

Housing Coalition Meeting

Meeting: @Home In Adams County Housing Coalition

Date: June 27, 2019

Time: 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Meeting Topics

1. @Home In Adams County
 - a. 1st & 2nd Qtr report – Jenn Herfel provided the 1st & 2nd Qtr report (which can also be found on the @Home In Adams County website) to coalition members and went over highlights in the packet including the timeline of @Home In Adams County's beginning, current and future plans.
 - b. Within the @Home In Adams County 1st & 2nd Qtr report contained "Melissa's Story." Jenn Herfel updated the coalition on the Melissa's story & the @Home In Adams County initiative being included in an upcoming Gettysburg Times article.

2. Advocacy Training
 - a. Robin Fitzpatrick presented an overview on the importance of attending municipality meetings, understanding the "tone" of each municipality and using it as a learning experience to understand how to communicate within a municipality meeting.

Rob Thaeler and Harlan Lawson presented various topics regarding municipality meetings. Rob Thaeler discussed Planning Code and how it is used for planning goals and objectives and provided an overview of how code is used as it pertains to housing transportation and land use. He mentioned that 33 municipalities currently covered by zoning ordinance and that it must accommodate all kinds of housing within those zones.

Harlan discussed the importance of a few key figures in Adams County data. He highlighted Median Household Income, Median Wage and Commute Times within the county. He explained that each of these has long lasting impact economically in the county and without strong wages or shorter commute times, people are often disinvested in a community on an economic and personal level.

3. SHARE & ECHO Housing Update
 - a. Linda Thomspson from the Office of Aging provided an update on the SHARE and ECHO projects that are being researched for the Adams County area. She discussed a meeting between the Office of Aging, SCCAP, @Home In Adams County and Diana T. Myers (who specializes in projects of this nature).
 - b. Preliminary meetings took place to discuss the possibility of SHARE and ECHO being introduced to the Adams County area. As a result, Diana T. Myers and staff created a survey to distribute within the Adams County area to assess the desire for these types of structures. Diana T. Myers and staff will attend the next meeting (August 22nd) for additional questions regarding these programs.
 - c. Megan Shreve discussed potential collection methods and asked that coalition members brainstorm to determine the best method to collect surveys.
 - i. The following organizations volunteered to collect survey information:
 1. Ralph Serpe, Adams County Community Foundation
 2. Nancy Lilley, YWCA

4. Housing Development Updates

a. Misty Ridge Development

- i. Jennifer Eckerson provided an update that Valley Housing Corp. from Chambersburg, PA has expressed interest in purchasing lots for 39 townhouse units at the Misty campus. (There are 139 units still approved/ lots available). VHC will be apply for Low Income Housing Tax Credits to fund the project. They have requested ACHA to provide 8 project-based units to the project.

b. Rental Assistance Grant

- i. Jennifer Eckerson provided an update that PHFA will announce the awards in mid-July. In our grant application, we have requested \$40,150 for client distribution and \$21,600 for case management for Adams/Franklin Counties. We submitted a multi-county application in hopes it might improve our chances of being funded.

Eligible client distributions would be for security deposits for apartments and utilities, back rent, past due utilities, essential home repairs to allow a home to remain habitable, car repairs/purchase if it supports the household's employment. 80% of the funds must be used towards households at 50% of the Area Median Income.

c. SCCAP Apartments

- i. Megan Shreve provided an update that SCCAP is currently in the process of having siding repaired on its apartment building with 4 affordable rentals available.

d. Commissioner Quality Housing Meetings

- i. Megan Shreve updated the coalition on meetings that took place between Commissioner Quality and several CEOs from the @Home In Adams County partners list. The main topic discussed included the possibility of employer-based housing in Adams County.

5. Rebecca Moreland provided an update on funding that is due in August. She asked that anyone who is interested in applying for CDBG funding do so before the end of August and to contact her at moreland@adamscounty.us.

6. Jennifer Herfel went over the @Home In Adams County Work Plan. She explained that it provided insight into the goals and objectives for the program and also served as an accountability tool for @Home staff, @Home Partners and the @Home In Adams County Coalition members.

7. Megan Shreve announced the following Call To Action items:

- a. Attend municipal meetings in your municipality to understand the issues and show support for more than just housing, transportation and economic development
- b. Identify collection ideas for Housing Survey
- c. Identify groups where we can share on the needs for housing, transportation and economic development
- d. Marketing – share posts, visit website, share successes