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Veterans Affordable Housing Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Veterans Housing Task Force Meeting
March 25, 2014 at 10:00am – 11:00pm

1. Call to order

Mike Dang called the meeting to order.

The following were in attendance:

In Las Vegas office:

Nicole Holloway, NHD
Mark Licea, NHD
Marina Adamy, GGI
George Gekakis, GGI
Marisa Olmdea-Macias, NHD
Larry Williams, US Vets
David Paull, Nevada HAND
Sharon Bullock, CDPCN
Sharath Chandra, Clark County

Teleconference:

Bruce Johnson, NHD
Delores Sawyer, SNVRHA
Ryan Okahara, HUD
Maria Cremer, HUD

In Carson office:

Mike Dang, NHD
Nicole Nelson, NHD
Betsy Fadali, NHD
Lisa Dayton, Dayton & Assoc.
Soni Bigler, NHD
Olen McCloud, NHD
Hilary Lopez, PRAXIS
Matthew Fleming, NNCHRB
Anthony Fasano, NNCHRB
Tony Green, NRHA
Marta Turner, NRHA
Randy Kirner, Assembly

2. *Housing Task Force Purpose (Review):*

Demand for various types of veterans oriented properties
Funding available for properties
Location of potential properties

3. *Review of progress to date:*

Mike D. – opens the floor to comments and/or questions on minutes from February meeting
No comments
ii. Demand for Veteran Housing - Location

NHD has explored a Task Force suggestion to see whether it would be available to build a multifamily property on the 629 acres of land controlled by the Las Vegas Veterans Medical Center. The VAMC has 90 inpatient beds and 120 nursing home bed designed to serve 60,000 vets.

NHD is working with VAMC via its Public Info Office, with the fee transfer office of the VA as well as with the enhanced use lease offices in Washington DC. VA is interested in exploring a housing property that is consistent with their mission statement

Marisa Olmeda-Macias and Mark Licea encouraged NHD to look at existing properties with potential Rehab and 2nd phase. Other TF members encouraged this after learning that the VA property transfer process could take more than two years.

Washoe has 25 units ready for Rehab using TC and HOME Funding, construction can start this summer and can be ready for move in with in a couple months

iii. Demand for Housing type – Transitional, Permanent Supportive, Permanent

The majority of TF members seemed to support that NHD target either a Permanent Supportive or a mixed Permanent Supportive and Permanent Housing project. Due to funding, federal policy and other complexities, the TF was more apprehensive of transitional properties.

Larry Williams –US Vets. There is a need for both types of housing

Transitional Housing focuses on employment and family reunification not all Vets meet the criteria for permanent housing

There was further support for potential blended projects, depending on funding and need.

(See handout from DC Office of 100 projects from 1993-2011. Upwards of 90% of those developed from 2004 were veterans oriented housing projects.)

4. *Next Meeting*

Next meeting – ~~TBD tentatively, Thursday April 24, 10-11am~~
This has been changed to Tuesday, April 29th, 10-11 am.