

Aging Well in Jefferson County

Housing Work Group

Minutes

September 21, 2010

Attendance:

Donna Mullins	Renene Kulbacki	Henry Wehrdt
Stephen Wester	Emily Sander	Dennis Dempsey
Ruth Aplington	Henry Mondragon	

The Housing Work Group began at 3 pm on September 21, 2010 at the Jefferson County Department of Human Services. Chair Donna Mullin began the meeting. Donna asked for introductions to each other, including new work group members Renene Kulbacki and Ruth Aplington. There were two potential future members of the work group who were not in attendance but may become part of the housing work group moving forward.

The meeting content was focused on the following areas:

- the history of the Aging Well Project and specifically the process and work completed by the housing work group
- potential change in the Chair position of the housing work group
- review of the individual housing work group goals and general discussion within each area
- assignment of existing and new group members to individual goals
- possible implementation of the goals moving forward

Chair Donna Mullins provided an overview about the history of the Aging Well Project in Jefferson County and more specifically the housing work group. She updated the group on the transition of Sue Bozinovski from her overall Project Leadership role to a consultant role to the Aging Well Project. Donna noted that Susan Franklin would be serving as the Aging Well Program Manager. She noted that the goals produced by the housing work group were done by smaller work group efforts and or subcommittees within the overall group itself.

Donna then presented that her role as on-going chairwoman of the housing work group may change as she was considering relinquishing the role leadership but continuing participation in the group. In the two years of the project only one other work group has retained its chair. Donna then had the group review the handouts for the "Strategic Plan for 2011 through 2015" and the "Strategic Plan for 2016 through 2030", with emphasis and discussion focused to the 2011 through 2015 goals.

Donna then directed the review and presentation of each goal, to review the work done and for the benefit of new members Ruth and Renene. Dennis began by noting that while these are good overall strategic plans with goals and objectives in place, a significant challenge remains – the actual implementation of each goal. Donna noted that as a housing work group, the group's work is not funded, impacting the implementation concerns presented by Dennis. Goal # 1 (The implementation of affordable senior housing models in the county), Goal # 2 (Monetary issues / possibilities for affordable senior housing), Goal # 3 (Support / promotion of senior-friendly residential housing development) were discussed. Goal # 4 (More GLBT – friendly housing options) was not discussed.

Donna identified and requested individual members of the work group be assigned to continuing with a specific goal. It was acknowledged by various work group members that the past two years work was the completion of a strategic plan for affordable housing for low income seniors in Jefferson County; the focus was on strategy formulation, and not implementation. The next meeting will be focused on what the end product for each goal would look like, that is, the identification of ways to move the goals (in part or in whole) from strategic goals to implementation