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AHPTF: Community Focus Groups Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2024

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

DSHA Conference Room, Carvel Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE
19801

Meeting Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7HwzQgfG70>

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Subcommittee Members Present:

Rachel Stucker, Housing Alliance Delaware
– Subcommittee Chair
Ed Gootzait, SCPD Housing Committee
Lillian Harrison, Elevated Community
Development Corp.
Porsha Harvey, Catholic Charities
Sarah Rhine, CLASI

Staff Present:

Caitlin Del Collo, DSHA
Michelle Statham, DSHA (virtually)

In-Person Attendees:

None

Virtual Attendees:

Becca Cotto
Keda Dorisca
Bria Greenlee
Mark Jameson
Danny Joe
Caitlin Olsen
Shyanne Miller, HOMES Campaign
Rachel Payne
Lisa Rice, FWM
Deidre Shepard

Meeting Agenda:

I. Welcome Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm by Caitlin Del Collo. A quorum was met, with 5 out of 9 appointed members in attendance. Ms. Del Collo introduced Rachel Stucker, Community Focus Groups Subcommittee chair.

II. Member Introductions (name, affiliation)

- a. Rachel Stucker, Housing Alliance Delaware
- b. Ed Gootzait, SCPD Housing Committee – Chair
- c. Sarah Rhine, CLASI
- d. Lillian Harrison, Elevated Community Development Corp.
- e. Porsha Harvey, Catholic Charities

III. Review of Definitions (Affordable Housing, Subsidized Housing, Supportive Housing)

At 2:36 pm, Rachel Stucker began the presentation with a review of these definitions for the purpose of the subcommittee's charge.

Ms. Del Collo further defined Workforce Housing based on the DSHA Housing Needs Assessment.

Mr. Gootzait discussed the SSI asset limits and offered to send data to the committee.

Mr. Gootzait mentioned Medicaid income limits for individuals with disabilities and the impacts of the lack of support workers in Delaware.

IV. Overview of Task Force & Subcommittee Structure & Timeline

At 2:50 pm, Caitlin Del Collo began the presentation regarding the subcommittee structure, timeline and the charge of the committee. Ms. Del Collo offered questions for the subcommittee to consider as recommendations are being discussed.

Sarah Rhine recommended a shared working document for the subcommittee.

Ms. Rhine also expressed concern about the current trend in Delaware to remove units from the public housing stock. Ms. Rhine also discussed supportive services and what is needed for a Housing First Model.

Mr. Gootzait discussed the need for basic financial literacy training.

V. Public Comment

Public comment began at 3:09 pm.

Virtual attendees were called in order of raised hand seen by the moderator:

- Lisa Rice, FWM

- Shyanne Miller, Delaware HOMES Campaign
- Michelle Statham, DSHA
- Keda Dorisca

Ms. Del Collo reminded attendees of the next subcommittee meeting date/time. She indicated that public comment will be accepted through close of business Friday, October 25th at housing.taskforce@delaware.gov.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Stucker adjourned the meeting at 3:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Statham, DSHA, on October 25, 2024.