

22 North Weekly Report for September 10th – September 16th 2022

Legal Notices Issued

- One tenant received a 10-Day Notice for harassment of a staff person.

Total pending terminations to date:

- There is one remaining tenants who has been in the eviction process and signed mutual terminations; there tenancy expires today 9/16.

Staff Development

- The case management team is still recruiting for another young adult case manager to replace NWYS staff servicing young adults within the facility.
- Beginning next week the Residential Counselor (RC) team will be fully staffed for 24 hour coverage of onsite services.
- Staff will be attending another PSH housing tour of Cocoon House in the next two weeks. This is another opportunity for new and existing staff to learn more about effective operations and services models for PSH programs.

Facility Updates

- The fencing contractor will be onsite on 9/19; installation should commence two weeks from that date.
- OC is acquiring bid documents for adding an additional key card access system to the facility's elevator and stairwell entries to help better regulate unapproved building access.
- Facilities management is meeting with a 3rd party certified vendor next week to initiate remediation plans for the two contaminated units. Once the vendor completes there contamination assessment, their proposal and recommendation will be reviewed by the health department for compliance with state guidance for meth remediation. When the remediation measure have been completed, the units will be retested for safety and habitability through the health department.

Tenant Engagement

- September 15th was Giveaway Day; an opportunity for residents to select from an arrangement of donated household goods, clothing, and supplies. If folks are interested in donating future items they may contact Michaela_mandala@oppco.org
- The county and other community partners continue to assist OC staff in finding more appropriate housing/services for two young adults in need of a higher level of daily living care. The GRACE team will be arranging an interview with staff and tenants to facilitate additional supports as well.

Community Engagement

Reminder Individuals who are interested in receiving our weekly updates may still sign-up for The 22 North Community listserv, please send an email of interest to 22NCommunityEngagement@oppco.org You may also visit our new website: www.oppco.org/22n

- The 22 North Community Task Force met this week as scheduled. Task Force members will welcome a new representative from local business owners; Chuckanut Builders. Task Force members expressed that the past few weeks have been relatively calm in the neighborhood.

- Neighbors and residents expressed gratitude to the city and Downtown Bellingham Partnership for organizing the Friday evening busking.

Operations Updates

- OC continues to wait for an update from the Department of Commerce regarding OC's request to remove restrictions that require the 22 North facility to maintain a 20 unit young adult set aside.