**Prince George’s County Housing Meeting April 18, 2023 3:00 PM**

**Participants:** Dr. Mike Robinson,Lori Sedlezky, Tim Wiens, Sharonda Huffman, Andy Krauss, Kane Levings, Coze Sailor, Rob Malone, Chaunita Clardy, Lauren Silverstone

1. Welcome

a. **Review of minutes from February 24, 2023**

* MIH staff will be attending a mixer with MD Affordable Housing Coalition.
* Lori is following up to connect with Councilmember Olsen. He has connections with developers.
* MIH Director of Housing Sharonda connected with MD Senator Melanie Griffith’s office.

2.  **Updates from MD Department of Disabilities**

* HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance
	+ President's FY24 Budget - $356 million; $4 million less than FY23 enacted levels
		- Renewal Funding
		- New Funding - $148 million (Capital and PRA)
	+ New NOFO to be released this summer; Maryland will apply
* State Legislative Update- $477 million budget write-down means that there is no funding to be added so any bills with an appropriation tied to it will have difficulty getting through
* MPAH Training Series
	+ To sign up for training notifications, please use the following link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/3PT4Ijz/housing>

3. **Updates on DDA Rent Subsidy and Technology**

* No definitive start date for the rental subsidy program.
* MOU is still going through review.
* DDA is hosting a Technology Tuesday lunch and learn series once per month to discuss Assistive Technology options.
	+ April 25, 2023: Enabling Technology & Quality of Life: My Home, My Health, My Privacy
	+ May 23, 2023: Enabling Technology & Inclusion: My Home, My Health, My Privacy (continued)
	+ June 27, 2023: Enabling Technology & Inclusion: My Community and My Job
* MIH is awaiting approval to provide a technology page on MIH website.
* MIH will work on adding webinars and events to MIH’s website calendar.

4. **National Low Income Housing Coalition**

* Meeting with Glen Ivey’s Office (Congressman representing Prince George’s County).
* Many initiatives are for families, how does it relate to individuals? Diane clarified that “families” can refer to any household/renter rather than a nuclear family.
* How to incentivize current market rent complexes to lower their rent?
* Consider non-elderly individuals with disabilities, ie. NED Vouchers.
* Just cause protection means a landlord cannot terminate a lease for no reason. This exists in LIHTC buildings but does not exist for voucher holders in MD.
* Source of Income is not protected federally however it is MD Fair Housing Law.
* NHILC Advocates Guide: [file:///C:/Users/mrshu/Downloads/2023\_Advocates-Guide.pdf](file:///C%3A/Users/mrshu/Downloads/2023_Advocates-Guide.pdf)

5. **Inclusion of MIH in Moore|Miller Plan**

* MIH was named in Moore/Miller Transition Plan.
* MIH submitted a proposal to Moore administration. The proposal includes investing in affordable housing. MIH named agencies to partner with, including: DHCD, MDOD, and Department of Transportation.
* The plan is to partner with private developers in regions throughout the state.
* MIH would assist in filling units and do social inclusion work in buildings. MIH proposes that we would help fill units, half with voucher recipients and half that would be supported with other funds.
* The foundation dollars would fund MIH’s work.
* Secretary Carol Beatty offered to help facilitate meetings.
* MIH is helping DDA promote Technology First. Assistive Technology can help to replace physical staff, ie. remote monitoring.
* MIH wants to ensure transportation is workable in these locations.

6. **Legislative Updates**

* Discussion on Bill Statewide Rental Assistance. Passed <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0848>
* Establishing a Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide vouchers and housing assistance payments for low-income families that are currently on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program for housing in units approved by the Department or a public housing agency, in accordance with guidelines under the federal program; and requiring the Department and public housing agencies to administer the State Program.
* The interim program is only for 5 years. It is not a guarantee that the individual will receive a voucher after the 5-year period.

7**. Other Business**

* FY 2023 HAPGC Agency Plan Public Hearing/ Comments:

 April 20th at 1:30pm Time: April 20th 1:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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* MIH submitted first newsletter today. This will be issued quarterly. Committees were discussed in the newsletter and future committee accomplishments will be included.

**8. Next Meeting**

* Virtual meeting will be held on June 20th at 3 pm.