

MINUTES
QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN TASK FORCE
CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY (CHFA)
REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2021

Committee Members Present: Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Commissioner, Department of Housing
Lisa Tepper Bates
Timothy Hodges
Catherine MacKinnon

Committee Members Absent: Kiley Gosselin

Staff Present: Jon Cabral, Interim Director, Planning, Research and Evaluation
Theresa Caldarone, General Counsel
Terry Nash Giovannucci, Community Engagement Manager
Nandini Natarajan, CEO-Executive Director
Masouda Omar, Managing Director, Multifamily

By teleconference due to the COVID-19 public health crisis and in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B, the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Nash Giovannucci provided a summary of feedback received from the QAP outreach and public input period and described working groups that had been convened on sustainability and opportunity mapping in order to inform the QAP process. Mr. Cabral presented a new shared opportunity map that was created in partnership between CHFA, DOH, the CT Fair Housing Center and the Open Communities Alliance and there was general discussion.

Ms. Nash stated that the Authority has retained consultant Mark Shelburne of Novogradac, who is a nationally recognized expert on LIHTC and QAPs, to assist with the development of the QAP, specifically to help the Authority consider threshold items, classifications, and points incentives.

Ms. Nash shared a draft calendar and timeline with members, including proposed monthly and ad hoc meetings.

There was general discussion and task force member comments regarding: changing QAP classification categories from public/private to new construction/preservation, a multi-year change implementation plan, notice of changes to the development and housing authority communities, the importance of input from the consultant regarding other state approaches, the State's supportive housing stock, the issue of concentration of affordable housing in urban areas, the issue of development in high opportunity areas, the potential for tailoring QAP requirements more project-

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specifically, future task force scheduling and the potential for listening sessions with the development community.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.