

# Meeting Notes

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

**Date:** **March 4, 2024**

**Time:** **9:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Place:** **Microsoft Teams**

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## Agenda Items

### Welcome/New Member Introductions

### Public Comment

- No public comment

### Review of Minutes

*Vote Action*

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

### ALP Updates: *Reginette Osby*

*Information*

- General Updates

Since the last subcommittee meeting, the ALP received one approval from Path Forward and no denials. For the FY24, there were a total of 8 approved referrals and 5 denials. However, out of the 5 denials, 4 referrals were successfully housed and only one referral is still searching for housing.

### Subcommittee Work Plan Updates

*Information/Discussion*

- Mid-Year Eviction Profile Report - Property Owner Updates

The Subcommittee is currently in the process of matching data collected from DHS eviction prevention requests made between July 1, 2023, to January 11, 2024, with requests made by residents from landlord partner properties. The main goal is to complete an impact analysis of evictions to understand who is impacted by evictions most, differentiating between demographic information, zip codes/neighborhoods, and other needs. Ensure prevention resources are targeted to those most impacted.

Danielly Dowling, the Housing Subcommittee liaison, presented a comparison of requests made by DHS, APAH, and Paradigm by zip code, property names, and the number of eviction prevention assistance requested by residents. The comparison showed that zip code 22204 had the highest number of requests for DHS and APAH, while Paradigm had the highest number of requests in zip code 22203.

The data presents requests for financial assistance to DHS, but it does not necessarily reflect the request's approval due to clients being over income or other reasons. The group

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plans to use this information to review the requests made by the properties in the County, including the purpose of assistance and the eligibility intake process.

Natanim Teshome, from the Community Assistance Bureau (CAB), works closely with the eviction prevention assistance program. She suggested improving data collection methods by working with the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECV), which issues checks. This will help to obtain more comprehensive data regarding the number of assisted individuals.

The group agreed on the importance of collecting detailed data on the number of who received assistance and who were denied, along with the reasons for denials. Furthermore, the landlords suggested separating the data by management companies' when organizing the information for future reports and stated they would continue providing necessary data for the subcommittee group.

## County's new rent tracker tool - *Russell Danao-Schroeder*

*Information*

Russell Danao-Schroeder from CPHD presented the new county rent tracker tool which provides comprehensive information about Arlington County's affordable housing initiatives. Russell demonstrated how to access it through the housing dashboard and emphasized its updated interactive features and quarterly updates. Russell highlighted significant differences in rent trends across different areas within the county and compared them to neighborhood jurisdictions. He also discussed the affordability of different unit sizes and noted that three-bedroom units were the least affordable. Additionally, he shared insights into the area median income trends and their impact on affordability, particularly for those in committed affordable units.

Arlington County Rent Report:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMDBjOTgxYzMtMTZiMC00Yjc1LTgwNjItOTFjOWM1ZTJkNWM4IiwidCI6IjgwMzU0ODA0LTNmZGYtNDI4ZS05ZjVmLTUwOTFIOTk0Y2Y1NCIsImMiOiJF9>

Rent Trends in Arlington (Feb 2024)

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/commissions/documents/housing-commission/2023-rent-trends-hc.pdf>



## Program/Services Updates

*Information/Discussion*

- Compliance Tool, Provider Check-in: *(skipped due to time)*
- Open to all:
  - Learning Session: Rental Karma - March 5 at 10 am. The COC is hosting a learning session with an agency called Rental Karma on Tuesday, March 5, from 10 am to 11 am. This agency helps renters to add their good rental history to their credit score. They assist their clients in reporting their rental history to different credit vendors. This is a valuable resource for those who pay their rent on time and could benefit from an improved credit score. It will be the COC partners' responsibility to enroll their clients who are interested in this opportunity.
  - ALP Refresher Course - March 6 at 11 am. The first quarterly ALP Refresher Course presented by Reginette Osby, will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Jorge Laura, a guest speaker from CPHD will also join the training and give an overview of Fair Housing and Evictions.

**Next Meeting Date: April 1, 2024**