Draft Mission Statement:

To assist residents of our community gain access to affordable, quality housing and achieve self-suffiency through collaborative partnerships.

Draft Vision Statement:

To develop innovative quality affordable housing solutions for the Community of Brownville.

Draft Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 1: Redevelop HACB properties to create at least 486 new units of affordable quality housing within three years.

a. Develop and implement a Portfolio/Capital Plan for Poinsettia/Boca Chica, Buena Vida, Bougainvillea, Victoria Gardens and other HACB owned properties in keeping with the City of Brownsville development plans.

b. Obtain Choice Neighborhood grants to fund the planning and comprehensive revitalization of Buena Vida and Brownsville serving 22,000 households in partnership with the City of Brownsville.

c. Pursue development of a mixed-income retirement village for veterans estimated to serve at least 100 households.

Goal 2: Improve the curb appeal and energy efficiency for nine HACB owned properties (510 households), six HACB tax credit properties (922 households), and at least 650 of the 2,163 properties receiving Housing Choice Vouchers over the next three years.

a. Seek funding and informational support related to curb appeal and energy efficiency from community partners and other stakeholders.

b. Develop and implement curb appeal plan and energy efficiency plans for the nine HACB owned properties and the six HACB tax credit properties in coordination with redevelopment plans.

c. Improve the quality of sidewalks, parking lots, and private streets for eight HACB owned properties (480 households) and six HACB tax credit properties.

d. Improve curb appeal and energy efficiency for at least 650 of the 2,163 housing units receiving Housing Choice Vouchers through education, enforcement, and incentives.

Goal 3: Increase the number of households served with voucher programs by 250 households over the next three years.

a. Assist an additional 150 households with Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) per year.

b. Assist an additional 50 households headed by Veterans through programs designed to assist Veterans such as HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH).

c. Assist homeless households through coordinated efforts with the Continuum of Care.

d. Identify and pursue additional sources of vouches.

Goal 4: Promote resident/client financial self-sufficiency, health, and quality of life.

a. Create a one stop center for self-sufficiency services at the Fernandez House on Washington Street.

b. Develop a housing counseling program to assist 50 households in year one and 50 households in each following year.

c. Increase number of scholarships provided to public housing and HCV households and encourage successful completion of education.

d. Address ways to promote physical activity for residents of the nine HACB owned properties (510 households) and six HACB tax credit properties (922 households).

e. Improve access to sidewalks, walking trails, and public transportation for the nine HACB owned properties (510 households) and six HACB tax credit properties (922 households).

f. Increase accessibility to services by translating the website into Spanish.