



Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 10 am CST
Membership Meeting
Robertson Banking Company, Demopolis, AL

Marcie Porter, Chair

LIHCA Board Members in Attendance: Acquanetta Knight, Marcie Porter, Mary Jones, Jennifer Clarke, Rusty Bennett

LIHCA Board members Absent: Bill Tilly (Proxy: Marcie Porter), Pam Dorr, Paul Carruthers, Rayanthnee Patterson (Proxy: Greg Carlson), Karen McCauley, Jim Fenstermaker (Proxy: Marcie Porter), Gary Edwards (Proxy: Rusty Bennett), Randy Russell (Proxy: Jennifer Clarke), Ron Gilbert (Proxy: Jennifer Clarke), Greg Carlson

LIHCA Members and Guests in Attendance: Kristina Scott (Alabama Poverty Project), Danny Seymour (South Alabama CARES), Mary Kelly (First United Security Bank), Wilbert Williams (West Alabama Mental Health Center), Jody Gothard (Chilton Shelby Mental Health Center), Kelleigh Gamble (Birmingham Homeownership Center), Leslie Weaver (Penelope House), Jenny Pappas (Penelope House), Arthenia Lewis (Hannah Homes, Tuscaloosa), Freddie Mae Milbry (MACH), Victoria Patterson (ACADV), Neshia Spencer (Alabama Poverty Project), Dawn Hewitt (DHR), Patricia Moore (West Alabama Mental Health Center), Deidra Lemons (AARP), Kristin Law (HERO/ATRC), Dana Dunn (Third Cross Ministries), Susan Hill (City of Montgomery), Lynda Wool (City of Montgomery – Planning Department), Audrey Haskins (Rep. Artur Davis' Office), Lashonda Hayes (West Alabama AIDS Outreach), Robert Forehand (Montgomery AIDS Outreach, Dothan), Vallee Hicks (Third Cross Ministries), Tommie Samuel, Marion Johnson, Jr. (DMH)

CSI Staff present: Becky Blalock, Ashley Kerr

Marcie called the meeting to order at 10:15 am and welcome everyone to the meeting. After those present introduced themselves, everyone was invited to offer comments/edits to the minutes from the October 15 Membership meeting.

Motion to Approve Minutes from October 15, 2009 Membership Meeting:

1st: Mary Jones

2nd: Danny Seymour

Yes: All

No/Abstention: 0

Marcie shared with the group that the next membership meeting would take place on May 20, location TBD. The educational component will be a discussion with affordable housing developers and property managers to discuss how to get special needs/low income clients into existing affordable housing units.

Town Hall Presentation

The following questions/comments were offered during the Town Hall of the meeting.

1. LIHCA should partner with other statewide coalitions (i.e. AARP is working on transit issues and livable communities.)
 2. Organizations need to help individuals move past the idea that they are simply “helping the poor” and realize that there is an economic impact to this work. Housing is as much of a stimulus to the economy as transit.
 3. What are LIHCA’s immediate goals beyond education and more membership?
 - a. Statewide needs assessment
 4. Will individuals with a felony background be able to benefit from the Housing Trust Fund Dollars? A member asked if LIHCA could put a link to the Alabama Legislature website to make it easier for folks to email their legislators.
 - a. It was also suggested that LIHCA put a template of a letter to legislators on the website to help people support the Housing Trust Fund.
 5. How will the census be helpful to member organizations if the information is not available ‘til 2011 or 2012?
 6. How can organizations help individuals and families get out from under mobile home purchases?
 - a. Deidra Lemons (AARP) reported there is very little statewide policy regarding mobile homes.
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Other Business

There was no other business from the Board of Directors or the LIHCA membership.

Motion to Adjourn

1st: Deidra Lemons

2nd: Vallee Hicks

Yes: All

No/Abstention: 0