

# **Housing Resources Agency**

## **Coordinating Committee Meeting**

**February 10, 2006**

**The Annual Meeting of the Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by Susan Baxter, Chair of the Housing Resources Commission.**

**Present were:**

**Susan Baxter, Chair of the Housing Resources Commission**

**Richard Godfrey, Executive Director, Rhode Island Housing**

**Kevin Flynn, Assoc. Director, Dept. of Administration, designee of Director Beverly Najarian**

**Susan Bodington, Deputy Director, Rhode Island Housing**

**Noreen Shawcross, Executive Director of the Housing Resources Commission**

**The Committee reviewed and updated the April 2005 Memorandum of Agreement between the Housing Resources Commission and Rhode Island Housing. The following changes were made:**

### **Section 5) Operational Relationship**

**a) Rhode Island Housing's role was deleted and the MOA now states the HRC "shall hire the Executive Director who shall be chief of the**

## **Office of Housing and Community Development”**

**b) FTEs were clarified by stating “FTEs shall be assigned to the following offices.”**

**Richard Godfrey moved approval of the MOA as amended. Kevin Flynn seconded. Motion approved. The MOA will be submitted for approval of the full commission at the next quarterly meeting.**

**The Committee discussed the 2007 state budget. The HRC remains a quasi-public agency with its own budget.**

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**Susan Bodington described the process of the State Strategic Housing Plan as mandated in the 2004 Comprehensive Housing Production and Rehabilitation Act. The intent of this assignment of responsibility was more involvement by the HRC. The plan is now in the process of going to the Technical Committee of the State Planning Council then to the Council for public hearing and final approval.**

**Richard Godfrey updated the Committee with regard to the Rental Assistance Program. RI Housing will work to refinance existing units.**

**Changes are being considered to ensure that the program is sustainable. RI Housing will do intensive case management to assist**

**current tenants to afford rents or to move to appropriate housing with supportive services. A comprehensive plan will be drafted. It will also deal with capital improvements.**

**There are questions regarding HRC Commissioners' terms. The Act limits commissioners to two consecutive terms. There are some current members who should remain despite these term limits. Kevin will seek the advice of Ken Payne in the Legislative Policy Office to determine how we might proceed with a possible technical amendment.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Noreen Shawcross**