Joint Ventures in Supportive Housing Development

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OVERVIEW OF S:US

- Provides $200M in services and support.
- Served 35,000 vulnerable NYC residents in 2017.
- Serves people who have dealt with very complex and challenging life circumstances.
- Treats the “whole person”.
- Employs workforce of 2,400.
- Is one of NYC’s largest social services and housing organizations.
OUR FOOTPRINT IN NEW YORK
S:US’ HOUSING FOOTPRINT

- S:US owns, manages or leases 140 buildings in New York City.
  - 75 buildings are owned and managed by S:US.
  - 65 buildings and 1,000+ scattered site apartments throughout the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens are leased and managed.

- S:US’ real estate properties are valued at over $200M.
LIHTC/SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: PORTFOLIO AND PIPELINE

LIHTC – Management & Operations

- 16 buildings developed with LIHTC, over 700 units of permanent housing.
- Dedicated S:US Property Management staff for lease-up, LIHTC compliance, rent collection, conflict resolution.
- Mobile central maintenance team provides 24-hour emergency service to all S:US facilities.
- 24-hour onsite security.
- On-site Social Service staff is available for all tenants to provide support and referrals.

LIHTC – Pipeline

- Four projects in construction (400 units)
- Five projects in development (1000+ units)
- Mostly Joint Ventures, with S:US playing a part of development
294 East 162\textsuperscript{nd} Street, Bronx, NY

- Development team is B&B Supportive, L&M and S:US playing a role
- 126 units, 30% supportive, all families (37 supportive, 88 affordable, super)
- Mixed Income (80% AMI) – 19 units
- TDC of $56.6MM
- DOHMH funded service contract, 6 full-time program staff onsite
- Long term ownership is 50-50% S:US/L&M

Property & Supportive Services

- Property Management Office - front desk, security, rent collection, operations (C&C Managers)
- Supportive Services Office - case management, nurse practitioner, benefits management, vocational services, child life specialist (S:US)
PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION: MORRIS AVE

2264 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY

- Co-Developer is 50-50% S:US and Bronx Pro
- 94 units (21 studios, 23 one-beds, 25 two-beds, 14 three-beds, 1 super)
- 30% supportive, all singles (31 supportive, 62 affordable, 1 super)
- Mixed Income (80% AMI) – 14 units
- TDC $47MM
- Long term ownership 50-50% S:US/Bronx Pro

Property & Supportive Services

- Property Management Office - front desk, security, rent collection, operations (S:US & Bronx Pro)
- Supportive Services Office - case management, nurse practitioner, wellness counselor, young adult clinician, peer specialist, vocational services (S:US)
**SUS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MODELS (CURRENT)**

- **Sole developer**: City-owned land or private
- **50/50 Co-development**: acquisition/ predevelopment loan, all guarantees, all dev fee, co-managing, year 15
- **Turnkey**: developer acquires land and takes construction risk/reward & majority (or first) development fee, SUS takes post-conversion operating deficit and compliance risk
  - Many options here, including sharing long term ownership and risk
• **Master Lease (with or without HDFC)**
  – SUS leases block of units for consumers, using services funding to provide on-site social services, as well as provide some rent subsidy (rent level varies on program, but usually well below 60%)
  – Akin to housing partnership, SUS creates HDFC to take record title to property (sales tax and Mortgage Recording Tax exemptions), as well as to own 50% of GP for 420-c purposes
    • LP owner provides indemnification
    • But audit, tax returns etc.
RISKS AND REWARDS

- **Master Lease v. Development Partnership**
  - Dependent on organizational direction and capacity
  - Master Lease better if:
    - Risk averse
    - Avoiding staff investments
    - Significantly less economic upside (some upfront and small annual payments for HDFC structure)
  - Development Partnership better if:
    - Seeking higher ROI
    - Higher risk tolerance
    - Investing in RE development team

- **Strategies to mitigate development risk:**
  - Utilize financial partners (Syndicator, bank, gov’t agencies, brokers, architects)
  - Status as repeat player enhances bargaining ability
  - Comprehensive due diligence
    - Be willing to drop properties
WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A JV PARTNER

• Shared Commitment to Affordable and Supportive Housing
• Experience with Affordable and Supportive Financing and Regulations
• Experience Working with NFP
• Trust and Transparency
• Mutual Respect
ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE NFP

• Before entering into a JV, ask, “Can we develop this alone?”
• Work with Board of Directors to assess level of acceptable risk
• Determine what you bring to the table and what your negotiating position is