

## **Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council's Housing & Homelessness Subcommittee**

The Housing and Homelessness Subcommittee (HHS) focuses on helping adults experiencing severe and persistent mental illness and children diagnosed with severe emotional disturbance and their families obtain and maintain safe, decent, affordable, and permanent housing. The HHS acts as the body in Kansas who offers guidance and recommendations to the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council and to KDADS so they can effectively exercise leadership in this arena.

### **Mission**

Our mission is to promote and expand safe, decent, affordable, and permanent housing options for all Kansans experiencing severe and persistent mental illness, serious emotional disturbance and/or co-occurring disorders. We will fulfill our mission through assertive and strategic partnerships with local communities, housing developers, lenders and Federal and State agencies.

### **Vision**

Our vision is that all Kansans experiencing a severe and persistent mental illness, serious emotional disturbance and/or co-occurring disorders have access to safe, decent, affordable, and permanent housing.

### **Goals of the Subcommittee:**

1. Create a housing plan for Kansas based on need and fact.
2. Research solutions to identified gaps.
3. Identify marketing strategies and effective advocates.
4. Continue/accomplish ongoing goals.
5. Monitor and strengthen approved recommendations.

**Subcommittee Chair:** Doug Wallace