



Eliot Community Human Services, Inc.

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Executive Director
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Dear CPA Committee and Amherst Municipal Affordable Housing Trust,

Eliot CHS Homeless Services has provided its outreach services to homeless individuals in the Amherst area for many years. Its master-level clinicians provide mental health assessment, treatment, advocacy, benefit assistance, Department of Mental Health referrals, housing assistance and other support services to the adult homeless population. Outreach counselors are on the ground, identifying the most vulnerable individuals, collaborating with local social service agencies, and providing the transitional support to help individuals transition from the streets and shelter to permanent housing.

For the past seven years, Eliot CHS Homeless Services has worked with Amherst Community Connections to address homeless individuals' various needs. Over this time period, we have housed several individuals experiencing long-term homelessness through our collaborative efforts with Amherst Community Connections. In fact, we currently jointly serve 7 individuals throughout the Amherst area, which has already resulted in two successful housing placements.

On behalf of Eliot Homeless Services, I would like to offer support to Amherst Community Connections' CPA and CDBG grant applications this year. The grants will provide rental subsidies to the people who are homeless but have some limited financial means to obtain housing and at the same time to provide support service to them during their transition out of homelessness. This population faces many dire needs, especially stable housing and the need for accompanying supportive services.

We look forward to working with Amherst Community Connections on this project. We can provide outreach and housing stabilization services for our referrals in an effort to help homeless individuals transition to housing, while accessing the community resources and services that promote housing stability.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call this regional manager at (413) 587-6427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay S. Levy".

Jay S. Levy, LICSW
PATH Regional Manager
Eliot CHS Homeless Services