



Broome County Safe Housing Task Force – Core Group
Monday, April 8, 2-3pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sonja Bennett (Deputy Commissioner of TA – Department of Social Services), Nancy Williams (Commissioner – Department of Social Services), Maria Roumiantseva (Legal Services of CNY), Jenny Bennett (Johnson City), Chris Schleider (City of Binghamton Code Department), Pam Guth (Rural Health Network of Central NY), Christina Cramer (BC Executive’s Office), Mark Schuster (Co-Chair – BC Health Department), Rebecca Rathmell (Co-Chair – Southern Tier Homeless Coalition)

1. Protocol & Policy Recommendations

a. Broome County Fair Housing Law

- i. Since expanding Fair Housing Law to include SOI passed at the State level, how can the County support this law locally? Workgroup met to draft BC Fair Housing Law, mimicking Westchester County local law, to confirm State-protected group identities.
- ii. BC Fair Housing Law would also create a Fair Housing Advisory Board to continue Task Force discussions and support implementation of strategic recommendations. Board members would not be responsible for enforcement, but would support referrals to DOHR, Legal Services, etc. and expanding Fair Housing coverage (CNY Fair Housing) to Broome.
 1. Should we define the enforcement arm of this?
 2. A full time “implementor” staff person will be recommended but not included in the Law. Task Force is researching funding for staff person. The rest of the legislation can be passed without the staff person.
- iii. Goal is to put this into the Charter, which requires Legislative passage.
- iv. Pam recommends also identifying housing as a priority for the Community Health Assessment (CHA) being updated by the Health Department.



b. Inclusionary Zoning

- i. Next steps are discussions with BC Planning Department and IDA (The Agency) re: criteria for PILOTs, etc. This is relevant given demonstrated market needs, but we are still developing the road map to implementation.

c. Strategic Development

i. Saturday, June 22 – BC Real Property Auction

1. Proposing preliminary list of properties is sent to all parties to review.
2. What is the timeline we are proposing? Obstacles are court timelines to get onto the list in Real Property.
 - a. Code enforcement prefers at least 2 weeks to inspect and put together a code report for parties to review.
 - b. Chris recommends also giving reports to potential buyers. There are concerns about this impacting income to the County.
3. Goal is internal conversation prior to the auction for whomever is determined to be “at the table” to pull properties based on rehab eligibility, transfer potential, collaborative projects, etc.
4. Continued discussion about requirements for buyers re: code violations on current properties, etc.

ii. May 2019 – NYS HHAP RFP (anticipated)

iii. June 2019 – NYS ESSHI RFP (anticipated)

d. Landlord Engagement

- i. NYS LAP
- ii. NYS STEHP
- iii. City of Binghamton ESG

e. Data Sharing

- i. C.O.D.E. Compatibility



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1. Municipal feedback – exploring compatibility of current software to *Code Officials Data Exchange (C.O.D.E.)* rather than piloting Muncity 5 software
 - ii. Spiegel Correspondence
 - f. Targeted Support
 - i. Streamline Referrals
 1. BC Health Department’s HUD Lead program has partnered with WAP & NYSERDA to streamline access to and applications for rehab/remediation/energy assistance resources.
 2. HEAP outreach for Solar 4 All program
 - ii. Increase Resources