



## Eastern Shore's Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 20, 2024, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM via [Zoom](#)

Present: Lauren Silverstone, Judi Olinger, Tim Wiens, Terri Bradford, Ahmna Khan, Diane McComb, Tierra Medley, Diane Dressler

1. Welcome and Introduction
  - a. Tim welcomed the committee.
2. Review of minutes from meeting April 18, 2024
  - a. The minutes were shared with the members of the committee.
3. Introduction to Ahmna Khan, new Director of Housing at MIH
  - a. Tim welcomed Ahmna to MIH and the ES housing committee.
  - b. Ahmna shared her background with the committee.
4. Updates from Chesapeake Neighbors; Judi Olinger
  - a. Shared a PowerPoint from Chesapeake Neighbors describing the types of homes that they've been able to lease to adults with IDD.
  - b. Founded in 2007 it has grown to over 70 owned and managed affordable, accessible units in Maryland. It is a subsidiary of the Arc but is a separate organization.
    - i. 137 leaseholders, with 25 new units in development and 4 undergoing renovation.
      1. The Residences at WB&A, Nursery Rd (for people supported by Arc and other will be residences at 60% AMI or lower), Port Street Commons (coming up in the fall with nine units at 60% AMI or less), The Laura House (downtown Easton with seven 2-bedroom units)
    - ii. On the Chesapeake Neighbors website there is a link at the top of the page to get on the waiting list. They take in order of addition to the list.
  - c. Hope to add 100 more units in the next 1.5 years.
  - d. Chesapeake Neighbors is going to partner with the Arc in Easton to build on a 6.5 acre and a 2-acre plot. 178 units of housing with 25% set aside for lower income. It will include retail shops.
  - e. The Arc support along with their banking institutions has allowed them to draw down funds to match, get grant dollars, and loans. It is more expensive to do scattered housing across communities.
5. Video of LaShawn

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- a. Tim shared the video of Lashawn's journey to her own apartment.
  - b.
6. Updates on the DDA Rent Subsidy Program
    - a. Approximately 300 individuals are on the wait list. Five individuals have obtained housing .
    - b. We have assisted on individual in PG County to obtain housing through this program.
    - c. We also place individuals on various wait lists.
  7. Open Forum
    - a. The next HSS training class is scheduled . It begins on 8/8 and runs for 5 weeks.
  8. Next Meeting
    - a. August 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

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