



POLICY COMMITTEE BIMONTHLY MEETING

Location: Community Housing Network

570 Kirts Blvd., Suite 231

Troy, MI 48084

Monday, December 16; 10:30-11:30 AM

Conference Call: (605) 477.2100 access code: 1016102#

AGENDA

Please refer to information packet for details on these issues.

1. Introductions

- a. Staff: Jessica AcMoody, Brian McGrain, Jamie Schriener-Hooper
- b. Committee Members: Marylynn Hewitt, Marjorie Green, John Peterson, Jean Doss, Tom Goddeeris, Tracie Coffman

2. Policy Updates

- a. For Approval
 - i. 2014 Policy Priorities
 1. The 2014 Policy Priorities were approved
 - ii. 2014 Policy Committee Meeting Schedule
 1. The 2014 Meeting Schedule is attached
- b. Federal Issues
 - i. Federal Budget Update
 1. At the time of the meeting, the proposed federal budget had been approved by the House (the Senate approved it on 12/18).
 2. Jessica went over the budget, primarily talking about how the deal would raise discretionary spending for the next two years and offset that by extending sequestration for two additional years and long-term cuts to some mandatory spending programs.
 - ii. Farm Bill Update
 1. Jessica gave an update on the Farm Bill. It appears that they are expecting to pass a bill in January, 2014.
- c. State Issues
 - i. Scrap Metal Legislation (HB [4593](#) & [4595](#), SB [679](#))
 1. Jessica went over the scrap metal theft bills. The House bills have passed the House and Senate with some changes, and the Senate bill has passed the Senate.
 2. Jamie said CEDAM has also contacted the AG's office and is waiting to hear back about a task force.
 - ii. Blight Bills (SB [35-39](#))
 1. The blight bills were sent to the Governor's desk on December 12 (Governor Snyder signed them into law December 19).
 - iii. Carrier of Last Resort Legislation (SB [636](#))
 1. Jessica gave an update on the legislation, which passed Senate committee with an amendment that a customer may petition the MPSC if they feel the carrier is pulling out without offering "comparable service".

2. The bills have been shelved until next year.
 - iv. DDA Act Revision (SB [21](#) & [22](#))
 1. Jessica gave an update – the bills have passed the Senate and been referred to the House Commerce Committee.
 - v. MSF Bills (SB [269 – 272](#), [278](#), HB [4071](#), HB [4480-82](#))
 1. Jessica gave an update – the bills have passed out of House Commerce Committee on December 4 with some changes.
 - vi. Updated Property Tax Law for Veterans & Updated Foreclosure Timeline (see attached)
 1. Tracie went over the changes in the new law.
 2. Tracie also explained the new foreclosure laws going into effect in January, 2014.
- d. Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund – 2014 Campaign
- i. Story collection
 1. Jessica said that CEDAM is looking for stories to make videos for the MHCDF campaign. Stories will include those who found affordable accessible housing, those still on waiting lists and contractors that have worked on projects (to highlight job creation).
- e. QAP
- i. Committee members had a discussion about the QAP. John Peterson pointed out that in 2013 the number of affordable housing units created went down significantly, and that groups working to end homelessness should be brought into the discussions.
- f. Any Other Issues
- i. Jessica went over SB 275 (drug testing for FIA recipients), which passed the Senate December 12.
 - ii. Jessica said that no Medicaid expansion supplemental was passed, so as of now there is no funding for the Medicaid expansion.