
	Meeting Topic: MFP Housing Work Group
	Date: June 20, 2007
	Time: 1:00-3:30pm
	Location: Lazarus Building Room B601

Meeting Attendees:	Pam Patula, Julie Johnson, Michael Wilson, Mike Compton, John Sommer, Jim Sary, Mike Corbett, Heidi Crabtree, Janet Hofmann, Les Warner, Mary Butler, Don Emerson, Jacalyn Slemmer, Brock Robertson and Kim Donica
Purpose of Meeting:	MFP Housing Work Group

AGENDA ITEMS:

Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
10 minutes	Welcome and Introductions	Kim
30 minutes	Discussion of ideas generated from San Diego Trip	Brock, Kim, Julie J, Heidi C.
60 minutes	Regional Collaboratives -Homework Updates -Review of definitions/goals -CHIS	Brock
30 minutes	Meeting with Corporation for Supportive Housing	Kim
10 minutes	Operational Protocol -recommendations	Kim & Brock
10 minutes	Wrap up, next steps.	Kim


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Meeting Notes:


Inventory of local housing groups: The group was asked to share information about housing coalitions in their regions. We received feedback from several members of the group. Don Emerson reported on several housing groups that plan & allocate resources in his region. Mary Butler suggested that Cincinnati's Continuum of Care may be a good model for other areas, as they have broadened their mission to include people with disabilities in institutional settings. As we compile information on existing regional and local housing groups, we will create 'overlays' so we can compare regions among different programs, see what groups are more effective for our strategies, and identify underserved areas. We asked the group to continue to look for housing coalitions and bring the information to us.

Community Housing Improvement Strategies (CHIS): Heidi Crabtree met with Brock earlier in the week to review the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) applications and the planning documents known as CHIS. In this meeting Heidi explained that each "community" (county or city) that will be submitting a CHIS must form a "Housing Advisory Committee" (HAC) to determine their focus: the needs and priorities to be addressed in their community/county, and to develop a five year plan. These committees include representatives of local nonprofit housing organizations, county agencies (sometimes including CDJFS), and consumers/advocacy organizations. When the community applies for CHIP funds, the Office of Housing & Community Partnerships verifies that their application includes the areas of focus identified in their five year plan. It was suggested that we should look at this as a possible way to explain the need for more HOME and tenant-based rental assistance (vouchers) targeted for MFP Participants in these communities. This is a good time to start making these connections, Heidi said, because half of the eligible communities in the state are just now starting to meet to design their five year plans, due in 2008.

Defining Regional Housing Collaboratives: We reviewed the most updated version of the RHC definition and goals and objectives that Julie Johnson revised. The group applauded her work and approved the document with only minor adjustments. Mary Butler stated it would be better to add the words "accessible integrated," so that in each instance it reads, "affordable, accessible integrated housing." The group agreed and this was added. Julie then expressed her opinion that the regional collaboratives should be more broadly focused on disability issues, not just housing. Several other members of the work group concurred, and pointed out that there are many local housing groups and coalitions already, and maybe we don't need to create another one. Instead, what we need is to build the capacity of local disability advocates to organize, to

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<p>plan and to assemble good data on the needs of people with disabilities that they can BRING to other planning groups when needed - for example, PHA plans, Consolidated plans, CHIS, even transportation plans, zoning & livable community strategies - every sort of local community planning group. Julie volunteered to re-write the collaborative description and bring it back to the workgroup at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)- Brock Robertson and Kim Donica met with Sally Luken, Director of CSH in Ohio, to brief her on MFP. CSH focuses on creating permanent supportive housing for hard to serve populations, particularly ex-offenders, people with mental illness and/or addiction. Their model offers affordable housing with community services and supports. Brock and Kim invited her to work with us on common goals. Several members of the workgroup suggested that Governor Strickland’s new Interagency Council on Homelessness & Affordable Housing will likely resurrect definitions approved by the previous ICHH regarding permanent supportive housing and the populations to be identified, quantified and served in permanent supportive housing programs. Those definitions were broadened to include people in institutional settings seeking to live in the community.</p>
<p>Operational Protocol: We reviewed the housing portion of the operational protocol from the text of the grant and the definition of a Qualified Residence. Members of the group volunteered to rewrite certain areas of the operational protocol. The deadline for operational protocol is approaching; ideally we should have our section of the operational protocol written and our strategies developed by the end of July. At our next workgroup meeting we will review the operational protocol requirements in detail along with all agreed upon short-term and long term housing strategies. This information will then be presented to the Inter-Agency Steering Committee and the MFP Planning and Advisory Group for review.</p>
<p>ADAPT/Access Across America: Mary Butler forwarded information to the workgroup on Access Across America, an initiative proposed by ADAPT, a national advocacy organization, several years ago that presents an effective strategy to liberate people from institutions. Mary gave a brief synopsis of ADAPT and their efforts to influence HUD and the US Congress about this issue.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting =July 11, 2007 Lazarus Room B601 ** Bridge line info to be forwarded closer to meeting date **</p>

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Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Schedule conference calls with Texas and Pennsylvania to learn more about their regional housing collaboratives.	Brock	6-20-07
Re-work definition and goals of Regional Disability Collaboratives	Julie J.	7-11-07
Identify housing coalitions in own community, how they are organized and who participates.	All work group members	Cont.
Operational Protocol: Work on the table that describes the Qualified Residences	Janet	7-11-07
Rest of the Operational Protocol	Kim and Brock	7-11-07