

Housing Coalition Minutes

Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Recap and Update (see PowerPoint)

Agency/Community Updates

- Family Promise – faith-based organization aiming to serve homeless families by providing rotating shelter space at local churches
 - Have located a Day Center facility at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Aberdeen
 - Have advertised for a full-time director position
 - Hope for early 2019 launch of services
- Source of Income Discrimination – new legislation passed in 2018
 - Also created a statewide “Landlord Mitigation Fund” to help provide assurances and incentive for landlords to participate
 - City of Aberdeen is getting ready to launch new landlord requirements/ordinance (Community meeting November 8th)
- New ruling determines standard landlord/tenant law does not apply to RV parks but Manufactured Home law does apply
 - Owner required to have one year lease agreements with tenants
- City of Aberdeen riverfront property update
 - City accepting applications for permission to be on the property – through Public Works
 - For agencies/services working with clients and residents currently staying there
 - Permission sheets are good through May 1st
 - Current “tenants” must be actively seeking alternate shelter and/or services to be granted continued permission to stay
 - Approximately 98 people
 - Those entering property without permission sheet may be arrested for trespassing
- Domestic Violence Center
 - Operate small shelter and 1 transitional housing unit
 - Clients have to be fleeing Domestic Violence/in imminent danger
 - Only 5 rooms and often full
- Recent ruling makes it possible for individuals with criminal/civil convictions to eliminate accruing interest on fines (except restitution), please refer clients to the CLEAR screening line for assistance 1-888-201-1014