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05 June 2024 Meeting of the
Leadership Committee on Homelessness and Housing

OPEN SESSION

A Leadership Committee on Homelessness and Housing (LCHH) meeting was held on 05 June 2024, beginning at 2:00 PM on the Team's platform. Present at the virtual meeting were the following members:

1. Director Ernestina Simmons – MOHS
2. Commissioner Alice Kennedy, Paul Standford – DHCD
3. Alexander Smith, Mayor's Office
4. Kelleigh Eastman, Tayana Taylor, Rachel Fender – representing BCHD
5. Joe Savage - USICH
6. Chris Beegle, UMSSW
7. Amy Kleine – Harry and Janet Weinberg Foundation
8. Kevin Lindamood – Healthcare for the Homeless
9. Dan McCarthy – Episcopal Housing Corporation
10. Janet Abrahams, Corliss Alston – HABC
11. Dana Henson – Henson Development
12. Jeff Garrett – CoC Chair and LEAC
13. Mark Council - LEAC
14. Da'Mel Ross, Levy

Public (who participated): Christina Flowers, Nico Sanders, Ingrid Lofgren

Also present was Mary Rode, staff to the Committee. Members of the public were present on the virtual platform.

The meeting topics discussed were:

Welcome by Director Ernestina Simmons

Attendance and Guidelines for Open Meeting: Mary Rode

- Comments and questions can be placed in the chat, which will be monitored and answered throughout the presentations.
- Ten minutes, at the end of the agenda, will be available for the public to ask questions/provide comments.

Supportive Housing Institute: Amy Kleine

What is the CSH Supportive Housing Institute?

- CSH signature approach to seeding a quality pipeline of supportive housing.
- Intensive project-based capacity building, training and technical assistance offered to teams comprised of developers, property managers, and service providers.
- Based on CSH Quality Standards for Supportive Housing.
- Aimed to significantly reduce the time it takes to fund a project by helping build a strong development team equipped to navigate the complex process of developing housing with support services.

CSH Supportive Housing Institute in Baltimore:

- Organizations formed project teams and applied to a competitive selection process.
- Received 22 applications, 14 met threshold for review by selection team comprised of MOHS, DHCD, CSH, and HAND staff.
- Six project teams were selected, with projects proposing 94 units of Supportive Housing and 81 units of affordable housing.
- All applications received and project teams selected are comprised of Black-led organizations.
- Teams completing all requirements of the SHI will be eligible for up to \$150k in early-stage predevelopment grants through the Housing Accelerator Fund.
- By the Numbers: 5 Teams - 25 participants - 11 sessions - Over 50 hours of training.

Housing Creation (Housing Accelerator and HOME ARP): Paul Stanford

1. The data for the Housing Accelerator and Home ARP - # of units overall, # of PSH units etc. from first NOFA.

Applicant	PSH Units	Total Units from Projects
407 Franklin Partners	6	15
Beacon House	56	56
Belvedere Place	11	83
Dominion	5	50
Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation	7	33
HCH Real Estate Co.	21	42
Homes for America, Inc	5	83
NHP Foundation	5	53
Springboard Community Services	6	29
Unity Properties/New Shiloh 3	10	50
TOTAL	132	494

2. The organizations that were funded are 407 Franklin Partners, (\$1,500,000), Beacon House, (\$1,800,000), Belvedere Place, (\$2,750,000), Dominion, (\$1,150,000), Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation, (\$1,150,000), HCH Real Estate Co., (\$10,416,000), Homes for America, Inc, (\$4,250,000), NHP Foundation, (\$3,000,000),

Springboard Community Services, (\$419,000), Unity Properties/New Shiloh 3, (\$2,500,000).

3. The 2nd NOFA and the process is now underway. Application deadline was May 31, 2024. Five applications are being reviewed, which are the five groups that graduated from the SHI Program. Each group is eligible to receive \$150,000 in pre-development funds.

MOHS Updates: Director Simmons

The Consolidated Application (CFA) is complete, and awards have been made. Director Simmons said that she would post the organizations that were awarded funding and post the funding source.

Comments:

- MOHS was asked to post the awards on their website and include the funding source.

The RFP for the hotel conversion to Permanent Supportive Housing has been released. MOHS has been collaborating with HABC to pair vouchers with the PSH units. Director Simmons stated that Baltimore City is currently looking for property to purchase for sheltering.

Comments:

- There was a comment that residents of the hotel should be considered first for shelter space.
- The importance of wrap around, supportive services for PSH households should be a high priority.
- Shelters should continue to be non-congregate facilities.

Public Comments

A question was raised as to whether there was an effort to notify non-profits and outreach to smaller groups to apply. It was responded that there was aggressive outreach done by DHCD and CSH to ensure that a diverse group of developers and providers were aware of the opportunity. In January 2024, prior to the start of the Institute, it was reported that the total, cumulative number of organizations (developers, property managers, and service providers) that were engaged through outreach efforts was 24,940.

No votes were taken at the June 5, 2024, LCHH meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

These Minutes will also be posted at the [Mayor's Office of Homeless Services' webpage](#).