

Core Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020

Attending: Casey Becker, Kayalyn Broy, Jael Currie, Shannon Ash, Melissa Mennig, Justin Burton, Brad Hinkfus, Loreen Gage, Kirsten Conrad, Maggie Carden, Katie Spaeth, Casey Yanta, Sarah Anderson, Molly Wells, Michael Basford, Claire Hackett (HUD), Dale Darrow (HUD)

1. Introductions and Ice Breaker
Kayalyn will chair the Core Committee from February.
2. Conversation with Dale Darrow from HUD Milwaukee

Dale shared some developments happening in Milwaukee and other parts of Wisconsin – housing developments for veterans and people with substance use disorders, partnerships with health care and universities in expanding housing options.

Committee members shared challenges regarding serving chronically homeless individuals who are aging.

Committee members asked if Dale's aware of any national priorities from HUD.

Dale encouraged inviting HUD staff or Interagency Council from Washington to have those conversations. There hasn't been direct communications but he shared the following observations: HUD made additional resources available for youth age 18-24, aging out of foster care. HUD has been pushing public housing authorities to move out of public housing platform into the low income housing tax credit with project based housing vouchers

Dale shared some issues he's seeing with low income housing tax credit housing. Section 8 properties have to show why the rent increase is needed; low income housing tax credit property owners do not have to, up to the max rent; properties at the end of the period of affordability raising the rent to market rate, no assistance available.

Dale gave some examples of efforts to preserve affordable housing units. USDA housing assistance (for communities of population less than 20,000) can be used for that.

HUD Milwaukee Office uses the risk assessment to decide which agency receives monitoring.

There used to be more training offered by HUD, especially for CoC programs. HUD training funds have been cut and several staff positions have not been filled so there have been fewer trainings. Jerome Van Epps, Equal Opportunity Specialist, from the HUD Milwaukee Office can provide some trainings. Contact Garry Werra, Program Manager, and request training.

Next meeting: Feb 6th

- Written standards review- It is encouraged but not expected to read ahead.
- Dedicated Plus discussion