

Continuum of Care: Housing Committee
November 9, 2005

Present: Maxine M. Boykin, Homes for the Brave; Paul Mendes, Mount Aery Development Corp; Jennifer Svelnys, MHA; Judy Sklarz, UWEFC; Rose Christy, Bport DOH; John Rowland, CSH; Elizabeth Torres, BNT; Mike Skrebutenas, BHA; Mark Barnhardt, Town of Fairfield; Angie Staltaro, City of Bport; Kathy Hunter, City of Bport

John Rowland from the Corporation for Supportive Housing is providing technical assistance to the group over the next several months with the express purpose of creating a business plan for the development of supportive and affordable housing. He noted that his services were a result of meeting with Janice Elliott, Kathy Hunter, and Carol Walter.

His question to us was who is missing from the table? Business, banks

He would be providing research, information, facilitate strategy meetings, and assist with specific project conceptualizations.

The first thing we need is an inventory of projects currently in the pipeline as well as those still in concept stage as we need to lay these out in a timeline. Kathy Hunter, Mark Barnhart and Duncan Yetman have knowledge about what is going on in the 3 towns. Information needed: Developer Name, location of project, # units, population served, service provider, management company, identified and committed funding, construction start/completion/occupancy dates. We should also know whether there are any impediments holding things up – funding, zoning etc.

Mike Skrebutenas noted the 40 units at Park City. They will be RFPing for a developer/manager/service provider team in January '06. BHA will lease the land for the supportive housing component. Occupancy expected in 2008

MHA/Catholic Charities are proposing 37 units. Occupancy 2008

CASA has 15 units

A discussion followed about looking for development teams not just developers. Should include experienced management team and service provider. No one expects that one entity should do all well.

It was suggested that the Safety Net and Housing groups should meet to determine which populations or sub-groups would need housing units over the 10 years.

Another suggestion was that the Housing and Public Policy group meet to discuss possible issues. An example: Developing a zoning exemption for supportive housing similar to one in New Haven for group homes.

Other important issues regarding the creation of 1,261 units over 10 years

- Land is not available
- Land/Buildings with major environmental problems
- Pre-development assistance at the concept level
- Capacity of the pipeline: not enough competent developers particularly nfps.

Next meeting 12.14.05 at 2:00 pm

Tasks: Complete inventory
Identify others for group