

S3 Housing Connect

Housing Committee Meeting Notes

Zoom Call, 5/5/2020

Attendance: Jason Cain, Bob Hughes, Stan Holt, Marcia Johnson, Kerry Bashaw, Dick Poletti, Karen Kennedy, Rachel Picard, Vernadette Williams

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Homeless to Housing Flowchart
 - a. Data
 - i. Permanent Supportive Housing is a primary need, as shown on the chart.
3. Shelter Updates
 - a. Outreach Mission, Inc, Marcia Johnson- The video fundraiser came together perfectly. The fundraiser was great and donations have already started coming in. A resident from the OMI Men's Shelter has gone missing. Please contact the police and OMI staff if you see him. There are currently 11 women and children in the Women's Shelter and eight men in the Men's Shelter. Rehousing is still happening; Jeff is working to approve clients, and OMI staff are working with Jeff to find housing. OMI is diverting clients frequently and successfully; Clients are often going to stay with relatives instead of entering the shelter. OMI applied for and received the Paycheck Protection Program.
 - b. Brick Capital Community Development Corporation, Kerry Bashaw- Brick Capital's goal is to build affordable housing (they are currently building two affordable homes) and hopefully, to offer Permanent Supportive Housing sometime soon. Brick Capital would consider working with housing vouchers. Kerry is looking for funding opportunities for these projects. Brick Capital put together a site plan for a 16-acre parcel with single family homes and apartments. The City reviewed the project and gave helpful comments.
 - c. Family Promise, Bob Hughes- 14 spaces are currently available at Family Promise. These are not permanent beds. Someone asked if Family Promise is still looking into purchasing a permanent location and the response was no- If families aren't staying at the churches, churches might not participate as much. Three families are currently at Family Promise, but two are close to leaving because they found housing. Families are currently staying at the Day Center, but churches are still providing food. New families will be accepted off of the waiting list once COVID restrictions are lifted.
 - d. Bread of Life- Rachel Picard-
4. CoC BoS Application
 - a. PSH Funding- Stan will reach out to JLHCA to see if they are interested.
5. Other Business
 - a. Need to make a connection with Sandhills- mental health services for PSH
 - b. Kerry and Bob will speak with Rev. Mellette again soon