

March 15, 2022

Meeting Open: 5:39 p.m.

Attendees: Chris Connelly, Jeremy Denlea, Charlie Dennis (remote from office due to travel), Meghan Eckner, Adrienne Evans, Ann Landry (remote from home due to child care), Karyl Martin, Robert Quinn, Sarah Burke Cohen, Sean Locke, Ahni Malachi

Quorum: YES

Approval of Minutes: Motion passes unanimously

Council on Housing Stability (www.nhchs.org):

- Chris Santaniello from DHHS to overview the Council's work and then focus on overlapped areas of interest
- Slideshow that overviews and details the work of the Housing Stability Council presented – included as separate document in minutes
- Q&A
 - Beginning to collect data on housing impediments and what issues may arise and in a year or so they will have the ability to assess the data
 - Working with NH Legal Assistance on impediments to fair housing
 - Data collection is being done at the Continuum of Care level (Balance, Manchester, and Nashua) and then all being uploaded into on space
 - Housing stability – people are not experiencing homelessness, couch surfing, double up, etc. People are living in a stable home and able to pay their housing costs.
 - Will look into the additional data points the Continuums of Care will gather.
 - Helpful to have opportunities to shine a light on the work that overlaps, Ann and Commissioner Quinn could keep the GACDI updated on those efforts.
- Thoughts – training for onboarding in all executive branch agencies regarding diversity and inclusion to make the State more accessible to the public
 - Discussion of BET's DEI training and incorporating into onboarding
 - A recommendation could be made about DEI training within the state or for state agencies to collaborate on being more accessible or avoiding discrimination

Housekeeping:

- Public Meetings for subcommittees – Gov't relations is 4:30 4/19; Outreach will meet at 4:30 4/19

Subcommittees Update:

- Government Relations:

- Tracking legislation and in April will be some time to discuss what has crossed over and share potential ideas for recommendations
- Gov's office hopes to get some information, even if informally, sooner rather than later to take action in the hopes of avoiding a need to veto
- Outreach:
 - Met twice trying to narrow the focus
 - Everyone can go out to do things in your own capacity to gather information to learn things and also educate the public and bring that to the Council.
 - Looking into what are some recommendations that have not been pushed over the finish line and learning how to do so.
 - Get some presentations in to understand where there is overlap within State Government and forge connections with other actors and players in the areas of diversity and inclusion
 - Meghan Eckner brought to light a presentation from the Carsey School related to growing diversity among children in the State and the idea that we could have a rep that represents the needs and interests of that community—children K-12.

New Business:

- Strategic planning discussion developing short, medium, long term goals with the Mission as the 10000ft view of our strategy and goals
- Evictions among communities to help people better understand what their rights are and the roles of the different players
- New diversity committee within the court system to allow for connections where the issues pertain to the Courts.

Public Comment:

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Dep't of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive

Adjourn: 7:15 p.m.