



## **Council on Housing Stability**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 9:30AM – 11:00AM via Zoom

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present:**

Bouley, The Honorable Jim

Caswell, Taylor

Christon, Dean

Dolan, Tom

Dotson, Christina

Duncan Cooley, Anne

Easterly Martey, Katy

Foster, Laurie (D)

Fox, Katja

Fulton, Sue

Grady Sexton, Amanda

Gray, James

Hansel, The Honorable George

Harris, Kadyja

Hatfield, Melissa

Hebert, Becky

Kanzler, Harrison

Kelly, Erin

Lavers, Richard (D)

Mack, Robert

Margolin, Elissa

McCarley, The Honorable Caroline

Perry, Warren (D)

Pritchard, Maggie

Quinn, Robert

Reap, Joshua

Ribsam, Joe

Rourke, Tym

Rust, Dominique

Santaniello, Chris

Savard, Stephanie

Sheehan, Victoria

Stone, Martha

## **Welcome and Roll-Call Attendance**

Roll call attendance was taken and members stated their presence, where they were located, and whether there was anyone in the room with them during the meeting.

33 members or their designees attended, see above.

## **Review and approval of minutes**

- Amanda Grady Sexton motioned to accept minutes from January 27, 2021 meeting
- Dean Christon seconded the motion
- Vote unanimous - motion carried and minutes were accepted as written

## **Council Business**

Review of Immediate Actions and Next Steps – Katy Easterly Martey

- See attachment A
- There were no questions from Council members

Introduction of Consultants – Christine Santaniello

- Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)
  - Sarah Gallagher, Betsy Benito, Jamie Blackburn
- Initial work will be with the CHS workgroups

## **My Hopes for the Future of Housing in NH – Council Member Kadyja Harris**

- Council member Kadyja Harris shared her experience with homelessness.

## **Emergency Housing Relief Fund – Dean Christon, NHHFA**

- See slides in attachment B

## **Keene 21 by 21 – Mayor George Hansel**

- See attachment C

## **Work Group Reports**

- Data Analytics and Integration – Brian Gottlob / Heather McCann
  - See slide in attachment B
- Planning and Regulation – Ben Frost / Noah Hodgetts / Alex Talcott
  - Reviewed the CSH charrette report and discussed how to carry forward some of that work.
  - Next steps

- How to utilize vacant commercial and retail spaces to possibly convert to housing
- Deep dive into regional housing needs assessment and find commonalities to make recommendations
- Regional Leadership and Coordination – Elizabeth Dragon / Martha Stone
  - Consultants have helped to identify priorities which may overlap with other workgroups and which workgroups would take the leads on those areas
  - Elliot Barry from NH Legal Assistance has joined this workgroup and will help group develop short-term actions and legislative recommendations.
  - Started discussions surrounding tenant protections, extending tenant’s time to make payments, increase the notice period for rent increases, limit landlords reporting to credit bureaus.
- Housing Instability and Homelessness System – Melissa Hatfield / Stephanie Savard
  - See slides in attachment B

**Next Steps – Katy Easterly Marty**

- Included in attached PowerPoint file
  - Priorities will be:
    - Case management and services to support youth transition into adulthood stabled housed
    - State plan goals
    - Coordinate entry to homeless services
    - Supportive permanent housing
    - 21 in 21 – housing rehab needs
    - Converting commercial property to housing
    - Current use of Federal housing resources
    - Pay and stay tenant protections and other measures
- Possible will have two (2) full council meetings in May

**Public Comments**

- Noah Hodgetts asked if the Regional Leadership and Coordination workgroup had discussed reintroducing HB586.
  - This is planned to be discussed at the next meeting this Friday.
    - Noah noted that he would be happy to join on this conversation
- Rich Lavers asked if there would be a link to the Benefit Cliff Economic Analysis.
  - Chris Santaniello will distribute the link to this report and the PowerPoint presentation to the full council right after the meeting.
    - Report <https://econsultsolutions.com/nh-cliff-analysis/>
    - PowerPoint <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ocom/documents/esinhconstraints.pdf>

- Margaret Pritchard asked if the council had discussed the Governor’s letter on specialized housing for behavioral health.
  - Council had not discussed this yet and Margaret will bring more information regarding this to the next council meeting.
    - Regional Leadership and Coordination workgroup may be interested
    - Katy Easterly Martey - NH Housing, CDFA and DHHS are advancing a funding round to build permanent supportive housing we would like to learn from your response too.
- James Gray – we as a council need to remember to look at those homeless individuals who cannot make it into the systems or may not trust the system. They are a part of the population whom we need to address.
  - 1915(i) State Plan amendment will help fund services that will target this population.

**Next meeting / Meeting Adjournment**

- Next meeting will be scheduled in April, will send a save the date invite out.
- Meeting adjourned