

Press Release

San Diego, CA – March 2018-- Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) announced today the establishment of the Alameda County Independent Living Association that will form a countywide association of Independent Living homes in Alameda County. CHIP will use the model of the San Diego Independent Living Association (ILA), founded in 2012, to guide the formation, policies, and practices of the ILA in Alameda County. The goal is to provide Independent Living operators, residents and the community with tools and resources to promote high quality independent livings.

Independent Livings are privately-owned homes or complexes that provide housing for adults and seniors living on extremely low income, with a disability including mental illness, and others who may benefit from the structure and fellowship of a shared housing environment. The homes house residents who do not need medication oversight, are able to function without supervision, and live independently. The homes provide an important housing option for people with mental illness.

The success of the San Diego ILA has provided a strong framework for founding an ILA in Alameda County. The structure of the Alameda County ILA will resemble the San Diego Association and will be comprised of Independent Living operators who complete a training in operating a high quality home and who demonstrate they meet a set of Quality Standards through on-site home assessments. The Association will create and maintain a website which will be home to an online directory of Independent Living homes affiliated with the Alameda County ILA designed for people seeking housing, behavioral health providers, and other community partners.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERS (CHIP): Founded in 1995, CHIP is an independent non-profit collaboration of San Diego health care systems, hospitals, community clinics, physicians, universities, community based organizations and the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency who are dedicated to a common vision. CHIP assesses and addresses priority health needs through collaboration.