**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Thursday, April 20th, 2023, 1-3pm**

**Members attending by Microsoft Teams and/or phone will be included in a quorum.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: (5 min)

Board roster: Theresa Drift, Shelly Lynn Holmes, Salaam Witherspoon. Pat Leary, Seth Borovsky, Lexy Redenbaugh, Stephen Taylor, Deb Holleman, Val Joeckel, Kelly Looby, Angie Neal, Melisa Gomez-Romo, Kimberly Scanlon, Paul Pederson, and Victoria Nugent

* 1. Members Present: *Shelly Holmes, Kimberly Scanlon, Kelly Looby, Angie Neal, Lexy Redenbaugh, Seth Borovsky, Deb Holleman, Paul Pedersen, Salaam Witherspoon, Stephen Taylor, Val Joeckel, Theresa Drift*
  2. Members absent: *Melisa Gomez-Romo, Victoria Nugent, Pat Leary*
  3. Staff/FHPAP advisory board members/Guests: – *Courtney Cochran, Laura Birnbaum, Stacy Radosevich, Jnana Hand, Danielle Sebesta, Kate Bradley, Matt Traynor, Brian Makela, Heather Lindula, Cynthia Finley, Louisa Eckstine*

1. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (2 minutes)
   1. *Motion to approve: Val, second: Kimberly, approved unanimously*
2. Land Acknowledgment (5 min)- All
3. Board Business (5 min)
   * 1. CoC Annual Meeting: May 18th Old Cotton School
        1. *Need HHAC volunteers!*
           1. *Greeters: Lexy Redenbuagh, Seth Borovsky, Valerie Joeckel*
           2. *Emcee celebration: Salaam Witherspoon & Louisa*
           3. *Read Land Acknowledgement: Louisa/Babette/REAP team*
4. Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless: Updates from the Capitol: Matt Traynor (20 min)
   1. <https://secure.everyaction.com/ExZrYy1b10WBO8zjWJFD2A2> *Action alert - will be sent out by Chum as well. Includes information about where we are at and what we are doing*
   2. *In general, House of Representatives is in a better position to support efforts to ending homelessness and create housing. The Senate is also supporting but at much lower funding amounts. – so the action alert is to thank the House and advocate that the Senate increase funding*
   3. *Once bills/budgets pushed through both entities, committee will start meeting to negotiate House and Senate version to create final version. When this happens is when MCH will ramp up advocacy with conference committee members.*
   4. *Tone this year – is that we are competing against other really important topics/issues like food access and childcare. So if we don’t get the funding to go towards homelessness, know it will still be going to meet a need and ready to fight hard*
   5. *Has been moving faster – should know conference committee members in 1 -2 weeks or even faster due to pace*
   6. *Local Homeless Prevention Aid – already allocated but House bill included an increase and direct allocation to Tribes as well as a $44m for Tribal Homelessness and Housing Aid in 2025. In 2026 will go to Tribal Nation Aid which is like LGA so really giving discretion to the Tribe to be able to use the funds as they choose. Would be $75M a year (this is in the House – Senate still has to agree on it)*
   7. *Shelter capitol*: *House as $150M and Senate has $0 currently. Hope is that money for shelter capitol will land in Senate Health and Human Services so directly connected to programming/services for shelter. Help with streamlining.*
   8. *Emergency Services Program:* *street outreach, etc. House is at $40M and $70M starting in 2026 so new budget would increase significantly. Senate only had approx $8m. MCH believes this is strategic for negotiation purposes. OEO (fund administrator) –* *just closed application process – received over $200m in requests with current budget of only $13m*
   9. *FHPAP:* *already passed additional $50m. additional funds being proposed in both House and Senate. These are one-time funds, not ongoing.*
   10. *Landlord Risk Mitigation:* *still pushing for this but the way it is written because MHFA doesn’t want to develop new programs (this was a pilot that ended in 2022) is to have it included under FHPAP. MCH is working on language changes where staffing would be eligible expense.* 
       1. *Question:* *If this goes into FHPAP fund – will property owners be able to file a claim the same way they did in the pilot? The way it is written is that MHFA would have to approve claim process that is proposed. Each applicant can provide how they will do that.*
   11. *Housing Support income modification: for scattered site, would cap amount of unearned income that someone would pay for rent (e.g. SSI) at 30% - this is in the House, Senate and Governor. This will also exclude lived experience stipends and Tribal per capita as income. Catholic Charities is leading on this, MCH supporting. Won’t go into effect until 10/1/2024. Matt is going to double check to see if this is for any housing support where person has a lease so could include congregate LTH providers where have 4 – 6 units.*
   12. *HIB – Housing Infrastructure Bonds – still talking about a lot of different creative ways to do this. Not sure if will do typical bonding bill or cash surplus.*
   13. *Theresa mentioned that even 30% for a person on disability is too much to be paying – any chance this will be lowered? Catholic Charities has been very adamant that this is just the start of housing support revisions. Matt will relay this back to Catholic Charities as they would also like to see this get expanded to board and lodges, not just scattered site.*
   14. *Val also said we need to raise federal poverty guidelines, knowing wages are going up and people who are working are still experiencing hardships. Hard to figure out how to do this. Stacy said have communicated with MHFA multiple times that with CHAP – having 300% FPG was helpful versus 200% for FHPAP etc. Matt said if he hears of any of these conversations, he’ll loop folks in.*
5. FHPAP Updates & fast Track (30 min) *see enclosed agenda and notes for this section*
6. Low Income Tax Credit Project Overview & Approval (15 min)

*Faith Haven Apartments*

* *One Roof in partnership with Faith Haven*
* *Spirit Valley neighborhood*
* *Rehabilitation of senior living facility*
* *121 1 BR units*
* *Needs to increase accessibility to comply with ADA, energy efficiency, ventilation, etc.*
* *Seniors 62+ with income at or below 80% AMI*
* *Ecumen will be service provider*

*Brae View Apartments*

* *One Roof*
* *Mixed, 72 units seniors*
* *404 E 5th street*
* *Seniors 55+ with incomes 30 – 60% AMI, 8 units HPH (HDC service provider)*
* *Super RFP + any other subsidies*
* *Partnering with Essentia and Ecumen on this. (Essentia parking lot currently)*
* *ARPA and TIF*
* *Childcare will be for Essentia employees and community*
* *Will have number of units with higher degree of accessibility*

*Washington Studios*

* *Preservation project of existing 39 units and adding 6 new units*
* *Restoration includes preservation of building envelope and overhaul of heating and air systems*
* *50 – 60% AMI*
* *Request if for 4% LIHTC*
* *Received ARPA $ as well from City of Duluth*

*New San Marco Apartments*

* *Redevelopment of existing 30 1-bedroom units for folks with SUD and 40 efficiency units for folks who have experienced chronic homelessness*
* *has reached 15-year tax credit timeline and needs significant renovation*
* *4%*
* *HUD HOME precommitment of $200,000*

*Welch Place*

* *30 units – HPH, will not exceed 30% of income (Housing Support) – 12 efficiencies, 18 one bedroom (learned from folks that some really like the efficiency)*
* *Other half of Wadena (52nd and Wadena St)*
* *Folks from Memorial Park would move here (SRO) – like what happened with Esmond to Garfield*
* *4% LIHTC + 9% (but not likely competitive), TIF request as well*
* *Case management, transportation, 24-hour front desk*
* *Will hear in December if funded, will be two year process*
* *No one has taken up on opportunity to take on SROs @ Memorial Park – if no one does – will demo and then can do something different there*

*Seth – thinks all three projects are great and needed in our community – especially moving people out of Memorial Park. This building has been tired for a long time.*

*Kelly – echo Seth’s sentiments re Memorial Park and supporting all three to move forward. Good to hear CCHC is looking at other options to support people currently living at Memorial Park.*

*Lexy – Discussed 3 projects at AHC and it was unanimously supported by the coalition to support all projects. Also CCHC said they would prioritize people living at Memorial Park currently.*

*Heather – would be concerned if Brae View was for HUD chronically homeless but HPH works*

*Steve moved to approve the 3 projects, Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed, motion passes.*

1. Committees Updates (15 min)
   * Housing Response Committee (Coordinated Entry Advisory): *Kate – had incredible coordinated entry retreat put together by Heather and Stacy. Partnered with the NE CoC. Right now NE CoC is ahead of SLC in that they have already left the SPDAT. SLC is working through this process with HUD TA (Teo Ortega) – looking at equity and access issues to make things better for people serving.* 
     + *Out of this have created local weekly CES work group where we’ll start flushing out some of these changes to bring back to the larger groups to discussion and hopefully approval*
     + *Also group of assessors that are banding together with the goal of at least one rep from each agency to serve as a bridge/liaison between group and agency. Group will be looking at new assessment tool – what this may look like*
     + *MACV being in our CoC – lucky because they also work with Central and NE CoC so can see what they use/how going*
     + *Lots of good work happening!*
     + *Mark calendars for retreat!*
   * Ranking & Review:
   * Planning & Evaluation: *working on APRs for HUD funded projects to help prepare them for the next traditional NOFO*
   * REAP: *focusing more on original goals and not spreading selves out – a lot of passion! So trying to keep to core values so working on different plans – meeting one more time before send out annual meeting notes for report. Helped with the Housing Summit world café – feedback was positive – appreciated thought process. Questions were what makes you worried about being successful and what would you like the public to know about you. This really opened peoples’ eyes because came at it from different perspectives (people experiencing homelessness and people serving people facing homelessness)*
     + *Also working on racial equity assessment tool for SLC/CoC funded projects*
     + *Team members went to Oakland for NAEH conference – learned a lot and bringing back info re teen homelessness and several solutions happy to see partially doing in our community (e.g. Safe Bay but they have taken it quite a bit further so excited to work on projects like that in the future)*
   * Rural Housing Coalition: *talked about CoC getting 100% HUD funding for traditional projects. North has a committee that is meeting to plan the next community connect. Gave plugs for CES retreat.* 
     + *Also check emails because AEOA will be sending out an invite for the open house for the new Hibbing shelter. Will be on May 19!*
   * Affordable Housing Coalition: *met last Tuesday. Reviewed low-income tax credit project proposals (3 of which talked about earlier). Stacy shared about FHPAP. Safe Bay just opened up on Monday – 8 p.m. – 8 a.m.*

Updates (30 minutes)

* 1. State Updates (Pat Leary) – *NA today*
  2. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) – *NA today*
  3. HMIS Updates (Thom) – *NA today*
  4. St. Louis County Updates—
     1. HUD TA on Coordinated Entry
        1. *Currently working with HUD TA monthly on CES. Have now started weekly work group meetings to both look at SPDAT. Also will be sending out brief survey to providers/prop managers who have units designated to be filled by CES to see how many openings, status and barriers to fill quickly . Will also be working to identify work group to dedicate time weekly to call through/update CES Duluth list.*
     2. CHUM RRH grant transfer *Courtney will update next time*
     3. FY22 CoC NOFO Updates *Courtney will update next time*
        1. Funding outcomes & grant scoring *Courtney will update next time*
     4. CoC Annual Meeting: May 18th @Old School in Cotton, MN

*Motion to adjourn: Steve, second: Theresa, all approved – adjourned at 2:42.*

* + 1. The **Microsoft Teams Details:**

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