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete items 7 and 8 of this template (Capital Fund Program tables). If no, skip to B.
2. Yes No: Does the PHA propose to use any portion of its CFP funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements? If so, the PHA must identify in its annual and 5-year capital plans the development(s) where such improvements will be made and show both how the proceeds of the financing will be used and the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. (Note that separate HUD approval is required for such financing activities.).

B. HOPE VI and Public Housing Development and Replacement Activities (Non-Capital Fund)

Applicability: All PHAs administering public housing. Identify any approved HOPE VI and/or public housing development or replacement activities not described in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

1. Yes No: Has the PHA received a HOPE VI revitalization grant? (if no, skip to #3; if yes, provide responses to the items on the chart located on the next page, copying and completing as many times as necessary).
2. Status of HOPE VI revitalization grant(s):

HOPE VI Revitalization Grant Status

a. Development Name:

b. Development Number:

c. Status of Grant:

- Revitalization Plan under development
- Revitalization Plan submitted, pending approval
- Revitalization Plan approved
- Activities pursuant to an approved Revitalization Plan underway

3. Yes No: Does the PHA expect to apply for a HOPE VI Revitalization grant in the Plan year?
If yes, list development name(s) below:

4. Yes No: Will the PHA be engaging in any mixed-finance development activities for public housing in the Plan year? If yes, list developments or activities below:

5. Yes No: Will the PHA be conducting any other public housing development or replacement activities not discussed in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement? If yes, list developments or activities below:

3. Section 8 Tenant Based Assistance--Section 8(y) Homeownership Program

(if applicable) 24 CFR Part 903.12(c), 903.70(c), (d)

1. Yes No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If "No", skip to the next component; if "yes", complete each program description below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

2. Program Description:

a. Size of Program

Yes No: Will the PHA limit the number of families participating in the Section 8 homeownership option?

If the answer to the question above was yes, what is the maximum number of participants this fiscal year?

b. PHA-established eligibility criteria

Yes No: Will the PHA's program have eligibility criteria for participation in its Section 8 Homeownership Option program in addition to HUD criteria?
If yes, list criteria:

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c. What actions will the PHA undertake to implement the program this year (list)?

3. Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program:

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- Establishing a minimum homeowner downpayment requirement of at least 3 percent of purchase price and requiring that at least 1 percent of the purchase price comes from the family's resources.
- Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its Section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards.
- Partnering with a qualified agency or agencies to administer the program (list name(s) and years of experience below):
- Demonstrating that it has other relevant experience (list experience below):

4. Use of the Project-Based Voucher Program

Intent to Use Project-Based Assistance

Yes No: Does the PHA plan to "project-base" any tenant-based Section 8 vouchers in the coming year? If the answer is "no," go to the next component. If yes, answer the following questions.

1. Yes No: Are there circumstances indicating that the project basing of the units, rather than tenant-basing of the same amount of assistance is an appropriate option? If yes, check which circumstances apply:

- low utilization rate for vouchers due to lack of suitable rental units
- access to neighborhoods outside of high poverty areas
- other (describe below:)

2. Indicate the number of units and general location of units (e.g. eligible census tracts or smaller areas within eligible census tracts):

5. PHA Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

[24 CFR Part 903.15]

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary, only if the PHA has provided a certification listing program or policy changes from its last Annual Plan submission):

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here)

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2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)

- The PHA has based its statement of needs of families on its waiting lists on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
- The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
- The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
- Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with the initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list below)
- Other: (list below)

3. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

6. Supporting Documents Available for Review for Streamlined Annual PHA Plans

PHAs are to indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the "Applicable & On Display" column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Standard Annual, Standard Five-Year, and Streamlined Five-Year/Annual Plans;</i>	5 Year and Annual Plans
X	<i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations and Board Resolution to Accompany the Streamlined Annual Plan</i>	Streamlined Annual Plans
	<i>Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plan Consistency with Consolidated Plan.</i>	5 Year and standard Annual Plans
	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions' initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction(s) in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs for families on the PHA's public housing and Section 8 tenant-based waiting lists.	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP] and the Site-Based Waiting List Procedure.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Deconcentration Income Analysis	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers and Over-Income Tenants in Public Housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy.	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
X	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
X	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies (if included in plan, not necessary as a supporting document) and written analysis of Section 8 payment standard policies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation).	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Results of latest Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment (or other applicable assessment).	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-

List of Supporting Documents Available for Review		
Applicable & On Display	Supporting Document	Related Plan Component
		Sufficiency
X	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
	Any policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
	Public housing grievance procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
X	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan.	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
	The Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report for any active grant year.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing.	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See PIH Notice 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing.	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans).	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937.	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
	Documentation for required Initial Assessment and any additional information required by HUD for Voluntary Conversion.	Annual Plan: Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing
	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans.	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (Section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
	Public Housing Community Service Policy/Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in Public Housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Cooperative agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	FSS Action Plan(s) for public housing and/or Section 8.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports for public housing.	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-Sufficiency
	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G). <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy.	Annual Plan: Pet Policy
	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under the Single Audit Act as implemented by OMB Circular A-133, the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings.	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)
	Consortium agreement(s) and for Consortium Joint PHA Plans <u>Only</u> : Certification that consortium agreement is in compliance with 24 CFR Part 943 pursuant to an opinion of counsel on file and available for inspection.	Joint Annual PHA Plan for Consortia: Agency Identification and Annual Management and Operations

7. Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report and Replacement Housing Factor

**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHD) Part I: Summary**

PHA Name: _____ Grant Type and Number _____ Federal FY of Grant: _____
 Capital Fund Program Grant No: _____
 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No: _____

Original Annual Statement Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies Revised Annual Statement (revision no:)
 Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending: Final Performance and Evaluation Report

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs				
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures				
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2 – 20)				
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of line 21 Related to Section 504 compliance				
24	Amount of line 21 Related to Security – Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security – Hard Costs				
26	Amount of line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

Streamlined PHA Plan PHA Certifications of Compliance

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PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations: Board Resolution to Accompany the *Streamlined Annual PHA Plan*

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the streamlined Annual PHA Plan for PHA fiscal year beginning 2008, hereinafter referred to as the Streamlined Annual Plan, of which this document is a part and make the following certifications, agreements with, and assurances to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Streamlined Plan and implementation thereof:

1. The streamlined Annual Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any streamlined Plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, and provided this Board or Boards an opportunity to review and comment on any program and policy changes since submission of the last Annual Plan.
3. The PHA made the proposed streamlined Annual Plan, including policy and program revisions since submission of the last Annual Plan, and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the streamlined Plan and invited public comment.
4. The PHA will carry out the streamlined Annual Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
5. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, address those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions.
 - For streamlined Annual Plans that include a policy or change in policy for site-based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's MTCS in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 99-2);
 - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
 - Adoption of site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
 - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
 - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(b)(2).
6. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
7. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
8. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
9. The PHA has submitted with the streamlined Plan a certification with regard to a drug-free workplace required by 24 CFR Part 24, Subpart F.
10. The PHA has submitted with the streamlined Plan a certification with regard to compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR Part 87, together with disclosure forms if required by this Part, and with restrictions on payments to influence Federal Transactions, in accordance with the Byrd Amendment and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24.
11. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
12. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
13. The PHA will provide HUD or the responsible entity any documentation that the Department needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.
14. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
 - The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.

17. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act and 24 CFR Part 35.

18. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments) and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments.).

19. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the streamlined Annual Plan in a manner consistent with its streamlined Annual Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its streamlined Plan.

20. All certifications and attachments (if any) to the streamlined Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA streamlined Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the streamlined Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its streamlined Annual Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.

21. The PHA certifies that the following policies, programs, and plan components have been revised since submission of its last Annual PHA Plan (check all policies, programs, and components that have been changed):

- 903.7a Housing Needs
- 903.7b Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
- 903.7c Financial Resources
- 903.7d Rent Determination Policies
- 903.7h Demolition and Disposition
- 903.7k Homeownership Programs
- 903.7r Additional Information
 - A. Progress in meeting 5-year mission and goals
 - B. Criteria for substantial deviation and significant amendments
 - C. Other information requested by HUD
 - 1. Resident Advisory Board consultation process
 - 2. Membership of Resident Advisory Board
 - 3. Resident membership on PHA governing board

22. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification regarding its streamlined annual PHA Plan that:

- (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
- (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA board of directors (or similar governing body); and
- (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.

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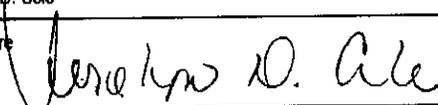
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I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Jerolyn D. Cole	HCVP Senior Administrator
Signature	Date
X 	May 9, 2008

Welcome to Community Connections!

Our Mission

Community Connections provides comprehensive, respectful and effective mental health and residential services to residents of the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Maryland.

Our Philosophy

Community Connections was founded on the premise that service integration could best be achieved by vesting a single agency with responsibility for a full range of activities. Although it maintains collaborative relationships with public and private providers throughout the Greater Washington area, Community Connections continues to develop and maintain "in-house" services to meet the many needs of its clients.



Pictured: Co-Founders Helen Bergman and Maxine Harris

Core Values

- » Integration and non-duplication of services
- » Innovative treatments for complex problems
- » Gender and culturally sensitive and informed treatment
- » Humane, safe and affordable housing

Clinical Programs for Families and Youth

Community Connections has programs in both the District of Columbia and in Montgomery County, Maryland for families, children and youth.

District of Columbia: The Community Connections Child and Adolescent Services Program is child-centered, family-focused, and community based. Community Support Specialists meet the child/youth and family in their community locales, learn the values and perspectives of the family and joining with them in affirming skills, abilities, talents and hopes. Problems are recognized in context and addressed through collaborative partnerships with the families and their support networks. Children are seen as often as necessary to achieve their stated goals and objectives.

Maryland: Community Connections provides residential services for youth ages 15-22 who require a therapeutic environment to manage their psychiatric and emotional problems. Small group homes are available through referral for ages 15-21, and a supported independent living apartment program with psychiatric rehabilitation (PRP) services serves youth in transition from ages 18-22. Residential programs vary in the length of stay; however, follow-up care and assistance in finding permanent housing is available to all participants in MD.

Whether in the District of Columbia or Maryland the *Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005* is used to assist those children who have been victimized by violence.

DC Services include:

- » Comprehensive assessment of needs and life domains
- » Individualized treatment planning
- » Network resource development
- » Community support services
- » In home and/or office based counseling
- » Psycho-educational training and support
- » Crisis Services

*To inquire about DC services please call (202)
546-1512.*

MD Services include:

- » Residential supervision
- » Psychiatric rehabilitation
- » Life skills training
- » Vocational placement and follow up
- » Medication Monitoring
- » Recreation and leisure activities
- » Educational Placement and support

*To inquire about MD services please call (301)
585-6118.*

Clinical Programs for Adults

Since its inception in 1983, Community Connections has created a comprehensive range of supportive services and treatment designed to help consumers meet their personal goals of recovery. Our programs are for adults in need of mental health services and those with co-occurring substance abuse treatment needs. Most consumers come with histories of violence and victimization, incarceration, homelessness, and/or major medical concerns. Our relationship-based services are provided both in office-based and community environments, including homes. Included in our services are programs designed to assist children and adults victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and or stalking. Our portfolio of housing includes properties designated for adults and families seeking safety from assault, violence and stalking. By providing support as listed below we hope to enhance the life of those who have faced violence. With family support, community services, trauma recovery programs, employment services as well as affordable housing. Community Connections has incorporated *The Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA)* into its comprehensive list of services and programs.

Our comprehensive range of services and treatment includes:

- » Initial assessment of mental health & residential needs
- » Community support services
- » Psychiatric clinic
- » Family support
- » Employment
- » Day Program
- » Twenty-four hour on-call and crisis services

Clinical teams are organized by specialty, such as:

- » Trauma Recovery - VAWA
- » Dual Diagnosis
- » Wellness
- » Forensic
- » Intentional Recovery Community
- » Supported Employment

Research & Grant Funded Initiatives: Trauma

W-TRES: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model (TREM) Group Intervention (2004-2008)

The Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model (TREM) group intervention was developed at Community Connections in the 1990s by clinicians led by Dr. Maxine Harris. In the years since then, more than 1500 clinicians in over twenty states have been trained in this model. Based in both clinical experience and the research literature, TREM has become one of the major trauma recovery interventions for women. (See <http://nrepp.samhsa.gov> regarding its evidence base.)

In 2004, the National Institute of Mental Health funded a four-year study of TREM groups for women. Carried out in collaboration with a research team from the New Hampshire-Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center (PRC), the study is enrolling 300 women trauma survivors with PTSD and severe mental health problems. The study design includes two conditions. 150 women will receive a full range of mental health and other community support services while 150 will participate in TREM groups in addition to the usual services. As a "randomized controlled trial" of TREM, women who agree to participate in the study will be assigned by chance to one of the two conditions. The North Baltimore Center, a full-service mental health agency in Baltimore, Maryland will join Community Connections as clinical sites for the project.

This study is an important next step that builds on the positive findings regarding TREM in the District of Columbia Trauma Collaboration Study. The more rigorous research design will enable us to examine with greater precision TREM's potential benefits in trauma recovery, focusing on trauma-related symptoms, other mental health concerns, substance abuse problems, and revictimization. Gregory J. McHugo, Ph.D., of the PRC is the Principal Investigator for the new study. From Community Connections, Roger D. Fallot, Ph.D. and Maxine Harris, Ph.D. are Co-Principal Investigators. For more information about TREM please contact Roger D. Fallot, Ph.D.

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