

Council on Housing Stability
April 16, 2024
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Room 468
Brown Building
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301



[Teams](#)

3:00 – 3:05	<p>1. Council Business – Christine Santaniello, Associate Commissioner Department of Health and Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of minutes from February 14, 2024, CHS meeting¹ b. Questions or Comments on previously distributed materials^{2 3}
3:05 - 3:10	<p>2. Overview of Alternative Housing Solutions, Jen Czysz, Executive Director, Strafford Regional Planning Commission</p>
3:10 - 3:30	<p>3. Criminal Records Impact on Housing Stability Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update & Introduction, Kadyja Mower, Person with Lived Experience b. A Brief Review of Incarceration Data in NH, New Hampshire Center for Justice and Equity, Jo Porter, MPH, Strategic Advisor, The New Hampshire Center for Justice and Equity
3:30- 3:35	<p>4. Legislative Update - Elissa Margolin, Director, Housing Action, New Hampshire</p>
3:35 - 3:50	<p>5. 1915i Update & CoC Overview - Melissa Hatfield, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Homeless Services, Department of Health and Human Services</p>
3:50 - 4:30	<p>6. 2024 Strategic Plan - Katherine Easterly Martey, Executive Director, Community Development Finance Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. RFP
4:30 PM	<p>7. Adjournment</p>

¹ February 14, 2024 CHS Meeting Minutes

² Regional Leadership and Coordination Workgroup Update

³ Housing and Homelessness Workgroup Update

1. Council Business – Christine Santaniello, Associate Commissioner Department of Health and Human Services

Approval of minutes from February 14, 2024, CHS meeting

- The Council unanimously approved the minutes

Questions or Comments on previously distributed materials

- BOS # jumps - especially in homelessness because 690 individuals were paid for through the ERAP
- Cold Weather funding

2. Overview of Alternative Housing Solutions, Jen Czysz, Executive Director, Strafford

Regional Planning Commission

- Please reference the enclosed summary
- Rob Dapice: Thinking broader than understood originally. Seed for this conversation - interventions that address homelessness right now. What are we missing? Are there ways that we should consider our investments separately? INTERIM solutions. A step towards achieving long term home solutions.
- Senator Gray: Density. In order to get water and sewer - in the center of town. If you go outside of water and sewer - there is an additional expense. a. Where you have water and sewer - someone else has tried to build there.
- Chris Schleyer: Campgrounds - cannot be operated in the winter months. Could seasonal camp grounds be permitted to use in the wintertime - that could be a temporary solution. Where is the leech field. The time with these alternative homes is in development - not in building. It is going through the process of identifying the space and making it accommodating.

3. Criminal Records Impact on Housing Stability Team

Update & Introduction, Kadyja Mower, Person with Lived Experience

A Brief Review of Incarceration Data in NH, New Hampshire Center for Justice and Equity, Jo Porter, MPH, Strategic Advisor, The New Hampshire Center for Justice and Equity

- Jo - 50% of our land = 15% of our population
- Demographic profile is growing - most of the gain is in migration to the state.
- More deaths than births
- Young population is more racially diverse than ever.
- Communities of color live all across the state
- Language: How do leverage this new population as a resource? Think of NH as a set of folks with diverse experiences, backgrounds, etc. and weave it into the work that we do.
- National problems transpire in NH too
- Incarceration in NH: Federal (700), State Prisons (1700) and Jails (1200) people on any given day.
- Jails: race and ethnicity is not broken out separately, transient, fluctuation
- County facilities
- 3 adult prisons in the state of NH (2 in Concord, 1 in Berlin)
- How many people in the Berlin federal prison are NJ residents?
- The National narrative seems to be aligned with the state's numbers
- County data collection is more variable
- There would be a tremendous benefit to standardize data collection.
- Locality plays a crucial role
 - Recidivism
- Who foots the bill for changing all of the data systems?
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4. Legislative Update - Elissa Margolin, Director, Housing Action, New Hampshire

- Reference the link that Elissa shared earlier this week
- HUD Rule: change how we address admission for
 - Housing Action NH
 - Should the Council send something in support of the new HUD rule
 - Public housing agencies
- Grant's Pass (OR)
- Senate Bill/Immigration in Sanctuary Cities
- Senate Bill 563 (look this up)
- HB 1400 (excessive parking requirements) This should be address by the market. This bill passed the house and had a hearing before Congress - 1 per unit.
- ADU (oped from Chairman turcott)
- Ben Frost State Convene -
- Omnibus Bill - Passed the senate - assigned to (79E)
- 1361 Autopass
- 1369/26488 - clarifies the definition of an abutter

5. 1915i Update & CoC Overview - Melissa Hatfield, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Homeless Services, Department of Health and Human Services

- Holding a training next for
- Medicaid providers. Providers can get enrolled, so they can bill for this benefit. Once they are trained - they can be trained for the billing process.

6. 2024 Strategic Plan - Katherine Easterly Martey, Executive Director, Community Development Finance Authority

- The work of identifying where systems have previously overlapped are now in sync
- Providing CoCs with support
- Where have we been and where do we want to go.
- We owe a report to the elected officials by November
- Retrospective and looking forward
- Two prospective funders
- Who shows up -
 - Why has the Council mattered to you?
 - To stay educated, to influence the direction that Council members are headed in
 - In our meetings, we spend a lot of time scheduling experts in a way that builds consensus and builds priorities in the strategic plan.
 - Hope to continue to meet the needs in your role
 - How has the Council influenced your work?
 - Share what you find important about the Council's work
 - GOAL TODAY: Form a team to review the RFP for the consultant. Finalize the RFP. Hire the consultant. Identify priorities and evaluate the proposals that come in. Funds need to be accepted from the two organizations
 - How can we continue the existing structure moving forward (incl. the H&H Workgroup and the RL&C workgroup)
 - TEAM: Noah Hodgetts, Melissa Hatfield, Ben Frost or Rob Dapice, Chris. S, Maria (report back via email in May of progress)
 - Formation of SP team to guide the process and escort the work forward.
 - All in favor
 - Feedback on process: Share updates monthly, where is the strategy out

- Council to approve the strategic planning team

7. Adjournment