

Interagency Council on Affordable Housing

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lyceum

227 Lawrence Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present: Anne Foley (Chair), Lisa Tepper Bates (Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness), Eric Chatman (Connecticut Housing Finance Authority), Betsy Crum (Connecticut Housing Coalition), Rebecca Fleming (Department of Correction), Kate Forcier (Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials), Barbara Geller (Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services), Commissioner Terrence Macy (Department of Developmental Services), Sarah Ratchford (Council Appointee), Michael Regan (Department of Correction), Kim Somaroo-Rodriquez (Department of Children and Families), Louis Tallarita (State Department of Education), and Alicia Woodsby (Partnership for Strong Communities)

Additional Participants: Commissioner Evonne Klein (Department of Housing), Deputy Commissioner Nick Lundgren (Department of Housing), and Erin Kemple (Connecticut Fair Housing Center).

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was convened at 1:05 p.m. The Chair, Anne Foley, introduced Alicia Woodsby as the new Interim Director at the Partnership for Strong Communities and Michael Regan, as the new Department of Correction designee.

II. Approval of the December 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The Chair announced that the draft minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting were emailed to the Council and that a copy of the minutes was located in their meeting packet. The minutes were appropriately moved and seconded. The Council approved the minutes unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Department of Housing Update – Commissioner Klein

Commissioner Evonne Klein gave a brief update on the Department of Housing's work since the last meeting. She noted that the CHAMP IV round had received sixteen applications, and that the deficiency process was eliminated from the application as a

result of a LEAN analysis. The Commissioner also reminded the Council about the special upcoming funding round in March.

IV. 2014 Point-In-Time Count Update – Lisa Tepper Bates

Lisa Tepper Bates provided the Council with a preliminary analysis of the 2014 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) data, and said that a full report would be available within the next month. The Chair thanked Lisa Tepper Bates for her work, and the timeliness of the analysis.

The Council also discussed the importance of using rapid re-housing initiatives as tools to address homelessness, including the targeted populations. Alicia Woodsby inquired about preliminary chronic homelessness data, which is not yet available. Louis Tallarita asked for clarification on the meaning of “child-only” households. Lisa Tepper Bates also discussed the possibility of conducting the first statewide youth experiencing homelessness count in the upcoming year.

V. 2014 Council Workplan

Deputy Commissioner Nick Lundgren from the Department of Housing gave a brief overview of a data matrix that intended to give a high-level overview of the state’s housing programs. Deputy Commissioner Lundgren explained that the data was generally from calendar years 2011 to 2013, and housing programs were divided in three categories of programs: (1) development; (2) individual and family supports; and (3) other.

The Chair recommended adding the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief funding to the data matrix, and removing the Nursing Facility program. Council members discussed alternative ways to present the data, and clarified how the different unit numbers were broken out.

The Council discussed how to use the data matrix to analyze the effectiveness of state housing programs, as required by statute.

VI. Next Steps

The Council agreed to use the data provided by the Department of Housing on their programs to inform the discussion in a smaller workgroup to determine how to proceed with analyzing the effectiveness of state housing programs, including whether the scope of the analysis should be the housing delivery system in its entirety, or by subgroup.

The Chair notified the Council of the next regularly scheduled meeting date of July 15, 2014.

VII. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 3:00 p.m.