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	Meeting Topic: MFP Housing Work Group
	Date: February 21, 2006
	Time: 1:30-3:30
	Location: Lazarus Building

Meeting Attendees:	Heidi Crabtree-ODOD, Shari Aldridge-ODADAS, Steve Mould-OHCA, Mike Corbett-Delaware Creative Housing, Mike Brown for Jeanette Welsh-ODMH, Kim Linkinhoker-OACBMR/DD, Peggy Martin-ODMR/DD, Janet Hoffman-ODA, Julie Johnson-OLRS, Debbie Arntz-WRAAA, Debbie Leasure-OHFA, Brock Robertson-ODJFS and Kim Donica-ODJFS.
Purpose of Meeting:	Ohio MFP Demonstration-Housing Work Group Kick-Off


AGENDA ITEMS:

Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
20 minutes	Welcome-Introductions, agenda, meeting purpose	Facilitator
15 minutes	Overview of MFP Grant	Facilitator
30 minutes	Charter Review/Discussion	Facilitator/Work Group Lead
30 minutes	Work Group Goals/Strategies	Work Group Lead
10 minutes	Questions	Work Group Lead
15 minutes	Next steps-Action steps, agenda for next meeting	Facilitator

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Meeting Notes:

<p>Work Group Charter-Charter for work group reviewed. Discussed goals of MFP grant, operational protocol, purpose of the group, roles of lead and facilitator and schedule for upcoming meetings. Reviewed guiding principles and ground rules for group. Participants felt given the subject matter limiting the group’s participants was not necessary at this point. Charter will be updated to reflect discussion and distributed to work group members.</p>
<p>Work Group Goals/Strategies-Discussed goals and strategies that were developed as part of the grant application. Emphasized strategies not set in stone but rather serve as a starting point for group and strategies could be modified and additional ones added as the group recommended. These strategies will be incorporated into the operational protocol that must be submitted to CMS in the fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Create a “bridge” rent subsidy program; using non MFP funds, for MFP participants who are waiting for access to Section 8 or other publicly subsidized housing.-There was mixed support for this strategy. While some in the group recognized that many consumers remain institutionalized unnecessarily while they wait for affordable housing there was concern about the ability of the program to be funded given the competing interests (i.e. homeless advocates) for rental assistance funds. In addition, bridge subsidy programs provide, in theory, a temporary rental subsidy until a consumer can obtain a permanent one, however other similar programs in Ohio have shown it is often difficult to transition consumers off the bridge subsidy. Despite the concerns the group thought the strategy was worth exploring further. Jeanette Welsh from ODMH will be asked to discuss their HAP bridge rental subsidy program at the meeting. In addition, Heidi Crabtree from ODOD will discuss their rental subsidy programs and information regarding Iowa’s statewide bridge rental subsidy program will be shared with work group participants. * Engage Ohio’s Public Housing Authorities to consider modifying their local preferences to ensure that MFP participants can have preferred status on waiting lists. -In general, group felt this was a sound strategy. All acknowledged the importance of public housing authorities being educated about the project. A member of the Public Housing Authority trade association is being added to the work group and this will be beneficial. Concern expressed however about PHA’s budgets stretched

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thin and their inability to give vouchers they simply don't have.

- * Use MFP funding to make physical or technological modifications or purchase adaptive equipment to facilitate sustained community living.- Strong group support/interest in this strategy. There are questions regarding what this would look like. Interface with MFP work group dealing with service specifications essential in developing this strategy.
- * Create a housing resource guide. Group endorsed this concept. Group felt information needed to be very detailed. ConnectMeOhio Housing Locator will be very helpful in this regard. Questions regarding possible service available to MFP participants "housing facilitator". Follow up with service specification group on this.

Other possible strategies suggested by group:


- Start-up funds for individuals not eligible for Success funds
- Homeownership programs
- Energy-assistance programs

These will be discussed at future meetings.

Other discussion:

- Debbie Leasure asked if we had any more detail regarding the characteristics of MFP participants other than what had been projected in the grant application as OHFA's board is requesting additional information about who the project is serving. It is unclear if we have any more detailed information at this time but question will be explored and will discuss at next meeting.
- Will discuss eligibility requirements for participation in the project at next meeting.
- Reviewed CMS definition of "qualified residence"

Next Meeting-March 7, 2007 1:00-3:30 Lazarus Buidling-6th floor Conference room B601

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Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Jeannette Welsh from ODMH will be asked to discuss their HAP program at next meeting.	Lead	2/28/07
Information regarding Iowa's bridge subsidy program will be distributed to group for discussion at next meeting.	Lead	2/28/07
Charter will be revised to reflect groups input and distributed to all work group members.	Facilitator	2/28/07