



Council on Housing Stability

August 30, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

DHHS Auditorium – In person

129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

MINUTES

Members present:

Mayor Jim Bouley

Commissioner Taylor Caswell

Dean Christon

Anne Duncan Cooley

Commissioner George Copadis

Rob Dapice

Tom Dolan (via Zoom)

Katy Easterly Martey

Asst. Comm. Eddie Edwards (via Zoom)

Erin Kelly (via Zoom)

Christina Dotson (via Zoom)

Laurie Foster

Katja Fox

Sue Fulton

Senator James Gray

Melissa Hatfield

Rebecca Hebert

Rich Lavers

Elissa Margolin

Joshua Reap

Michael Reinke (via Zoom)

Robert Rodler

Dominique Rust

Chris Santaniello

Stephanie Savard (via Zoom)

Commissioner Victoria Sheehan (via Zoom)

Martha Stone

Andru Volinsky

Welcome and review of June 22, 2021 minutes

- Dean Christon made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting.
- Sue Fulton seconded the motion
 - Vote unanimous – motion carried and minutes were accepted as written.

Plan Distribution and Celebration – Chris Santaniello

- Strategic plan booklets distributed. Discussed plan to address housing stability.

Engagement – Melissa Latham

- Discussed media outlets, PowerPoint can be sent to share with others needed. Make commitment to 3 organizations to share.

Implementation of Strategic Plan: Year one Action Plan – Chris Santaniello

- Please see attached PowerPoint
- Pear Associates Consulting will be assisting us with progress; they will generate a quarterly report that will be rolled up to our annual report. .

ARPA Funding Received to Date – Katy Easterly Martey

- Grant money Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) \$558K to support the work of the Council between CDFR and NHHFA,
- Pear Associates to provide structure and project management.
- Dean Christon discussed resources to balance housing market would not eliminate, but make easier. Housing awareness program educating others about that. Technical and goals, the grant will allow work to expand. Recognizing changes in local levels for 3 year grant.

Committee Workgroups: Homelessness and Housing; Regional Coordination – Katy Easterly Martey

- Continue outreach, dedicating resources, working towards longer term resources. Alex shared he is sharing the plan with the town of Durham.
- To create the plan, had four workgroups, moving forward will start with two and have some ad-hoc teams connect. Understanding the work in the spring was labor intensive.
- PEAR Associates is developing a survey to go out later this week to identify work group interest.

OTHER/ Public Input

- Commissioner Caswell discussed ERA2 American Rescue Plan and how the state needs additional flexibility to create housing. He shared that:
 - \$1M has been given to the Regional Planning Commissions for increased housing assessments to work with local municipalities
 - An additional \$2.5M has been given for eviction diversion.
 - NHHFA continues to administer the Eviction Prevention Program with great success.
 - Additional assistance will be given for mortgage assistance.
- Melissa Hatfield shared that:
 - The Department is awaiting approval for the 1915i State Plan Amendment for Housing Stability Services, should hear by mid- September.
 - The Balance of State Continuum of Care has applied for a youth demonstration grant; hope to hear in October.
 - Katja Fox shared that in the Community Mental Health Center Contracts, there is a requirement for six additional beds to increase capacity; a total of 60 statewide.
- Katy shared that the Dashboard is updated on the Council website, <https://nhchs.org/> Resources tab.

Next Steps – Chris Santaniello

- Survey will go out. By September we should know about 113 and youth group demonstration

Public Comment – Chris Santaniello

- No public comments

Meeting Adjournment

- 2:08 Meeting adjourned