

Draft Minutes of the Maricopa HOME Consortium Public Meeting
February 17, 2022 9:30 am

Consortium Members Present:

Sandy Lopez, City of Avondale
Melanie Dykstra, Town of Gilbert
Karin Bishop, City of Chandler
Matt Hess, City of Glendale
Rachel Milne, Chair, Maricopa County
Jaime Gonzalez, City of Peoria
Mary Witkofski, City of Scottsdale
DeAnn Blandford, City of Surprise
Elizabeth Garcia, City of Tempe

Others Present:

Jennifer Lauria, Town of Gilbert
Trilese DiLeo, City of Glendale
Jamie Macfarlane, Maricopa County
Alexia Grady, Maricopa County
Lori Francisco, Maricopa County
Carissa Cyr, Maricopa County
Regina Marette, Maricopa County
Irma Hollamby, City of Scottsdale
Chad Beougher, City of Scottsdale

1. Call to Order

At 9:35 a.m., Rachel Milne, the Chair, called to order the February 17, 2022 Maricopa HOME Consortium Public Meeting, held virtually as a response to COVID-19.

2. Roll Call

Regina Marette called the roll, and a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Minutes (1/20/22)

Rachel Milne called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 monthly HOME Consortium Public Meeting. Jaime Gonzalez motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Matt Hess and passed unanimously.

4. Planning Update: Annual Action Plan & HOME-ARP Plan

Carissa Cyr addressed the members and reminded them that they needed to submit their Annual Action Plan contributions by Friday, February 25th. She invited any members who had questions to reach out to her directly.

Carissa thanked the members for submitting the HOME-ARP plan contributions by the due date. She stated that the County is on-track to take the plan to the Board of Supervisors on March 9th and submit to HUD in mid-March. Carissa informed the members of how their contributions were combined in the plan. She stated that Consultation and Public Participation contributions were included in the regular sections. The Needs Assessment section was included in the attached Appendix.

She and Regina discussed the change made in the plan regarding preferences. They believed the initial understanding of the HOME-ARP preferences were misunderstood. Regina attended a NACCED Spring Legislative meeting last week where HUD Director of OAHP, Virginia Sardone, was present. Ms. Sardone stated that she believes there is a misunderstanding of preferences selected in HOME-ARP Allocation

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Plans across the country. The PJ may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations (QPs) in order to prioritize applicants for HOME-ARP projects. In HOME-ARP rental housing and non-congregate shelter, PJs may limit eligibility to a specific subpopulation of the QPs or limit admission to persons needing specialized supportive services. In HOME-ARP TBRA, PJs can also establish a preference for persons with special needs or persons with disabilities among HOME-ARP QPs. Regina explained that preferences were intended to refer to the four QPs. With this new interpretation, the County adjusted the draft plan to include all QPs as possible preferences that will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Regina stated that the County is submitting an AAQ to clarify whether seniors qualify as a subpopulation. She also notified the members that HUD intends to conduct a webinar on preferences.

Rachel asked the members for any additional questions. Rachel also notified members that the County HUD Representative, Stephanie Knox, will be joining the Consortium Meetings on a quarterly basis starting with next month's meeting.

5. Approval of CHDO Subcommittee funding recommendations for PY 2022

Regina addressed the members regarding the successful distribution of funds for projects presented. She stated that each project was able to be fully funded, except that ARM of Save the Family's project will be reduced to comply with the maximum HOME subsidy limits. She also noted that Guadalupe CDC and a portion of Newtown's project will be funded using Urban County program income funds in order to fully fund the requests. Rachel then asked the members for a motion to approve the CHDO allocation of \$276,482 for ARM of Save the Family and \$423,518 for Newtown Community Development Corporation. Melanie Dykstra motioned to approve the funds and this motion was seconded by Karin Bishop and passed unanimously.

6. Roundtable Consortium Member Discussion

Consortium members gave updates for their cities/town on their HOME activities and staffing. Regina gave feedback to members and answered questions by the members regarding HUD updates. Various members discussed the difficulty in purchasing affordable housing with their funds at this time. Regina concluded this item by mentioning HOME updates and noted that Newtown CDC's Micro Estates project in Tempe has been completed and they are offering tours Tuesday, February 22 through Friday, February 25 from 10am-11am. Regina will forward the information to the members.

7. Call to Public

The public had no comment.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, the Chair entertained a motion for adjournment by Melanie Dykstra and seconded by Jaime Gonzalez the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will occur March 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexia Grady

Alexia Grady, Recording Secretary