

Region VII Supportive Housing Development Collaborative (SDHC) Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2014- 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Job Service Office-1601 E. Century Ave

Bismarck, ND

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Proposed Meeting Goals:

- To gather in a spirit of collegiality and cooperation
- To receive general and specific housing-related information and updates from participants;
- To review the outcomes of previous meetings including the region's short and long term housing/support service needs and priorities based on the survey results;
- To identify the region's housing/support service goals and develop the SHDC's working plan to address them; and
- To identify next steps for continued regional collaboration and communication

Meeting Participants: Rhonda Hartung, Protection and Advocacy; Vanessa Miller, Dakota Center for Independent Living; Tess Frolich, MFP; Larry Stockert, Affordable Housing Development; Karen Busse, VA; Senator Carlile, District 30; Bonita Moch, Morton CSSB; Doreen Eichele, Dakota Foundation; Royce Schultz, Dakota Center for Independent Living; Kim Osachuk, BCSS; Jim Fischer, West Central Human Service Center; Sara Kapp, Community Options; Dwight Barden, BC Housing Authority; Jaci Hall, Ruth Meiers; Bill Hourigan, NDHFA; Lynden Ring, WCHS; Jake Reuter, MFP.

Facilitated by: Money Follows the Person

Welcome and Introductions, Review of the ground rules and Proposed Agenda: Participants were welcomed to the meeting and provided self-introductions, including information about the organizations they represent. The facilitator reviewed the proposed meeting process, and proposed/explained the following ground rules for discussion:

1. Its your show.
2. Everyone is equal
3. No discussion is ended
4. Respect the time and opinions
5. Silence is agreement
6. Keep facilitators accurate
7. Have FUN!

Participants agreed to proceed with the rules and reviewed the draft agenda and other meeting materials.

Housing Alliance of North Dakota: Cheryl Merck gave an update on HAND and their plan for the future. It was expressed at last HAND meeting that they will back other groups for the upcoming legislative session. They will assist with getting data to help push getting an increase in money for the Housing Incentive Fund. It was also discussed to help with the domestic violence individuals who are getting turned away as well as human trafficking victims.

MFP Regional Supportive Housing Updates: Cheryl Merck also provided the group with updates from other regional housing meetings across the state. Devils Lake is looking at replicating a Cooper House (following Fargo's Cooper house). Jamestown is discussing the concerns with homelessness involving those getting discharged from the state hospital and prison. Williston and Dickinson have discussed using HIF for trailer parks to replace those that are raising the rents and people are being forced to move. More information about all of the regional MFP efforts can be found at : www.ndcpd.org/mfp

NAHRO: Dwight presented information on NAHRO. He expressed they have a proposal in to enhance HIF. They are looking at a new voucher program to assist with individuals that may not qualify for the housing assistance provided such as college students, single house holds, etc. They are looking at the voucher to be temporary possibly up to 5 years. Burleigh County has 1074 vouchers but budget only allows for 800. There are currently 1200 on waiting list which in turn is a 2 year waiting list.

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA): Bill gave a presentation on HIF to the group. Explained how HIF has the ability to use as a voucher program. NDHFA in favor of doing this as long as new units being built are not affected. It was also discussed that they are looking at possibly having the builder/investor only needing 30% and the other 70% would come from incentives, grants, etc. for permanent supportive housing. The NDHFA has sent their proposed dollar amount to the governor at this time.

Other Topics Discussed:

Daycare Regulations and price of daycare

FMR in Burleigh County was increased

Construction costs continue to be a burden when it comes to building affordable units

HIF/HOME (Mandan) could be a possible option for funding?

Short and Long Term Goals:

1. **High need of service providers-** How do we get more individuals to work in human service field and not have a high turn over rate? Needing case management for individuals living on their own.
2. **Continue to collect data from all agencies to present at this legislative session** (Make sure all data is accurate and same when presented)
3. **Housing for offenders-** Grandma's house has new ownership and many individuals will probably not be able to afford rent. Where do they go?? Limited options of renting due to criminal record.
4. **Replicating Cooper House:** (Long Term- Have legislation representation in future)
5. **Support HIF**
6. **Expand services through MFP \$\$\$**
7. **Continued education between housing providers and service providers.**

Additional Stakeholders: It was discussed to just continue to spread word and tell your neighbor, co-workers, and any others that may be interested in being apart of this group.

Next Meeting: December 9th. 1:00pm-3:00pm at Job Service on Century