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Shattuck timeline

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From: Secretary Sudders Office (EHS) <SecretarySuddersOffice@MassMail.State.MA.US>
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Subject: Updates Regarding the Shattuck Campus in Jamaica Plain



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Dear Friends:

In response to the humanitarian crisis in an area of Boston referred to as “Mass. and Cass”, there is an urgent need for both temporary and permanent low-threshold transitional housing for individuals who are homeless. As part of the response, the Commonwealth will be utilizing a portion of the 13-acre Shattuck campus in Jamaica Plain to establish temporary, low-threshold housing and services for up to 30 homeless individuals. Partnering with Pallet, a leader in rapid-response shelter villages and a local human service provider with experience serving individuals who are homeless, the “Temporary Cottage Community” will serve as a safe place for those in transition from homelessness to more stable housing.

The path to stability out of homelessness begins with a safe place to sleep and a supportive environment. The Temporary Cottage Community will provide low-threshold transitional housing and wraparound services for up to 30 individuals. The housing will be provided in the form of 18 private lockable sleeping cabins, each with one or two beds, personal climate control and storage for possessions.

The state will also contract with a local health and human service provider to provide immediate onsite services, such as meals, laundry, case management and mental health and addiction services, with the goal of supporting residents in their transition from the streets to permanent housing and longer-term stability. The provider will also be responsible for general oversight of the community, including 24/7 security, as the safety of the residents as well as hospital staff, patients and the surrounding neighborhoods is paramount. The housing is expected to be operational in December.

The establishment of the Temporary Cottage Community will address an immediate need and aligns with the [Vision Plan for the Redevelopment of the Shattuck Campus at Morton Street](#), the product of a 12+ month vision planning process for the future use of the 13-acre Shattuck Campus. The Temporary Cottage Community, although temporary, represents the first phase of

implementation of the longer-term plans for supportive housing and services envisioned on the campus.

In the Vision Plan, the Commonwealth outlined a phased approach to redeveloping the campus that prioritizes supportive housing and maintains access to existing behavioral health and addiction services on the site. The Commonwealth remains committed to this approach and will work to ensure that the Temporary Cottage Community will not interfere with current hospital operations, nor the longer-term redevelopment plans for the campus.

Thank you for your understanding and support. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Josh.Cuddy@mass.gov.

Sincerely,



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