

## **Region VII Supportive Housing Development Collaborative (SDHC) Meeting**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Job Service Office-1601 E. Century Ave**

**Bismarck, ND**

### **Updates:**

- ❖ Max provided information regarding HIF. For 2015-2017, \$30 million will be used for tax credits. These contributions will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was no emergency clause set on these funds. During session, the Senate was for \$20 million from general fund but the house was not. \$5 million came from earnings from Bank of North Dakota. If the bank makes \$130 million in profit, \$5 million will go for HIF and that \$5 million will then be for communities under 12,500 people. He expressed that the first funding round will see most of the \$35 million. He also discussed property tax in payment in lieu of taxes this would expand to include 501(c4)- mostly USDA properties. This was not successful in the senate. This also reaffirmed the need for the program. Shelter funding designated \$650,000 for domestic violence for the eastern portion of ND and \$2 million to the western portion of ND. The greater the emphasis on supportive services were granted higher points.
- ❖ Information was provided regarding service and assistance animals in rental units. The tenant must have note from the doctor and the note must be in relationship between disability and need for an animal.
- ❖ Domestic violence and sexual assault can't keep you from housing. With proper documentation, you can break the lease.
- ❖ Lorraine gave an update on the Native American cultural project. She expressed the focus is on home ownership. Spoke about the Coalition of Indian housing of ND, program of community development which leads to flexibility, more employment history, and more lenient on credit scores for individuals. Expressed she has received funding from Dept. of Commerce to further education in home ownership and financial education. She has made connections and is using United Way for grant writing. Finding different challenges such as maintaining board members for a Native American non-profit organization. She spoke about some events coming up such as Tribal Landowner event which is taking place June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Native American Employment Fair on June 12<sup>th</sup>, and a Native American homebuyer workshop on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be more events w/ Cultural Committee starting up.
- ❖ Nancy spoke about the community survey that is being conducted and encouraged the group members to take it. The more information/input they receive the more it will help.

Kylie will forward the email to group members. They are currently conducting stakeholders' interviews for housing study and are looking for around 15 people to be a part of that. For community works, they are exploring ideas of test houses for urban infill sites or rural areas built offsite & brought in. She spoke about Polartex in McClusky closing and wondering if building could be used for manufacturing homes. She also spoke about the zoning in Bismarck changing and the possibility of tiny homes being brought in for the individuals recently out of foster care or single individuals.

- ❖ Mark spoke about his Youth Collaborative and how they continue to struggle in finding supportive services. HUD puts priority on permanent housing and this project would be more transitional housing. There is concern that more and more young people are not qualifying for DD services and the need for housing that provides services for people just below the line. Continued networking is taking place to hopefully find funding for this collaborative.
- ❖ Kylie handed out a landlord training agenda that is taking place June 3 in Devils Lake. Discussed briefly with group to think about holding one here in Bismarck and to think about possible speakers/trainers to present at it.

**\*\* Next meeting July 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:00pm\*\***