

Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE –Arlington County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Date: April 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

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Agenda Items

Welcome/New Member Introductions

- Attendance: Alice Barrett, Charles Williams, Cicely Whitfield Johnson (Co-Chair), Danielly Dowling, Henry Spears, Jennifer Crittenden, Jennifer Daniels (Co-Chair ALP), Jessica Lee, Kuante Scriven, Lucy Yohn, Matthew Tucker, Natanim Teshome, Nicole Dula (Co-Chair), Regina Chambers, Reginette Osby (Co-Chair ALP), Sara Thompson, Stefanie Bass, Veronica Cerud.

Public Comment

- No public comment

Review of Minutes

Vote Action

- **VOTE:** Jennifer Daniels motioned to pass March's meeting notes with no edits/changes; Sara Thompson seconded; minutes passed unanimously.

ALP Updates: *Reginette Osby* Information

- General Updates: No recent updates.
- ALP: Housing Subcommittee's Focus Group Interview:

The ALP Program review goal is to discuss the program's effectiveness, participant familiarity, strategies to increase awareness, and address questions or concerns about the program.

Jennifer Daniels (ALP Co-chair) discussed the Arlington Landlord Program Review with the Housing Subcommittee group and inquired about their knowledge and involvement in the program; followed by soliciting feedback on its effectiveness and any challenges faced.

Take-a-ways/suggestions:

- Improvement of the time it takes for the property partners to review the process, turnover in staff affecting communication with landlord partners, and the screening process for applicants, including issues with prior evictions and criminal history.
- Expand eligibility criteria to include a broader range of clients, particularly those who may not engage with DHS or traditional service providers.
- Explore partnerships with community service managers and consider expanding eligibility criteria to reach a broader population needing housing assistance.
- Importance of case management support to the applicants attached to the program and the potential to expand subsidies in the program and partnerships to better serve clients.

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- Expand the program capacity, staff, and resources required to handle increased demand if eligibility were expanded.
- Outreach efforts
- Involve community service managers or other resources to provide case management support.

Subcommittee Work Plan Updates Information/*Discussion*

- Mid-Year Eviction Profile Report - Property Owner Updates

The Housing Subcommittee members are collecting data on DHS eviction prevention requests from the Community Assistance Bureau (CAB) and landlords to understand reasons for denial, such as income or lack of commitment.

Danielly Dowling (Housing Subcommittee liaison) presented new data with the numbers of approved and denied requests, organized by ZIP code, with distinctions made between requests by residents from different properties.

Natanim Teshome from CAB informed the group that the tracking protocols have been updated to capture information on unfunded requests. Additionally, CAB's team plans to collect data from the fiscal agency, ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) on payments made to landlords and cross-reference eviction prevention lists to identify clients who have returned for assistance. Legal Services of Northern Virginia is also involved in tracking dispositions determined by courts. Quarterly reporting is planned to track trends and potential growth in data collection. Further discussion and refinement of the process are expected in the coming months.



Program/Services Updates

Information/*Discussion*

- Compliance Tool, Provider Check-in: *(Skipped due to time)*
- Open to all

Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2024