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Randy Sterling Executive Director
Key West Housing Authority
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Re: 1620 Truesdale Court – Lease Assignment to MARC House

Dear Mr. Sterling:

As executive director of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care (CoC), I am informing the Key West Housing Authority (KWHA) and the City of Key West, as the Local Redevelopment Agency (LRA), that the CoC has selected one of its member agencies, AH Monroe County, to redevelop 11 buildings currently located at the Poinciana Plaza Special Needs Section.

On October 13, 2022, the CoC Board of Directors approved a phased construction to redevelop the site for effective and efficient use as part of the Poinciana Special Needs Homeless Housing project and a component in the Plan for use within the US Navy's Base Re-Use Program. Use and development of the property is governed by the Policies and Procedures of the COC.

The first phase of construction is the demolition of building 1620. AH Monroe is in the process of acquiring funding for the development of building 1620 for MARC House through a grant with Florida Housing Finance Corporation due May 15, 2024. A sub-lease is required between the Housing Authority and MARC House dated July 1, 2024, with a term of 50 years to satisfy the grant requirement for funding. Currently FKOC occupies 1620 and will be vacating the building before June 1, 2024.

The redevelopment of 1620 is critically needed for permanent supportive housing for persons with developmental disabilities.

The COC, lead agency designated by the state and federal government for coordinating homeless services in Monroe County, recommends to the Key West Housing Authority and the City of Key West as the Local Redevelopment Agency that the sub-lease for building 1620 Truesdale Court be assigned and transferred to MARC with an effective date of July 1, 2024.

Respectfully,