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| | Date: April 4, 2007 |
| | Time: 1:00-3:30 |
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We will be using the Columbus Bridge Line for the meeting. Please call 614-644-1097 to participate in the meeting via conference call.

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| Meeting Attendees: | Debbie Leasure-OHFA, Mike Corbett-Delaware Creative Housing, Pam Patula-SOCIL, Pat Rafter-Creative Housing, John Sommer-ODMR/DD, Mike Compton-OHCA, Greg Kramer-ACIL, Don Emerson-OHAC, Peggy O'Neil-BIAO, Julie Johnson-OLRS, Peggy Martin-ODMR/DD and parent advocate, Jim Starry-AOPHA, Jeannette Welsh-ODMH, Ron Rhett-NAMI-MH Housing Leadership Institute, Bob Butler-OOTF, Brock Robertson-ODJFS and Kim Donica-ODJFS. |
| Purpose of Meeting: | MFP Housing Work Group |

AGENDA ITEMS:

| Time | Topic | Discussion Lead |
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| 10 minutes | Welcome-introductions, agenda | Kim D. |
| 20 minutes | Review of recent call with CMS, HUD and MFP states | Kim D. |
| 30 minutes | Discussion of bridge subsidy program for MFP participants | Brock |
| 60 minutes | Begin discussion of other strategies | Brock |
| 15 minutes | Questions | Kim D. |
| 15 minutes | Next Steps-actions steps, agenda for next meeting | Kim D. |

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Meeting Notes:

Update on CMS call: CMS sponsored a conference call related to housing issues for all states that received MFP grants. In addition to representatives from the Medicaid agency, each state's, Housing Finance Agency, HUD and PHA contacts were invited to attend. Brock, Kim, Debbie Leasure-OHFA and Jodi Geese-OHAC listened in on the call. A representative from HUD discussed their programs that may be of use to MFP participants (Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Project Based Section 8 Vouchers, 811 and 2020 properties). Representatives from Texas and Connecticut discussed strategies they have used to assist persons relocating from institutional to community settings. No new information was presented and the strategies Texas and Connecticut discussed were ones we are discussing here in Ohio. During the question and answer period, CMS and HUD were directly asked if there were additional housing funds available to help pay for the housing needs of MFP participants and both responded there was not, however nothing precluded states from using their own funds to meet these needs. While HUD sent a letter out to PHA's encouraging them to make MFP participants a priority on their waiting list this is not being mandated by the feds. Many states expressed concern and frustration about their ability or inability to meet the housing needs of MFP participants given long waiting lists for vouchers and public housing.

Bridge Subsidy Program: After listing the pro's and con's of Ohio attempting to develop a bridge subsidy rental assistance program for MFP participants the group decided this was not a realistic strategy for Ohio to pursue at this time. Lack of funding for administering the program and a lack of resources for program participants to bridge to were the primary reasons this is not a feasible strategy at this time. The work group did feel this concept was something we may want to consider in the future if additional resources become available.

Discussion of other strategies: Group members expressed frustration about the lack of federal funds for housing attached to the MFP project. Concern was expressed about exactly how the housing needs of MFP participants would be met. Group feels strongly that the MFP Planning and Advisory Group be fully informed of the housing barriers MFP participants will face. While there are some public housing units, project based section 8 units and 202 units available in some communities, availability varies from community to community and in many communities there is little to no availability of these units and there are long waiting lists. The reality will be that for those MFP participants who want to move to communities where there is housing available they will be able to relocate back into the community but some MFP participants will be forced to wait until housing in their community becomes available. Group members also expressed frustration about how the lack of information up front about MFP participants and their housing needs makes it very difficult to plan. If information about how many MFP participants were



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expected in any given area it would be easier to negotiate with local housing entities on how participants housing needs could be met. There were several suggestions given on how potential MFP participants could be identified including MDS data, info from Martin settlement, etc. It was suggested that the new web based housing locator that is almost ready to be rolled out will be helpful in assisting MFP participants in finding out some vacancy information about existing units. Group decided it was imperative we develop both short-term and long-term goals related to meeting the housing needs of MFP participants.

Short-term goals included:

Developing regional collaboratives throughout the state to work on specific housing issues in each area of the state. Collaboratives would be given informational tools to assist them in their efforts. Issues the collaboratives would address included working with PHA's to have MFP participants added to their local preference on their waiting lists and participating in local consolidated plan development.

Examining use of roommates as a way for MFP participants to help cut living and service expenses.


Educating legislators both state and federal about MFP and the crucial role housing plays on the project. It was suggested we talk to those state legislators who wrote letters of support for the MFP grant first and perhaps develop a fact sheet regarding housing barriers that could be used to help increase awareness of the issue.

Trying to identify, as much as possible, characteristics of MFP participants using MDS data and information obtained through Martin lawsuit. Possible interface with the outreach and education work group on this issue.

Long-term goals included:

Work to develop ways the OHFA can lower rents in tax-credit properties.

Other strategies to be discussed in future meetings include: creating a housing resource guide and homeownership programs.

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Next Meeting: April 18th in Columbus. Lazarus Building Room B601. We do have a bridge line available for use during the meeting.

| Action Item | Person Responsible | Deadline |
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| Pull most recent MDS data regarding NF residents in Ohio who have expressed a desire to return to the community | Brock | 4/18/07 |
| Check into the availability of information generated from recent survey (part of Martin settlement) sent to ICF/MR residents. | Kim D and Julie J. | 4/18/07 |
| Develop geographical map of number of tax credit properties in Ohio. | Debbie L. | 4/18/07 |