

Policy & Barriers Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 12th, 2010, 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Committee Members Present: Jonas Schwartz, Jean Langendorf, Paige McGilloway, Paula Margeson, Marc Gold, Mike Goodwin, & Felix Briones

TDHCA Staff Present: Brooke Boston, Ashley Schweickart, David Johnson & Marshall Mitchell

Discussion of 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

Discussion of 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

Discussion of what essential services would be included in service-enriched housing

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Approval of Committee Chair

- Jonas Schwartz volunteered to serve as Committee Chair