

Interagency Council on Affordable Housing

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lyceum

227 Lawrence Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present: Anne Foley (Chair), Barbara Geller (DMHAS), Eric Chatman (Connecticut Housing Finance Authority), Joseph Martel (Council Appointee), Rebecca Flemming (DOC), Catherine Smith (DECD), Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez (DCF), Daisy Franklin (Council Appointee), Carol Walter (Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness), Betsy Crum (Connecticut Housing Coalition), and Alicia Woodsby (Partnership for Strong Communities).

Additional Attendees: Neil Griffin (Conn-NAHRO), Nick Lundgren (DECD), Peg Fitzgerald (CHFA), John Dunne (CSH) and Kate Robinson (Betty Gallo and Co.), Steve Dilella (DMHAS), Mike Hanley (Partnership for Strong Communities), Cathy Stebbins (CONN-NAHRO), Hilary Felton-Reid (Robinson and Cole), Peter Palermino (DSS), David Guttchen (OPM), and David Krause (OPM).

I. Welcome, Introductions and General Comments

The meeting was convened at 10:10 a.m. by the Chair, Anne Foley. The Chair welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves.

Alicia Woodsby explained that she would be sitting in for Howard Rifkin in his absence.

Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez informed the Council that she was unable to find another member who is a state resident eligible to receive state housing assistance. She cited several reasons including lack of stability in the community.

Betsy Crum noted that the Housing Authorities might be helpful in the search for an appointee, however there might be a need to provide transportation and other services to ensure attendance.

Commissioner Smith suggested that the Council hold a focus group.

II. Approval of the September 25th Meeting Minutes

Ms. Crum's moved approval of the September 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chatman. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Review Draft Vision, Mission and Roles

The Council reviewed the draft vision, mission and roles for the new Department of Housing and made recommendations for modifications and additions.

The council identified criteria for transfer of programs to the new Department of Housing. Ms. Crum recommended checking with the legislature's Appropriations Chairs to ask what their intent was in passage of the legislation and to get a sense of which programs they would recommend for transfer. Council members asked Ms. Walter to contact the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence for input regarding transfer of domestic violence programs to the new Department.

The Chair concluded by informing the Board that the criteria identified through the council's discussion would form the basis for a draft list of programs to be transferred to the new department. The list will be distributed to council members prior to the next council meeting.

IV. Next Steps

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The council meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.