

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL
POLICY & BARRIERS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2010 2:30 pm

Brown Heatly Building, Room 3501
4900 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Council staff called the meeting to order at 2:40pm. The meeting was held in Brown Heatly Building, Room 3501, 4900 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751

Members Present:

Jonas Schwartz, Member
Marc Gold, Member
Paige McGilloway, Member
Jean Langendorf, Member
Paula Margeson, Member
Felix Briones, Member
Mike Goodwin, Member

TDHCA Staff Present:

Brooke Boston
Ashley Schweickart
David Johnson
Marshall Mitchell

AGENDA

Introduction of Committee Members

Committee members introduced themselves.

Selection of Committee Chair

Committee tabled this item to the end of the meeting. At that time, Jonas Schwartz volunteered to serve as Committee Chair. This decision was approved by the Committee.

Governing Statute: Duties of the Committee

Council Staff discussed which duties assigned by SB1878 that the Policy & Barriers Committee is tasked with.

Deadlines for Biennial Report

Council Staff discussed the timeline for completing the biennial report, due September 1, 2010.

Discussion of Pending Decisions for the Council

Defining service-enriched housing:

- According to legislative statute, the TDHCA Board must ratify the Council's decision on the definition of service-enriched housing since it is a rule that the TDHCA will adopt
- Advantages and disadvantages of a more restrictive versus a more flexible definition of service-enriched housing
- Combining the Iowa and New York definitions distributed to the Council at the first meeting, both definitions can be found in the "Pending Decision to the Council" document available on the TDHCA's website.
- The importance of clarification in defining terms within the definition of service-enriched housing
- Possibility of having multiple models of service-enriched housing
 - Developers and others seeking funding would have multiple definitions of service-enrich housing in order to provide the customers with the most options for assistance

- Working Draft Definition: *Integrated, affordable, and accessible housing models that offer the opportunity to link residents with on-site or off-site services and supports that fosters independence for individuals with disabilities and person who are elderly.*
- Committee requested staff to retrieve legislative intent regarding the Council and the definition of service-enriched housing

Who is eligible for service-enriched housing

- Decided to table this discussion until after the Legislative Budget Board was consulted as to the intent of the service-enriched housing definition
- Very limited discussion on the importance of having families with children included in the definition

What essential services would be included in service-enriched housing

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Introductory Policy & Barriers Discussion

Committee did not have time to proceed with an introductory discussion of their statutory duties. This item has been tabled.

Organizational Issues Associated with the Committee

Committee decided that their next meeting will take place on March 2nd, 2010 in the Brown Heatly Building.

Discussion of Vision, Next Steps for Committee and Staff Assignments

Council Staff will speak with the offices of the authors of SB1878 and HB3219 to clarify the Council's role in defining service-enriched housing. Additionally, Council will add the draft definition of service-enriched housing to the public forums presentation so that the Council may hear feedback on the definition from the public.

ADJOURN

Since there was no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm on January 12, 2010.