

*Next Meeting – October 24, 2006 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Appoquinimink State Service Center
Middletown, Delaware*

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 – 2:00 PM
APPOQUINIMINK STATE SERVICE CENTER
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE**

PRESENT: Sandy Tuttle, Co-Chair; Javier Arce, DSHA; Carol Barnett, DSAAPD; James Baynard, DDDS; Merton Briggs, NAMI-DE; Kate Cowperthwait, NMSS; Tony Francioni, DOL/DVR; Brian Hartman, SCPD, DLP; Karen Horton, DHSA; Patricia Kelleher, The Arc; Lottie Lee, DMS-DHSS; Kirsten Olson, Connections; Tina Riley, Delaware Housing Coalition; Cara Robinson, Homeless Planning Council of DE; Elizabeth Schantz, Consumer; Melissa Smith, DSAMH/DHSS; Paula Voshell, DSHA; Kyle Hodges, Staff and Linda Bates, Support Staff

ABSENT: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Co-Chair; Marguerite Ashley, NCCo; Nate Beasley, IRI; Regina Byers, SCPD; Pete DeKuncheck, Chimes; Lorraine DeMeurisse, Deutsche Bank Trust Co; Doyle Dobbins, DelArf; Micki Edelsohn, Homes for Life; Ron Engard, GACEC; Yolanda Jenkins, DSCYF; Bill McCool, UCP; Victor Orija, DASSPD; Pat Weygandt, DDDS

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amend the July 11 minutes to read on Page 4, under bullet four, as follows: "Javier stated that the Housing Authority gives tax credits on a point system known as QAPs. Also the targeted income is from 40-60% of medium income." Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 11, 2006 meeting minutes as amended.

BUSINESS

Needs Assessment Update

Javier gave the following update:

- Since our last meeting, Daniese attended the stakeholders meeting for the RFP for the needs assessment. Daniese had seven suggested changes in the RFP—and out of the seven suggested changes, DSHA implemented five changes. The two that were not implemented did not specifically address a need. The suggestions now included are:
 - very poor/disabled income
 - add as a barrier to affordable housing—the lack of accessible housing
 - disabled persons as a group
 - nursing homes as potential persons to live in the community
 - integrated accessible housing services

- The RFP was submitted to the Council on Housing—they gave their comments—and it went back to the senior staff at the DSHA. The RFP will probably be sent out to the consultant later this week.
- The responses should be sent back by October 25th. If everything goes as planned, the consultant should be starting the middle of December.

Potential Target Population

- Sandy, Kyle and Daniese had gotten together this summer two times to focus on what to report back to the full Commission and then to establish a draft for this committee to review as a group. One of the key issues is to get a better definition of the potential target population. Kyle stated that we need to have numbers of how many people will need to be housed in the next five years. One of the things to start with is how many people are currently in the Delaware nursing facilities/institutions (Medicaid beds) that have indicated a preference to move out. The information is on the CMS website and it is about 760 people. It was noted that this would be a lot to transition in five years and it does not include the homeless population. As we look through our goals, you will note that we may want to merely support the Delaware Interagency Council on the Homeless recommendations because there are so many. We need to look at how many is feasible in the next five years. Although the 760 people that have indicated a preference to move out—when it comes down to the move, they may not want to due to various reasons.
- Sandy asked if anyone has any experience through the state of how many with the desire to move out to actually move out. Carol replied that in three years of Passport to Independence, they have assessed 50 people and between 15-20 were either moving or going to be moved out over the last three years. Kyle will check with Larry for IRI's transition numbers. Carol will talk with the social workers on the number transitioned. Carol will invite Victor for a presentation if needed. Sandy said a little bit of homework would be for each division or non-profit entity that has information in this context to come up with a recommended number to transition in the next five years.
- Kyle added that the State Medicaid is applying for a Money Follows the Person grant that ties in with transitioning people to the community. They are hoping for a five year time line; and Medicaid is working on some numbers that are feasible. The first year is going to be small—between 10 to 15 people transitioned. It is a cross disability grant that is due November 1, 2006.
- Carol added that they can give you numbers from other states that have similar projects. However, some states' idea of a successful transition is to move people from a nursing facility to assisted living which is considered community based. James will check the DDS strategic plan to get the numbers that have been moved out of the Stockley Center in the last five years. Most of the people still residing at the Stockley Center are people with special needs and will remain there. Sandy asked all agencies to e-mail their numbers to Kyle within the next two weeks. Then, Sandy, Daniese and Kyle will look at all the numbers and try and come up with a suggested goal that we can bring back to the next committee meeting. Javier should also be included in this meeting. Sandy stated that at this point there is no homework; however, Javier will give his numbers to Kyle and we will see what we have combined with this number and the homeless planning council numbers and come back with the recommendations to the Committee. Then this sub-committee can come up with the number that we want to include in our recommendations to the Commission—the number of people that we want to try and provide housing to in the next five years.

Review and Discussion of Revised Goals to be Included in the 5 Year Strategic Plan

The latest revised draft of the goals/objectives was provided.

- Sandy stated that Daniese, Kyle and she met for a total of about 6 hours going through the Homeless Planning Council's plan and all this Committee's work and details and tried to put it in a workable format. Kyle noted that the goals and objectives will be reviewed today – we will not address any planned actions since some are very old and some of the due dates have passed.
- Sandy stated that they went from three overriding objectives to eight significant objectives. Our target goal is every person in the state of Delaware with a disability has the opportunity to live in safe affordable housing that is accessible and integrated in the community with appropriate support services. In the next five years, we recommend X number of housing opportunities for people in the future. To get there, we need to review the eight goals which are as follows.
 - Housing Goal #1: Assure there are a sufficient number of safe, affordable, integrated and accessible rental opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
 - Housing Goal #2: Secure funding that allows for a broad range of in-home residential services and support options which promote choice, independence, freedom to take risks and cost effectiveness.
 - Housing Goal #3: Increase safe, integrated, affordable and accessible homeownership opportunities.
 - Housing Goal #4: Establish a centralized agency to coordinate, develop, administer and implement housing for people with disabilities.
 - Housing Goal #5: Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment
 - Housing Goal#6: Pass legislation and/or housing regulations which would benefit people with disabilities.
 - Housing Goal #7: Develop and implement a system to assess the need for housing for people with disabilities.
 - Housing Goal #8: Support full implementation of the goals provided by the Delaware Interagency Council on the Homeless.
- Sandy said the next step would for the Committee be to review all of the Goals and discuss the Objectives. The most critical thing for us is to deal with is who would own it and what would be the timeline. We have been told the Commission will deal with the fiscal impact unless we know any costs. Kyle stated that the Committee's final report draft should be completed by December Kyle stated that the Commission would launch this in July 2007. Sandy noted that, in February, the whole Commission will have a retreat to work through the whole report. There will be a final draft for public comment in May or June and the final report will be completed in July. Kyle and Sandy noted that for this Committee (Governor's Commission) they do not know if there will be a role in implementation of this report. However, for the SCPD, the Housing issues never go away and Kyle noted that this is a good group that he would like to see maintained in some capacity.
- The Objectives under Housing Goal #1 were reviewed by the Committee. Under Objective 1, DSHA noted that the infrastructure is complete, but it has not been rolled out yet. Once this goal is finalized, DSHA will give a presentation in January to this Committee. Objective 2, take out "and more effective matching of housemates as desired and providers". There should be language included regarding a centralized component for reporting. Kyle and Lottie will send an e-mail to Rita concerning this objective as it

relates to the Assessment Committee. Objective 3, this may need to be reworded to say that we need state voucher system that could fund a specific number of vouchers for persons with disabilities over and above the current housing development fund allocation. It was also suggested this may need to be deleted. Objective 8, this needs to be clarified – we may need to just add “physically” before accessible. The owner should be DHSA. Objective 9, this is a statewide marketing issue and the discussion to be continued at the next meeting. Objective 10, this pertains to the issues going on at the Wilmington Housing Authority. Objectives 11, 12 and 13 are federal mandates and may need to be deleted. Sandy and Kyle also noted that we may need to move Objective #s 11, 12 and 13 under Goal #6 or have another goals relating to federal issues.

Other Business

- Carol Barnett provided a hand-out on a conference on October 4-6 at the Double Tree Hotel in Wilmington. One of the sessions of interest is “Planning for the Aging Population”.

The October 10th meeting is rescheduled to October 24, 2006 from 11 am -- 3 pm (with lunch provided) at the Appoquinimink State Service Center in Middletown.

Please keep the November 14th meeting at 2 PM on your calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Hodges
SCPD Administrator
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