



Louisiana Housing Authority

Louisiana Housing Corporation
Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission Meeting Minutes
Louisiana Housing Corporation
2415 Quail Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
1st Floor, Committee Room 1
Thursday, September 3, 2015
12:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Chairwoman Nicole Sweazy
Mr. Mark Moses
Ms. Martha Kegel
Ms. Linda Jarrell
Mayor Jennifer Vidrine
Ms. Terri North

Commissioners Absent

Ms. Sherri LeBas
Ms. Suzy Sonnier
Ms. Marla Newman
Mr. Kenneth Habetz
Mr. Roland Dartez
Ms. Lydia Jemison

Designees Present

Ms. Michelle Horne
Ms. Kaaren Hebert
Ms. Carlotta Askew-Brown

Designees Absent

Ms. Angela Patterson
Mr. Mark Gates
Ms. Sidney Shorter
Mr. Cliff Palmer
Mr. Brian Byrd
Mr. Richard Murray
Mr. Roy Jambor

Staff Present

Ms. Selena Sims
Ms. Winona Connor
Ms. Angela Davis
Ms. Chawuna Jackson
Mr. Jonathan Wesley

Consultants Present

Mr. Mark Johnston
Ms. Fran Ledger

Call to Order and Roll Call. Chairwoman Nicole Sweazy called the meeting to order at 12:45p.m. and welcomed all attendees. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Updates and Ma Maison Implementation Status.

Chairwoman Sweazy presented an update for Ma Maison, highlighting for the commissioners that she had been contacted by Sarah Turner, Policy Director to Governor Jindal, to discuss that the Governor's office was actively reviewing Ma Maison, the State's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Angela Davis, Housing Financial Specialist for Louisiana Housing Authority, presented for the commissioners, the implementation status of the Ma Maison Matrix, which is tracked on a monthly basis.

Chawuna Jackson, PBV/PSH Manager for Louisiana Housing Authority, provided an update on the PSH Boot Camp that was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. She defined three (3) components; Supportive Services, Rental Assistance and Housing Units as the primary areas of focus and although many items were identified as important, expediting service eligibility, reducing inspection times and increasing communications with stakeholders were listed as the three major items for improvement.

Action Item.

➤ **Approval of Rating and Ranking Committee.**

After a presentation by Mark Johnston, Consultant, which outlined the need for collaboration with the commissioners and their involvement in review of CoC applications, a motion was made by Chairwoman Sweazy to approve the creation of a Rating and Ranking Committee, which was seconded by Terri North, President/CEO of Providence Community Housing. The motion passed unanimously. The members of the committee are as follows:

Mayor Jennifer Vidrine, Ville Platte
Terri North, President/CEO Providence Community Housing/LAAHP
Linda Jarrell, VP Housing Operations, Volunteers of America
Kaaren Hebert, Policy Advisor DCFS

Closing.

Chairwoman Sweazy asked, in closing, what changes or additions to the meeting would enhance its effectiveness for the commissioners. It was suggested the meetings should be held on various property sites to have a firsthand look at locations benefiting from their decision making and rotation of the meeting to other locations throughout the state. It was agreed, going forward to work towards acting on these suggestions.

Adjournment. There being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Sweazy adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.



Committee Secretary