

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATION COUNCIL
POLICY & BARRIERS COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes**

March 2, 2010 11:00am

Brown Heatly Building, Room 4105
4900 N Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78751

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum

11:04 a.m. – Committee Chair Jonas Schwartz called meeting to order and asked each person present to introduce himself or herself. Quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Jonas Schwartz
Jean Langendorf
Michael Goodwin
Paula Margeson
Felix Briones
Paige McGilloway
Marc Gold
Jim Hanophy

TDHCA Staff Present:

Brooke Boston
Elizabeth Yevich
Kate Moore
Ashley Schweickart
David Johnson
Marshall Mitchell

Approval of Meeting Minutes

11:07 a.m. – Chair Jonas Schwartz asked for any changes regarding the January 12th meeting minutes. There being none, a motion was made and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of Service-Enriched Housing Definition

11:08 a.m. – Chair Jonas Schwartz began discussion regarding definition of service-enriched housing.

Proposed Definition (Start of Meeting): Integrated, affordable, and accessible housing models that offer the opportunity to link residents with on-site or off-site services and supports that foster independence for individuals with disabilities and persons who are elderly.

- Discussion regarding inclusion of definitions of terms used within the larger definition of service-enriched housing. It was decided that in addition to the definition, there will be an additional section in the biennial plan that defines terms used within the definition. Thus, clarification of what is meant by the words ‘accessible,’ ‘affordable,’ ‘integrated’ does not necessarily have to be in the rule but can be in the biennial plan.

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- Understanding that the narrower the definition is, the less likely it will fit within federal funding guidelines.
- Discussion of which housing models would fall with our definition. Models discussed include:
 - HUD Section 202
 - HUD Section 811
 - Independent Living Apartments
 - Assisted Living Facilities for Senior Citizens
 - Continued Care Retirement Communities
 - Senior Citizens Retirement Subdivision
 - Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with MR
 - Duplex, Triplex, Quad
 - Retirement Community
 - Naturally Occurring Retirement Community
 - Multifamily with Commercial Space
 - Cooperative Senior Housing
 - Parent Purchase of SFH for use of Dependent with Disability
- Discussion of whether to look at new housing models or using old models in more creative ways. If TDHCA programs would need to be revised in terms of point scoring and guidance on scoring, this could be a recommendation made within the biennial plan.
- Question of how state agencies would operationalize the biennial plan and the service-enriched housing rule? Suggestion that the Council can make a presentation of its completed biennial plan to the TDHCA governing board. Also, might want presentation to other agencies' boards.
- Decided to add language to the definition (“For the purpose of directing the work of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council and its work product including the biennial plan”) that ensures that the term service-enriched housing wouldn't be used outside the context of why the Council is doing it
- Discussion regarding how the biennial plan will be adopted – vote vs. consensus
- Discussed the importance of adding the homeless population to the biennial plan chapter on definitions. Many times a co-occurrence of homelessness and incarceration, homelessness and disability. Staff should analyze the demographics of homeless people.

Proposed New Definition (End of Meeting): For the purpose of directing the work of the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council and its work product including the biennial plan, service-enriched housing is defined as integrated, affordable, and accessible housing that provides residents with the opportunity to receive on-site or off-site services and supports that foster independence in living and decision-making for individuals with disabilities and persons who are elderly.

12:43 p.m. – Jim Hanophy motioned to approve and Paige McGilloway seconded, vote was unanimous for recommending definition to Council.

Discussion of Vision, Next Steps for Committee and Staff Assignments

- The Chair urged Committee members to sit down and read the transcripts from the four public forums, as they will guide the substance of the biennial plan. Transcripts available on the HHSCC webpage.
- Jim Hanophy will make copies of the new proposed definition before the full Council meeting this afternoon. Jonas Schwartz will also give a summary of this Committee meeting to the Council before they vote to adopt the definition.

Adjourned

12:45 p.m. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.