

**Committee meeting on 3/11/2021, 9:30-10am (10-11am elected officials conversation)**

(In attendance: Lane Hanson, Brian Benford, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Kim Kennedy, Jani Koester, Noah Tsarovsky, Rose Manjon, Brenda Konkel, Sophie Jung, [Heidi Wegleitner](#), Jael Currie, Debra Puzzo, Jessica Oswald, Brenda Konkel)

1. Update on advocacy email sending
2. Torrie joining us to discuss agenda priorities
  - a. Torrie shared a memo about the State budget with the committee, Wants to know what are the 1 or 2 things that are most important to us. Torrie would suggest supporting the 5 million GPR for Housing Assistance Program. And it is expected that most of these things will be cut by the state legislature anyhow. A number of committee members suggested need for housing navigation. Do any of these funds add funding for voucher programs? Answer is no, landlords do like the voucher approach so this might be a potential suggestion moving forward for bipartisan support. Lack of interest in the WHEDA Tax Credit Program was expressed because most of those new builds are going to be at the 60% income not at the 30%. Is there a way to start a State Voucher Program? Torrie will look into populations served and get back to us.
  - b. Next committee meeting is April 8th. Will devote next meeting to this discussion. Was discussed that perhaps we would have an electronic survey sent out to get thoughts but decided to hold off on this.
3. Other?