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Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Thursday, September 10th, 2015 6:30-8:30pm
200 N. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: T. Jabzanka, S. Briere, J. Lumm, E. Pollack, A. Gilroy, A. Erickson, R. Sarri, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, G. Pratt

Members Absent: A. Baker White, N. Wright, D. Blanchard

Staff Present: Mary Casey, Andrea Plevek, Brett Lenart

Public: Sharon Peterson

I. Convene Meeting:

A. Erickson, Board Chair, convened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda:

E. Pollack moved to approve the agenda R. Sarri seconded. Motion approved (S. Briere, T. Jabzanka, S. Briere, A. Gilroy, A. Erickson, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, G. Pratt; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).

III. Approval of Minutes:

G. Pratt moved to approve the June meeting minutes; A. Gilroy seconded. Motion approved (S. Briere, E. Pollack, R. Sarri, T. Jabzanka, S. Briere, A. Erickson, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, G. Pratt; 9 Aye, 0 Nay).

IV. Public Comment:

None.

V. Action Items, Discussion Items and Updates:

A. Coordinated Funding Update

Brett Lenart explained the Coordinated Funding partnership is a collaboration for soliciting applications for funding throughout Washtenaw County. It's a two year process and a two part process. This year the partnership is attempting something different. The RFI was a filtering process used to invite proposals for delivering services. This year is will be more inclusive to identify and aligning capacity building with service delivery. Looking to expand delivery in 48197 and 48198 where ethnic poverty is highly concentrated. There is service delivery, but not necessarily organizations based in those areas. This information gathered through the website will be presented to the partnership. The organizations RNR Foundation will be looking at the outcomes and metrics to determine what is right and what is best. They'll be giving an assessment and will tell us if we're actually making an impact or getting significant outcomes.

A. Plevak explained that the merging capacity building into the other process, the ideas was intended to pair the two. Before the capacity building was a one year funding cycle. Capacity building takes time. They are not merged right now, but they might be in the future and likely will come out of the other funding pools.

Members discussed.

B. Housing Updates

B. Lenart explained that the library lot sale could replenish the funds into the housing fund. There are currently two proposals

S. Briere said that the development rights have to be approved before the proposal goes through and 50% will go to the fund. S. Briere said sometimes in the month of October the two development teams will be invited here to do one or more series of public meetings to discuss their priorities. What is most important is the positive effect on the community, not the 50% proceeds.

Members discussed.

S. Briere urged all members to participate in the public meetings.

B. Lenart said there are no new developments on the Platt Road project. Some information is being put together some high level options for proceeding with the project in terms of affordable housing. Research is being compiled, but he's not sure the board is eager to hear given all the other issues currently happening.

There are a lot of leadership changes happening right now. There will be delays.

B. Lenart mentioned the \$450,000 to AACH has been approved. The remaining 50k is earmarked for property, so there is currently no money to spend.

A series of duplexes have been transferred Community Housing Alternatives to Avalon. There was a last minute change that required a few more tweaks, and it will be going to the next agenda.

C. Zero:2016 Updates

A. Plevak said the Zero:2016 is a joint project between OCED and the Housing Alliance. The two goals are to end chronic and veteran's homelessness. Ending homelessness means having fewer people entering homelessness than are leaving homelessness. So, functional zero. We are poised to end both chronic and veterans homelessness early, in November. There were huge efforts in June and July, and we are seeing the outcomes now. We have another big push happening this month which will allow Avalon and Housing Commission to help frequent users with housing.

There is still a need for Veteran housing, but the VASH vouchers have been used up. We still have rapid rehousing vouchers and MSHDA just increased our ESG funds by \$50k, which will put 47k to rapid rehousing. We are in really good shape and will definitely meet these goals by the dates set. We will move on to help other populations (families,

youth) as well. A. Carlisle will be presenting next week on how we can move forward with a similar model for families and youth.

S. Briere asked what the projected impact is on the emergency shelter need. A. Carlson said there will still be need, like warming shelters. But we hope those numbers dwindle. S. Briere would like to see some sort of report out in January. Warmer winter might make those who normally need shelter to not seek it. She would like to show council that your work has led to a decreased need for emergency shelter.

Members discussed.

D. City Council Update

J. Lumm said there are a lot of leadership changes at the city. The council would like to have citizen engagement in selecting the new police chief.

S. Briere said there aren't any new developments in the downtown and that is because there hasn't been much discussion about premiums. She keeps hearing that they are going to ask the city attorney about Payment in Lieu or affordable housing, but it isn't happening. Requiring a Payment in Lieu is similar to requiring a bribe. Other premiums are for higher standard for environmental premiums, some concern for pedestrian benefits.

Members discussed.

E. Public comment:

Sharon Pedersen from Partners in Assistance works with people of disabilities. Funding has been cut, so patients are getting their services cut.

F. Adjournment:

R. Sarri moved to adjourn the meeting; E. Pollack seconded. Motion approved approved (S. Briere, T. Jabzanka, S. Briere, A. Gilroy, A. Erickson, A. Carlisle, A. Freundl, G. Pratt; 9 Aye, 0 Nay). Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.