

Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission
Minutes of May 8, 2018



ATTENDANCE

1. Commissioners Present:

Nolan, Anne	Chair
Baptista, Jr., Ernest P.	Representative of Insurers
Bennett, Kyle	Community Development Intermediary
Brophy, Michelle	Representing Rebecca Boss, Dir. of BHDDH
Clement, Brenda	Representative of Fair Housing
Deary, Gene Michael	Representing President of RI Bankers Association
DiBiase, Michael	Director, RI Dept. of Administration
Fields, Barbara	Representing Nicolas Restinas, Chair of RI Housing Board
Fuerte, Elizabeth	Advocate for Racial Minorities
Guedes, Margarita Robledo	Representing Lead Poisoning Agency
Harrington, Dean	Pres. of RI Mortgage Bankers Association
Hawkins, Courtney	Director of DHS
Lamb, Jean	Representing Community Development Corporations
Lodge, Melina	Ex. Dir. of RI Housing Network
Maigret, Maureen	Senior Housing Advocate
Novais, Ana	Representing Nicole Alexander-Scott, Dir. of DOH
Raymond, Joseph	Zoning Official, Town of Burrillville
Schultz, Gregory	Representing Hon. Peter Kilmartin Attorney General
Szylin, Michelle	Representing Charles Fogarty, Dir. of Dept. of Elderly Affairs
Tanner, Liz	Director of Dept. of Business Regulations
Tedesco, Philip	Representing the RI Realtors Association
Vadnais, Stephen	Representing Michael Lykland, RI Assoc. of Ex. Dirs. of Housing
Fields, Barbara	Representing Nicolas Restinas, Chair of RI Housing Board

2. Members Absent

Bryer, Lisa	Local Planning Official
Caldwell, Jr., David	Rhode Island Builders Association
Frumerie, Caitlin	Ex. Director of RI Coalition for the Homeless
Wallin, Esq. Erik	Ex. Dir. of Operation Stand Down

Staff

Tondra, Michael	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Bray, Mary	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Price, Darlene	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
House, June	RI Office of Housing & Community Development
Whitcher, Pheamo	RI Office of Housing & Community Development

Guests

Raimondo, Gina	Governor
Cola, Jeanne	LISC
Dove, Cicely	Crossroads
Mowry, Jessica	Rhode Island Housing
Bioteau, Elizabeth	Rhode Island Housing (CoC)
Ventura, Carol	Rhode Island Housing
Ormerod, Sydney	Advocate
Brion, Laura	Childhood Lead Action Project
Strnad, Chris	DCYF
Gardiner, Mykalha	EOHHS
Moore, Hannah	EOC
Santilli, Karen	Crossroads
Greer, Nancy Smith	HUD
Harris-Evans, Yvette	Working Cities, Newport
Mulligan, Phyllis	Working Cities, Newport
Pearson, Kristine	Working Cities, Newport
Lindese, S. Jasmine	Working Cities, Newport
Benson, Sienna	Working Cities, Newport
May, Paulina May	Working Cities, Newport
Cantwell, Kate	Working Cities, Newport
Ferguson, Amy	RI Coalition for the Homeless

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 A.M. by Anne Nolan, Chair of the Housing Resources Commission. A quorum was noted for today's meeting

2. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Nolan welcomed all

3. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2017 & March 27, 2018

Motion made by Greg Schultz and seconded by Elizabeth Fuerte to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017 and March 27, 2018 minutes as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Policy discussion, Loss of Rental Subsidies on BHRI Projects –

After discussion, Motion was made by Courtney Hawkins and seconded by Philip Tedesco to authorize the HRC Chair, and or Chief, to amend previously supported BHRI projects allowing modification of income-limit for the population served to accommodate changes in operating/rental assistance available with changes being reported to the HRC in a subsequent meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Barbara Fields and Jean Lamb abstaining.

5. Annual Report and Policy Discussion –

Governor Raimondo joined the meeting for the Annual Report.

- BHRI (Affordable Housing Bond) Update
- Foreclosure Update
- Lead Hazard/Healthy Housing Update
- Homelessness/Consolidated Homeless Fund Update

6. Program Discussion, HRC Assumption of HOPWA -

After discussion, motion was made by Gene Michael Deary and seconded by Kyle Bennett to authorize the HRC Chair, and/or Chief, to work with Rhode Island Housing to execute an agreement for the State to assume administration of the HOPWA program. Motion passed unanimously with Barbara Fields abstaining.

7. Promulgation/Revision of Regulations –

- Neighborhood Opportunities Program (NOP) - needs to be rescinded.
- Lead Hazard Mitigation – Extensive revisions, needs to be revised, reformatted & filed
- Lead hazard Reduction – needs to be revised, reformatted & filed
- Expedite Permit – Revisions considered, needs to be reformatted & filed
- Building Homes Rhode Island – Has been reformatted & filed (Completed)

Motion was made by Gene Michael Deary and seconded by Barbara Fields authorizing the HRC staff to take necessary steps to revoke, revise and/or promulgate regulations. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

8. Coordinated Entry System Funding Consideration –

Motion was made by Barbara Fields and seconded by Jean Lamb authorizing the funding of the State's Coordinated Entry System with HRC resources in the amount recommended by the Continuum of Care (COC) with the explicit expectation that HUD-funding made available to the COC will support this project significantly at a later date. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

9. June Discussion Primer –

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19th at 9:00 AM in Conference Room A on the second floor of DOA. Items included on the agenda, but not limited to, will be:

- CHF Awards and Budget
- Preserving Affordability in Foreclosure
- Healthy Housing

10. Public Comment -

Kate Cantwell from Housing Works Newport introducing the group and a short explanation of their goals and objectives.

11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM