

*HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BERGEN COUNTY
25 ROCKWOOD PLACE, SUITE 205
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY*

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2011

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM BUT ARE INSTEAD A CONDENSED VERSION OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF May 27, 2011.

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE:

Commissioner James Rotundo, Chairman
Commissioner Kay Nest, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Joseph Rutch
Commissioner Lauren Marie Zyriek
Terrence Corriston, Esq., Counsel
Lynn Bartlett, Director of Housing & Development

PRESENT:

Domingo Senande, Deputy Executive Director
Esther Gatria, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:

Commissioner Junior Hernandez, Treasurer
Commissioner Danielle Peterson
Commissioner Andrew Rudman

NOTICE OF MEETING

Mr. Senande read the following statement:

Consistent with the Byron M. Baer "Open Public Meetings Act: P.L.1975c231, all meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public at all times". Notice of the regular meeting was provided to The Record and the Jersey Journal on May 25, 2011, and was provided to the County Clerk for posting at the County Administration Building, at which time the date, time and place were set forth. The minutes of the regular meeting will be available following the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairman Rotundo called the meeting to order at 10:39a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Domingo Senande asked Lynn Bartlett to inform the Board of the resolution up for vote. Ms. Bartlett explained that the HABC has received awards of Shelter + Care grants from HUD. As a PHA the HABC is required to participate on these types of grants since we are responsible for the housing voucher and manage the rental assistance. Shelter + Care required a dollar for dollar match on the service side. Currently, it has been very difficult for the Housing Authority to issue any Shelter + Care grants because there is no service match. In response to this service issue, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) makes available a grant specifically for the service component. The Bergen Housing Alliance is a consortium of providers that participate in the continuum of care process, of which the lead agency is Advance Housing. Under the consortium they are applying for SAMHSA funding, which would provide the service match for Shelter + Care. The resolution would allow the HABC to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the consortium as a participant, agreeing to do the rental housing and allowing the application of the SAMHSA grant.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Corrison stated that he reviewed the contract and he was satisfied. He added that it was a major commitment, but that the HABC was aware of the requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Commissioner Nest and seconded by Commissioner Rutch.

VOTE: AYES: All Present Commissioners (6)
 ABSENT: Commissioner Hernandez, Peterson and Rudman (3)

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Rudman and seconded by Commissioner Rutch.

VOTE: AYES: All Present Commissioners (6)
 ABSENT: Commissioner Peterson (1)

RESOLUTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2011-43

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bergen Housing Alliance to provide housing and services to homeless households in Bergen County for the period beginning June

1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2014.

Commissioner Nest moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rutch seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: All Present Commissioners (6)
 ABSENT: Commissioner Hernandez (1)

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Esther Gatria