

Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission
Draft Minutes of June 23, 2017



ATTENDANCE

1. Commissioners Present:

Nolan, Anne	Chair
Baptista, Jr., Ernest	Representative of Insurers
Bennett, Kyle	Community Development Intermediary
Boss, Rebecca	Dir. of BHDDH
Bryer, Lisa	Local Planning Official
Caldwell, Jr., David	Rep. of RI Builders Association
DeLuca, Bill	Representing Macky McCleary, Dir. Of Business Regulations
Deary, Gene Michael	Representing Anthony Botelho, Pres. of RI Bankers Assoc.
DiBiase, Michael	Dir. Dept. of Administration
Garlick, Joseph	Representing Non-Profit Developer
Harrington, Dean	Pres. RI Mortgage Banker Assoc.
Lodge, Melina	Ex. Dir. of RI Housing Network
Maigret, Maureen	Senior Housing Advocate
Morin, Barbara	Representing Nicole Alexander-Scott, Dir. Of Dept. of Health
Raymond, Joseph	Local Building Official
Retsinas, Nicolas P.	Chair of RI Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation
Schultz, Gregory	Representing Attorney General Peter Kilmartin
Sneesby, Frederick	Representing Courtney Hawkins, Dir. of DHS
Wallin, Erik	Exec. Dir. of Operation Stand Down

2. Members Absent

Clement, Brenda	Representative of Fair Housing
Fogarty, Charles	Dir. of Dept. of Elderly Affairs
Fuerte, Elizabeth	Advocate for Racial Minorities
Guedes, Margarita Robledo	Representing Lead Poisoning Agency
Kosciak, Darryl	Director of RI Coalition for the Homeless
Lamb, Jean	Rep. of Community Development Corp.
Tedesco, Philip	Designee of RI Realtors Association
Vadnais, Steve	Designee of RI Assoc. of Ex. Directors for Housing

Staff

Tondra, Michael	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Bray, Mary	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Neirinckz, Ray	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Price, Darlene	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Witcher, Pheamo	RI Office of Housing & Community Development

Guests

Bioteau, Elizabeth	RI Housing/RI Continuum of Care
Boney, Adrian	Rhode Island Foundation
Bourne, Annette	HousingWorks RI
Chamberlain, Bill	RIHAP
Cimini, Maria	RI Coalition for the Homeless
Cola, Jeanne	LISC
Freitas, Barbara	RIHAP
Jahnz, Jim	Diocese of Providence/Emmanuel House
Jaworski, Laura	House of Hope CDC
Mowry, Jessica	RI Housing
Partridge, Russ	WARM
Rainone, Amy	RI Housing
Wilcox, Michelle	Crossroads, RI

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Michael Tondra, of Chief of the Office of Housing & Community Development. A quorum was noted for today's meeting

2. Welcome & Introductions

Michael Tondra announced new appointments to the Housing Resources Commission.

- Anne Nolan, Chair
- Kyle Bennett, Community Development Intermediary
- Brenda Clement, Fair Housing Advocate
- Jean Lamb, Representing Community Development Corporations

He then welcomed all and members introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2017 minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as recorded by Bill Deluca and seconded by Erik Wallin. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Affordable Housing Bond Regulations –

Mike Tondra informed Commission that the office has received approval from OMB/ORR to go out for public comment and to set up a public hearing on regs. A notice will be sent out to all Commissioners when regs go out for public comment and anyone who has previously submitted comments in regards to the regs, will need to resubmit those comments at that time. Also, Commission will be informed of when the Public Hearing will take place and then be asked to convene shortly thereafter to vote on regs.

5. BHRI Amendments –

a) ChurchWoods Apartments, Charlestown

Request was for an income target modification.

Motion to approve was made by Melina Lodge, seconded by Joe Garlick. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Nolan arrived (9:10) and took over chairing the remainder of the meeting.

6. Budget Discussion –

Mike Tondra gave an update on the budget that was recently approved by the House of Representatives. It was noted that the Lead Hazard Mitigation provision to transfer functions from HRC to DOH and allocate a portion of HRC to DOH to support additional administrative costs and enforcement actions was not included in that approval. The office will be continuing discussions with DOH to improve enforcement and accountable. We are authorized to 4.8M in the upcoming budget year, which is basically level funding. Also, there is additional funding that is going to Crossroads to address the Sex Offender homeless population. Mike then addressed questions from Commissioners.

7. Consolidated Homeless Fund Applicatons

After discussion on recommendations from funding committee, motion was made by Fred Sneesby and seconded by Bill DeLuca to approve committee's recommendations. Motion passed unanimously with the following abstentions; Melina Lodge, Kyle Bennett, Joe Garlick, Nick Retsinas and Anne Nolan.

8. Other Business – Erik Wallin passed out an article by the new Veterans Affairs administration stepping back the department's 7-year-old target of reach zero homeless veterans across America, but they are not giving up on the cause and reaching out for a more reasonable approach.

9. Public Comment - None

10. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM

FY 2018 Consolidated Homeless Fund Committee Funding Recommendations

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>CHF FY 2017 Funding Amount</i>	<i>CHF FY 2018 Funding Recommendation</i>
Shelters for Individuals		
Crossroads, RI Women's Shelter (ES-IND) (CHF)(1334)	\$ 212,040.00	\$ 225,000.00
**Diocese of Providence Emmanuel House (ES-IND) (CHF)(1659)	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
**Washington Square Services Corp. (ES-IND) (CHF)(1322)	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
**Welcome House of South County (ES-IND) (CHF)(1329)	\$ 169,600.00	\$ 185,000.00
Welcome House of South County "Primrose Cottage"	NEW	\$ -
W.A.R.M Shelter (ES-IND) (CHF)(1348)	\$ 56,800.00	\$ 80,000.00
<i>Total Shelters for Individuals</i>	\$ 778,440.00	\$ 850,000.00
Harrington Hall		
Amos House	\$ 261,790.00	\$ 247,000.00
Crossroads Rhode Island	\$ 693,627.00	\$ 750,000.00
<i>Total Harrington Hall</i>	\$ 955,417.00	\$ 997,000.00
Shelters for Families		
Community Care Alliance of Rhode Island Family Apartment ES-FAM (CHF)(1472); Woonsocket Shelter ES-FAM-IND(CHF)(1351)	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Family Center ES-FA (CHF)(1332)	\$ 328,860.00	\$ 328,860.00
**Crossroads RI-RI Family Shelter (ES-Fam) (CHF) (1346)	\$ 244,500.00	\$ 227,700.00
**Lucy's Hearth ES-FAM (CHF)(1319)	\$ 92,300.00	\$ 100,000.00
**W.A.R.M. Shelter Harvest Home Apartments ES-FAM (CHF)(1549)	\$ 69,125.00	\$ 69,125.00
<i>Total Shelter for Families</i>	\$ 909,785.00	\$ 900,685.00
Operation First Step/Transitional Housing Programs		
**Amos House Operation First Step Men ES-IND (1527)	\$ 127,148.00	\$ 90,000.00
**Amos House Operation First Step Women ES-IND (CHF)(1551),	\$ 131,910.00	\$ 135,000.00
Crossroads Rhode Island Operation First Step ES-IND (CHF)(1513)	\$ 148,032.00	\$ 142,000.00
Crossroads Rhode Island Operation First Step Couples (103 Linwood Couples Shelter ES_IND) (CHF) (1592)	\$ 67,952.00	\$ 75,000.00
Crossroads Rhode Island Operation First Step-LGBT ES-IND (CHF) (1768)	\$ 31,143.00	\$ -
House of Hope- Operation First Step North Es-IND CHF 1817	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 84,257.00
House of Hope-Operation First Step Men ES-IND (CHF)(1617)	\$ 152,000.00	\$ 129,672.00
Opening Doors, RI	NEW	\$ 15,832.00
<i>Total Operation Step Programs</i>	\$ 759,185.00	\$ 671,761.00
Domestic Violence Shelters		
**Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center-"Safe Home"	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 49,650.00
Crossroads of RI- Domestic Violence Program	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

Elizabeth Buffum Chace -Domestic Violence Shelter	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
**Sojourner House -Safe House/Emergency Shelter	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
**Sojourner House- "A Place Called Home" (new program)	\$ 24,355.00	\$ 20,000.00
<i>Total Domestic Violence Shelters</i>	\$ 121,855.00	\$ 124,650.00
Day/Essential Services Programs		
**Crossroads Rhode Island-Essential Services (Day Services/Case Management) (CHF) (1335)	\$ 419,200.00	\$ 312,000.00
**House of Hope CDC-Pawtucket Day Center (Day Services/Case Management) (CHF) (1729)	\$ 82,906.00	\$ 114,000.00
House of Hope "Providence Navigation Center"	NEW	\$ -
McAuley House-Day Services/Case Management (CHF) (1770)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 27,315.00
**Providence In Town Church Center (Outreach) (1683)	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
<i>Total Day/Essential Services Programs</i>	\$ 522,106.00	\$ 573,315.00
Outreach Programs		
Amos House	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Crossroads Rhode Island- (Outreach) (CHF) (1695)	\$ 68,112.00	\$ 68,112.00
Rhode Island Homeless Advocacy Project (RIHAP)	NEW	\$ 70,000.00
Riverwood Mental Health Services SOAR Program	NEW	\$ 80,000.00
Westerly Area Meals, Inc. Street Outreach	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
<i>Total Outreach Programs</i>	\$ 125,112.00	\$ 293,112.00
Rental Assistance-Rapid Rehousing/Housing Navigator and Landlord Risk Reduction		
Amos House State Rental Assistance (CHF)(1699)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center-Rental Assistance for DV	NEW	\$ 37,000.00
Community Care Alliance (ESG-IHSP-SP Rapid Re-Housing)(1765)	\$ 201,509.00	\$ 101,930.00
**Crossroads Rhode Island ESG-IHSP-SS Program(1731)	\$ 1,078,219.00	\$ 1,041,894.00
Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center	NEW	\$ -
House of Hope CDC (Access to Hope PH-RRH)(1767)	\$ 128,137.00	\$ 102,211.00
Providence Center Home Base Rental Assistance Program	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 85,176.00
Rhode Island Housing (Security Deposits for Housing Choice Voucher Program and HUD Section 811 Program)	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Riverwood Mental Health Services (PSH for Veterans)	NEW	\$ 56,784.00

Riverwood Mental Health Services (PSH for Chronically Homeless)	NEW	\$ 56,784.00
Sojourner House	NEW	\$ 59,459.00
Warm/Welcome- Housing Navigators	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Warm/Welcome- Rental Subsidy	NEW	\$ 21,235.50
Rental Subsidy Reserve for 6 month allocations		\$ 400,692.50
<i>Total Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing</i>	\$ 1,832,865.00	\$ 2,080,666.00
Systems and Capacity Building Proposals		
Crossroads, RI- Coordinated Assessment and Training	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Housing Network of Rhode Island	\$ 95,575.00	\$ 100,000.00
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless: Barrier Busting System Support	\$ 58,420.00	\$ 75,000.00
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless-Coordinated Placement	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless: RICH HMIS	\$ 187,712.00	\$ 232,000.00
United Way of Rhode Island	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Total	\$ 676,707.00	\$ 677,000.00
Winter Shelters		
Winter Shelters/Emergency Reserve	\$ 220,138.00	\$ 300,000.00
Total All	\$ 6,224,903.00	\$ 7,468,189.00
Total Funds Available		\$ 7,168,453.00
Surplus/Deficit		\$ (299,736.00)

Source of Available Funds

State Funds

FY 2018 State HRC	\$ 3,979,810.00
FY 2018 State ESG	\$ 621,344.00
FY 2018 Title XX	\$ 1,272,598.00
FY 2017 Projected Surplus Funds	\$ 718,732.00
Winter Shelter/Emergency Reserve Funds	\$ -
Total State Funds	\$ 6,592,484.00

Other Funds

City of Providence ESG	\$ 221,366.00
City of Pawtucket ESG	\$ 258,045.00
City of Woonsocket ESG	\$ 96,558.00
Total Other Funds	\$ 575,969.00
Total All Funds	\$ 7,168,453.00