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Mr. Manuel Castillo
Executive Director
Key West Housing Authority
1400 Kennedy Drive
Key West, FL 33040

Re: 1623 Spaulding Court, Unit 4 – Lease Assignment to FKOC

Dear Mr. Castillo:

As chair of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care (CoC) board of directors, I am informing the Key West Housing Authority (KWHHA) and the City of Key West, as the Local Redevelopment Agency (LRA), that the CoC has selected one of its member agencies, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition (FKOC), to develop a rapid rehousing project in the former CoC offices. This project will be occur at 1623 Spaulding Court (Unit 4), and at this time the CoC is respectfully requesting the KWHHA and LRA approve this project and the assignment of the CoC lease to FKOC.

1623 Spaulding Court (Unit 4) is 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 CoC Planning Committee serves as oversight for Poinciana Special Needs Housing activities.

Rapid rehousing is a successful community strategy for ending homelessness and a critical component of our community's response to homelessness. Rapid rehousing prioritizes moving a family or individual experiencing homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible, typically within 30 days of becoming homeless. Rapid rehousing programs across the country assist individuals and families traditionally perceived as more difficult to serve, including persons with limited or no income, survivors of domestic violence, and those with substance abuse issues. Rapid rehousing is a critical and much needed component of our community's strategy to prevent and end homelessness in Monroe County.

In January 2017 the CoC issued a Request for Proposals to develop a rapid rehousing project using the former CoC office. FKOC responded with a proposal to renovate the single-family unit into a two unit, six-bed facility with secured private funding for the renovation. The CoC board of directors

met in special session Thursday, March 2nd and approved the recommendation of the CoC Oversight Committee to select FKOC as the developer for this project.

The CoC, as the lead agency designated by the state and federal government to coordinate homeless services in Monroe County, recommends to the KWHHA and the City of Key West as the LRA that the sub-lease for 1623 Spaulding Court, Unit 4 be assigned and transferred to the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition Inc. with an effective date of April 1st, 2017.

Respectfully,



Kate Bauer-Jones, Chair, Board of Directors
Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum of Care, Inc.

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Cc: Doug Bradshaw, City of Key West LRA
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