

Advisory Council on Aging Housing Committee Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2024

Members Present: Kevin Donovan, Uche Uwahemu, Logan Robertson, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes, Victoria Snyder, Roger Boaz.

Members of the public in attendance: Caroline Miller, Bryan Harris, Nikki Lopez, Jim Donnelly, Gerry La Londe-Berg

Agenda – Motion made by Marilyn Fowler to approved was seconded by Uche Uwahemu, and approved by all members present.

Presentation – Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa (HACCC) - Joseph Villarreal, Executive Director, Contra Costa Housing Authority

- HACCC is an independent agency, not part of the county government. The city of Pittsburg runs its own voucher program.
- HACCC houses approximately 11,500 families and 30,000 individuals.
- HACCC Programs:
 - The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program -This is the Section 8 program, which offers low-income families the ability to rent housing within the private market. Recipients of the vouchers pay about 30 percent of their monthly adjusted income towards their rent. HACCC has, in theory, about 9,200 vouchers, however due to higher cost of rent in the Bay Area, it funds about 8,500 vouchers. Voucher funding was last opened in 2008.
 - Public Housing - HACCC owns and manages about 1,000 units of public housing. Vouchers are not needed.
 - Family Self-Sufficiency Program – Designed to give more incentives to increase household incomes. If a voucher recipient’s portion of rent goes up due to an increase in earned income, the difference is put into a savings account for the family.
 - Project Based Voucher Housing – Subsidies are attached to specified units.
- Over 45,000 households are on HACCC waitlist. 90% of applications are submitted online. Paper applications are available if individuals cannot access online applications.
- Resource: California Housing Partnership, www.chpc.net, has housing needs report.

Update: “No Place to Call Home” Outreach Presentations – Kevin Donovan, Chair

- The Housing Committee has done seven presentations of No Place to Call Home. Also, Marilyn Fowler is scheduled to present to Concord Commission on Aging.

Update: Home Match Contra Costa – Logan Robertson, Director

- The program has rooms available currently, 5 in Central County and 3 in West County (Richmond). There are 4 visits planned this week to see properties. Rents are between \$900 - \$1650.

Plan Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on February 24.