

Minutes

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of Directors

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

October 30, 2018

The **Long-Range Planning Committee** met on October 30, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the DDRB office. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Heath Roberts. Present from the Long-Range Planning Committee were Heath Roberts, Alan Naylor and Pat Schoenrade. Robert Sevier advised that he would be out of town and unable to attend. Present from the board were Steve Elliott, Rick White and James Gottstein. Present also was DDRB Administrative Director, Sonja Bennett.

Guests present included:

Randy Hylton and Kimbel Mothershead of Vocational Services.

The meeting was called to order by Heath Roberts. He stated that the primary topic of discussion for the Committee at this time was "housing" and more specifically the homes owned by DDRB and leased to Life Unlimited.

For the file, DDRB owned six (6) homes (Flora, Sherwood, Ridgeway, Hampton, Northland and Liberty) which are leased to and managed by Concerned Care, now Life Unlimited. The DDRB board also provided a grant in the amount of up to \$910,000 for new homes to replace Flora, Sherwood and Northland as these homes are aged and do not provide the level of accessibility that many of the consumers require. Flora House was replaced in 2018 and since sold. Sherwood House has been vacated and is now for sale. DDRB has fully funded one (1) home to replace Flora. The Sherwood residents all moved to different locations either within the Life Unlimited homes or another provider. DDRB has provided the first draw on funding of a second home which is to be completed early in 2019. At the time that DDRB provided the grant for new homes the board began discussing transfer of the remaining homes, Ridgeway, Hampton and Liberty. It is also noted for the file; the Northland residents may not be slated to move to the house that is under construction.

Alan Naylor, Chairman of the Board Owned Property Committee, expressed his concern the homes are not being maintained as well as they should. Steve Elliott said that this was an issue in the past and that is why DDRB implemented the inspection process and some of the maintenance with hiring Jason Kuhlman. Alan expressed his further concern that the new homes would not be maintained properly as well and suggested we should have an agreement and procedure in place to inspect all homes. Steve suggested that any agency receiving funding for "residential support" should be included in this process. At this time, Life Unlimited and TNC Community receive residential support funding.

The Committee members agreed to review and recommend a process for the inspections. The recommended process should include the type of items that would be included in an inspection, who would conduct the inspections and provide follow up reports to the board as well as the cost. Alan Naylor will work on this and report back to the Board. In addition, an agreement with the agencies

would need to be drafted and Gary Steinman agreed to work on this after the board approves the scope and cost of the work.

On the matter of transferring the remaining homes to Life Unlimited, the Committee agreed NOT to recommend at this time but to re-evaluate in one (1) year.

Rick White offered his perspective from a parent of child with a developmental disability on the current and long-term housing situation in Clay County. He said the newer homes offer a safer environment for the residents. For example, line of site is so much better in the newer homes, the bathroom accommodations are much better and the overall functionality is better for people with disabilities. He would like to see the board continue to focus on replacing the older homes for these reasons. James Gottstein, as a parent of a child with disabilities, he concurred with Rick and that safety and well being of the residents was the priority.

With no further items of discussion, Heath Roberts adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Sonja Bennett
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