Prince George’s County Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 24th, 2024

3:00PM to 4:00PM via Zoom

**Present:** Tim Wiens, Andy Krauss, Diane Dressler, Lauren Silverstone, Tierra Medley, Shannon Minnick, Rob Malone, Letta Reid-Trogdon, Chaunita Clardy, Lucinda Nobles, Pamela Brown, Stephanie Jones, Lori Sedlezky

1. Welcome by Chair – Tim Wiens
   1. Brief update on Char McCready’s transition from MIH to MDOD in February. Tim informed the committee that MIH was in the process of hiring for that position.
   2. The committee members were welcomed by the chair. Tim went over the agenda for the meeting and led introductions of members present.
   3. Committee Member introductions
2. Review of Meeting Minutes
   1. Review of February Meeting Minutes; brief review of Jubilee’s Breaking Barriers Presentation from last meeting.
3. Discussion of Updates from DDA and Engagement from Committee Members
   1. Rob inquired about the amount of individuals in Prince George’s County on the DDA Rent Subsidy waiting list.
   2. There is presently no access to generate reports on specific data metrics. This software request is in process. Stephanie advised approximately 300+ people are on the waitlist, approximately 5 have been housed so far and approximately 3 people looking for housing currently.
   3. Rob inquired how many individuals the $1 million budget for the DDA Rent Subsidy Program can support. Stephanie stated that the plan for FY24 was to house between 20 and 50 individuals with the DDA Rent Subsidy Program. Once this goal has been met and individuals have been housed with subsidies, they will examine where things are with the budget and hopefully add an additional 50 subsidies. They are currently still working on the first 50 subsidies.
   4. Lauren informed the committee that MIH was currently working with 13 individuals in Prince George’s County that were on the DDA Rental Subsidy Waitlist.
   5. Several committee members spoke on other agencies and the process by which they can become certified in Housing Support Services. Diane Dressler confirmed the agency needs to be certified by DDA as a provider and then the agency must go through the HSS certification training. After which they can start enrolling other individuals onto the DDA Rental Subsidy waitlist as well as other housing programs managed by the Maryland Department of Disabilities. .
   6. Unit Size with DDA Rent Subsidy
      1. An individual approved for a 1 bedroom unit located a 2 bedroom unit within the payment standard for a 1 bedroom unit. Request was denied by DHCD. CLC is following up to clarify Reasonable Accommodation Request process.
4. MIH Collaboration with Developers
   * 1. MIH signed Letter of Intent with Cairo Development Corporation
        1. 2 Projects in Baltimore City MIH is working with Cairo – Setting aside 5-15% of affordable units for MIH served individuals. MIH provides HSS to tenants.
           1. Social Inclusion as well as Housing Supports
           2. Working with recipients of DDA Rental Subsidies and vouchers.
        2. Beginning talks in Montgomery and Howard County. Expanding developer reach and collaboration. Model for future collaboration.
        3. Expanding to speak with other developers/outreach – PG County Universal Design Workshop, Gilbain Development Corporation, HIP Housing Initiative Partnership, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects in other counties.
5. Next Meeting (virtual)
   1. Scheduled for Wednesday June 26th from 3PM to 4:30PM