
SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD BRIEFING
MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION Seattle Housing Authority, Jesse Epstein Rm, First Floor, 190 Queen Anne Ave N

DATE Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:30 am – 9:00 am

BOARD ATTENDEES Aser Ashkir Zachary Pullin
Nora Gibson, Chair Jermaine Smiley
Kollin Min (Absent) Deborah Canavan Thiele (Absent)
Doug Morrison, Vice Chair

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AGENDA:

1. MTW Update Andrew Lofton
2. Voucher Utilization Update Cynthia West
3. Workforce Pilot Update Andria Lazaga

Board Chair Nora Gibson opened the meeting at 7:38am

MEETING NOTES

Review 5/18/15 Regular Board Meeting Agenda and Updates (The Board decided to cancel the May 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.)

MTW Update

Executive Director Lofton gave an extensive update to the Board regarding the MTW program contract discussions with HUD, providing a brief background on MTW discussions to date, and the current status of some of the issues regarding the contract extension process and the proposals by HUD which would change the nature of the program. He provided an broader overview of the program, as well as detailed points in regard to core issues to the MTW program changes that have the most impact on SHA future operations and effects on local efforts.

Voucher Utilization Update

HCV Director Cynthia West provided the monthly update for Housing Choice Voucher Utilization, focusing on HCV Program goals for 2015, the challenges to serve more families while achieving a 96% year end (and 94.1 average utilization) and what processes HCV will implement to achieve said goals. SHA Increased the number of households served in April, but the overall utilization percentage didn't increase due to new vouchers the agency received.

SHA is in discussions with Seattle City Light regarding a pilot for a Utility Discount Program, so there will be more information to follow.

The Board will be presented with a briefing regarding an increase in the 2015 Voucher Payment Standard at the Board Briefing on June 9th, with possible action at the June 15th Board Meeting.

Workforce Pilot Update

Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed to be presented at the June 9, 2015 Regular Board Briefing.

Item of Note

Commissioner Jermaine Smiley joined the Audit Committee.

Board Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 9:08am.

Secretary-Treasurer