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***The Housing Authority of Thurston County
Public Hearing Minutes
March 23, 2023***

The Public Hearing for the Annual Plan of the Housing Authority of Thurston County held on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 12:00 pm. This meeting was held in-person in the conference room at the HATC office building and on Microsoft Teams. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Jay Goldstein.

Public Hearing opened by chair, Jay Goldstein

Agenda Item: Annual Plan presented by Karen McVea. She gave a brief explanation on what the annual plan is. The annual plan has been presented to the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on February 2, 2023. No comments were received on the plan. The plan was posted on our website and was open for public review. The comment period will be open until April 6, 2023. Commissioner Jay inquired about what changes were on the annual plan. Karen McVea responded and discussion followed.

Changes include:

Creating a wait list priority status for households with disabilities that will reside in a group home where services are provided. Eligible households will be referred by Homes First. This is changing due to the expiration of a Project Based Contract with Homes First.

New construction projects to offer more housing and partnering with other agencies on those projects.

Karen McVea spoke about the Affirmative Fair Housing Assessment. HUD is creating a new process for completing the Fair Housing Assessment. As a result, the current assessment in progress is not required to be submitted to HUD. The current assessment is available on our website for review.

To provide comment on the Annual Plan or the Affirmative Fair Housing Assessment, comments can be emailed to KarenM@hatc.org, dropped off to the Housing Authority office located at 1206 12th Avenue SE, Olympia WA 98501, or mailed to PO Box 1638, Olympia WA 98507.

Open Microphone: A member of the public inquired as to what defines a disability and the income limits for the program.

Public Hearing closed by chair, Jay Goldstein

Approved:



Housing Authority of Thurston County Commissioner



Date