

Minutes of the Housing Subcommittee

November 6, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Asbury Theological Seminary

Members present: Krissy Todd, Chair; Cara Eule; Keylor Chan.

Members absent: Brian Wilson, Steve Kodsi, and Tom Griffin.

Staff present: Yvonne Vassel, staff coordinator; Andy Rosario, Osceola County; and Donna Wyche, Orange County.

Guest: Cathy Jackson, Homeless Services Network.

The minutes of the October 26 meeting were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Keylor Chan asked Cathy Jackson and staff why this region does not receive more money from the state's Sadowski Affordable Housing Act. Jackson and Wyche said that is an issue local governments are working with its state delegation to address as this fund – amounting to more than \$175 million annually – would be a good source of money to provide more affordable housing locally.

Discussion focused on the working draft of the Housing Committee matrix and the goals and strategies to be put forward as recommendations. Currently, the draft focuses on five action steps:

1. Establish a local Homeless Housing Trust to develop new housing for the homeless and assist the precariously housed.
2. Implement rapid rehousing of those who become homeless in Central Florida.
3. Spearhead the development and availability of affordable housing for the homeless and low-income residents of Central Florida.
4. Reduce barriers preventing the homeless from obtaining housing.
5. Use all available resources to provide supportive services partnered with housing programs.

The Committee discussed the language of the desired outcome for each task associated with the action step, and pondered how best to calculate their projected cost. It was suggested that one strategy could be to use methodologies utilized in other 10-year plans.

The next Housing Committee meeting was scheduled for December 4, 2007, 8:30 a.m., at the Asbury Theological Seminary, 8401 Valencia College Lane. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.