

# May 2024 Meeting Notes

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

**Date:** May 6, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 – 10:00 AM

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## Agenda Items

### Welcome/New Member Introductions

**Attendance:** Kacy Barker (taking notes), Alice Barrett, Charles Williams, Cicely Whitfield, Danielly Dowling, Henry Spears, Jennifer Crittenden, Jessica Lee, Jesus Esquivel, Kuanté Scriven, Lucy Yohn, Matthew Tucker, Melissa Danowski, Regina Chambers, Reginette Osby, Russell Danao-Schroeder, Sara Thompson, Stefanie Bass, Vanessa Street

### Public Comment

N/A

### Review of Minutes

*Vote Action*

Sara Thompson made a motion to pass the previous month's notes and Alice Barrett seconded; April minutes passed unanimously with no edits / corrections.

### CPHD Presentation - Melissa Danowski

*Information/ Discussion*

- Committed Affordable Housing at 30% AMI and below/Family Units
- PowerPoint presentation from Melissa Danowski with the Housing Division of CPHD to provide information on 30% AMI Committed Affordable Units.
- There is a total of 198 30% AMI Units in Arlington County.
- Crystal House currently has 2 towers and through an RFP process, APAH will be expanding services, which will include 51 new 30% AMI Units. Crystal House 3 will contain additional family sized units (2 bedrooms) and Crystal House 6 (for seniors) will contain less family size units.
- Melissa provided a breakdown of all 30% AMI units and their properties. See PowerPoint presentation for more details.
- Incentives and considerations include: NOFA Scoring Guidance, which includes extra points for units below 60% AMI; Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) incentives; and other financing sources (i.e. VA Housing Trust Fund, etc.). Considerations include additional upfront costs of 30% AMI units and may result in reduced net operating income

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and reduced operating income to cover operating expenses.

- 48% of the AMI units are designed for families with 2 bedrooms units and 8% have 3 bedrooms
- PowerPoint presentation will be shared with committee meetings.

## **Housing Choice Voucher Program(HCV) Annual Plan - Vanessa Street** *Information/ Discussion*

- Vanessa Street from DHS Housing Assistance Bureau presented a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the FY 2024 Annual Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCVP) Strategic Plan.
- The Draft Plan is posted on the HCVP website and comments will be accepted until May 24, 2024. The Draft & Public Comment can be found, [HERE](#)
  - Goal 1: Expand the supply of assisted housing
  - Goal 2: Increase assisted housing choices (new position, the Landlord Engagement Specialist, was developed to help achieve this goal)
  - Goal 3: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality
  - Goal 4: Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals
  - Goal 5: Promote affirmative action and fair housing
  - Goal 6: Promote housing quality standards
  - Goal 7: Provide voucher mobility counseling
  - Goal 8: Increase voucher payment standards
  - Other Goals Include: working with HUD and Fairfax Housing & Redevelopment Agency to transfer 141 tenant protection vouchers at Culpepper Gardens in Arlington; Implementation of NSPIRE; Complete update to the HCVP Administration Plan to comply with Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016; etc.
- PowerPoint presentation will be provided to committee members.

## **ALP Updates:** *Reginette Osby/ Jennifer Daniels*

*Information/ Discussion*

- General Updates
- 2 approvals from NHH and 1 denied from NHH (due to client having a sex offender status), but the client has since been incarcerated.

## **Subcommittee Work Plan Updates**

*Information/ Discussion*

- Mid-Year Eviction Profile Report - Property Owner Updates
- Danielly shared the Eviction Prevention Profile Report for mid-year outcomes (July 1, 2023 – January 11, 2024). An infographic indicated that the highest zip code requesting assistance was from 22204, which contributed to 43.8% of all requests (n=60). Harbor Group had the highest numbers of requests from zip code 22204 coming from the Apex East property. Drucker & Falk's highest zip code was 22201, with the most requests coming from Woodbury Park property.
- DHS received 340 requests for assistance and approved 295 of those. APAH received 44 requests, Paradigm received 4, Harbor Group 39, Drucker & Falk 14, and Paradigm (AHC) 7.
- Per a question from committee members, it is unclear if any duplicate requests are

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represented in these numbers. Other questions included if Race / Ethnicity was also being tracked – which it is – but not in this specific shared file.

— A copy of the reviewed file will be provided to committee members.



## **Program/Services Updates**

Information/*Discussion*

- Open to all
- Lucy promoted a Landlord Engagement Event – June 18<sup>th</sup> – formal invitation to follow
- Lucy is also sending out a survey for the Housing Choice Voucher and Permanent Support Housing programs, so housing landlords are encouraged to complete their respective surveys (based on HCV and/or PSH participation) so improvements can be made.
- Stefanie with AHC noted that there was a request to identify factors that have contributed to housing instability. This data has been completed and will be shared with Danielly and Nicole to be dispersed in a future meeting.
- Per a request from a committee member, Kacy provided the group with information pertaining to a VAWA HUD training. This information is also provided below:
  - PDF / Resource: **VAWA Requirements for CoCs, CoC Recipients, and ESG Recipients**
  - **HUD's 2024 VAWA and Survivor Housing Community Conversations** includes previously recorded webinars – along with upcoming registrations and save the dates. Up next – **HMIS and Data-Sharing for Victim Service Providers and Survivors** on May 16th, from 1pm-2:30pm.

**Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2024**