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SF Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development selects PRC to Manage Leland House

Beginning October 1, PRC will lead Leland House's transformation into transitional housing for people living with HIV/AIDS

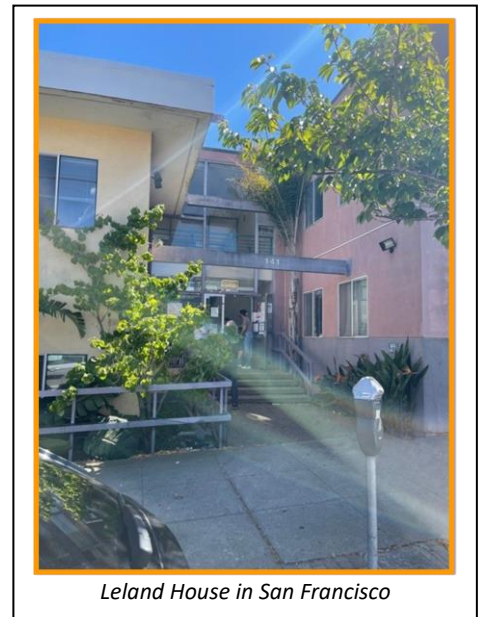
SAN FRANCISCO (AUGUST 24, 2021) – The [San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development](#) (MOHCD) and [PRC](#) today finalized an agreement for PRC to own and manage Leland House, the second largest HIV/AIDS housing facility in California, into a transitional residential care facility (TRCF) beginning October 1. This new model of care for Leland House, which has operated as a residential care facility for the chronically ill (RCFCI) since 1997, reflects the progress made in improving health outcomes and quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS over the past four decades.

Per the new agreement, PRC will also oversee future rehabilitation of the 20,000 square foot building nestled in San Francisco's Visitacion Valley neighborhood.

"Leland House has played a vital role in supporting the well-being of this important and vulnerable community for decades. We applaud the fine work that Catholic Charities has undertaken over the past 24 years and Mercy Housing California's stewardship of the building," said **Brett Andrews**, CEO of PRC. "HIV/AIDS treatments have advanced to support longer and more robust lives, so it is both appropriate and necessary that the model of care offered at Leland House evolve as well. Since 1965, PRC has successfully prepared people with health and substance use challenges for independent living. It's what we do, and we are honored that the City has entrusted PRC to bring our expertise to Leland House."

Per today's agreement, MOHCD, Mercy Housing California and Catholic Charities SF will assist PRC with the full transfer of the Leland House site, supporting the acquisition, rehabilitation, operations and services.

"The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development is committed to housing choice and opportunity for residents living with HIV/AIDS," said MOHCD Director, Eric Shaw. "We heard from the community and service providers regarding the need to advance new models for care and housing and we look forward to partnering with PRC to implement a new care model at Leland House."



Leland House in San Francisco

“San Franciscans need and deserve the quality, affordable housing and innovative in-home healthcare that Leland House provides,” said Jennifer Smith Dolin, Vice President of Operations at Mercy Housing California. “We are thrilled to support PRC in keeping these critical services accessible to Leland House’s resilient community of residents.”

“Catholic Charities embraces the change of Leland House’s model of care to today’s best practice. It signifies tremendous progress in the care of those living with HIV and is a significant step forward for the community we have served since the 1980s,” said Jilma L. Meneses, Catholic Charities Chief Executive Officer. “While we will no longer be running Leland House, we remain as committed to the HIV community today as we have been throughout the last four decades.”

What Is Leland House?

Housing is one of the strongest predictors of maintaining HIV medical care and treatment, and thereby prevents transmission. Leland House is California’s second largest housing facility for people living with HIV/AIDS, with a capacity to house 45 residents. The property is currently owned by Mercy Housing California, who acquired the building in 1996, and operated by Catholic Charities, who opened the facility in 1997. As a state-licensed RCFCI, Leland House has provided permanent placement and on-site medical and case management care to low-income San Francisco residents who have disabling HIV/AIDS.

Leland House residents are a diverse group: 75% cisgender male, 8% cisgender female, 17% Transgender, 80% are over the age of 51 and 62% are Black Indigenous and POC (BIPOC). While the people served by Leland House share a common HIV diagnosis, their presenting issues are increasingly related to age, homelessness, mental health and/or substance use disorders. PRC’s integrated care model provides the wide range of services required to meet all these needs.

Among the services to be provided at Leland House under the new TRCF model and license:

- Support with financial literacy; income planning; skills of basic living; nutrition, shopping; cooking education; returning to work; and job-related activities to help clients transition to permanent, independent housing.
- Navigation support for access to Medi-Cal, Medicare, ADAP, IHSS, CalFresh, CalWorks and General Assistance.
- If medical assistance is needed, services will be available through PRC’s existing relationship with the San Francisco Community Health Center and other existing RCFCI facilities.
- Referrals to additional services from other agencies, including case management, medical care, benefits determination, transportation assistance, housing, vocational training, employment placement and other social services.
- Individual and group counseling.
- One-on-one peer support.
- Coordination of services and discharge planning.

Next steps

Leland House will be operated as a Transitional Residential Care Facility (TRCF), supporting residents living with HIV/AIDS to acquire daily life skills that enable a transition to self-sufficient living within 18 to 24 months. All services will be linguistically, culturally and age appropriate.

Current residents will be invited to participate in the facility's transition planning process and notified in advance of changes. The plan will be designed to include opportunities for client questions and feedback throughout the transition process.

Management of Leland House will transition from Catholic Charities to PRC on October 1, 2021. The Leland House building itself will go through health and safety repairs and general rehabilitation from deferred maintenance. PRC will work with MOHCD to address these needs in phases. High priority will be given to causing as little disruption to Leland's residents as possible. PRC will manage an occupied rehabilitation of the building to address the immediate improvements necessary to begin service.

Why PRC?

The addition of Leland House to PRC's range of housing programs establishes a mid-term option (18-24 months) for clients who seek transitional residential care, and complements PRC's short-term (30 to 90 days) residential offerings, such as the [Hummingbird](#) psychiatric respite centers in San Francisco and long-term (permanent) housing programs and crisis care through our Joe Healy Detoxification Center and dual-diagnosis Grove Street House.

Since 1965, PRC and its antecedent organizations have developed a robust continuum of care that moves clients with HIV/AIDS, mental health diagnoses and/or substance use disorders from crisis to self-sufficiency. PRC's Baker Places subsidiary was the first agency in the City of San Francisco to offer this continuum of care and provide a unique treatment environment that addresses co-occurring disorders in a home-like environment. Grounded in the psychosocial rehabilitation model, PRC's approach helps clients care for themselves by developing social, vocational, and other "living" skills. Such skills include finding ways to help oneself and others independent of professional care.

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About PRC

PRC is a San Francisco-based nonprofit social impact organization serving the needs of the City's most vulnerable people and communities. PRC's multifaceted programs offer supportive services to those struggling with substance use, HIV/AIDS and behavioral health challenges that most often stem from the broader systemic challenges of historic economic, social and racial inequities. PRC, in service since 1987, assists approximately 5,700 individuals annually. For more information, please visit www.prcsf.org or call (415) 777-0333.

About Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD)

MOHCD support San Francisco residents with affordable housing opportunities and essential services to build strong communities. They create housing, preserve existing housing, protect vulnerable residents and empower neighborhoods. For more information, please visit <https://sf.gov/departments/mayors-office-housing-and-community-development>.

About Mercy Housing

Mercy Housing California (MHC) is the largest regional office of Mercy Housing, Inc. (MHI), a leading national affordable housing nonprofit. MHC's mission is to create stable, vibrant, and healthy communities by developing, financing, and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors, and people with special needs who lack the economic resources to access quality, safe housing opportunities, serving lower-income families, seniors, and people who have experienced homelessness. With offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, MHC has developed over 10,000 affordable homes across California. To learn more about MHC, please visit www.mercyhousing.org/california.

About Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is one of the largest, most comprehensive human services agencies in Northern California reaching more than 60,000 people a year in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin Counties. Catholic Charities plays an integral role in keeping our neighborhoods diverse, productive, safe, and healthy through more than 30 programs and social justice advocacy. The agency serves everyone and changes lives through lasting, data-driven solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in the community - homelessness, inequality, aging in isolation, generational poverty, HIV/AIDS, and immigration. For more information visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

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