April 1, 2020 RAB Minutes

RAB Members: Royce McLemore, Margaret Nolan, Kathy Dounis, Michael Harris

Absent RAB Members: Danielle Hoff, Anne Taylor, Molly Scott, Carlos Martinez, Kevin Gladstone, Tanya Rouin, Regina Talton, Mia Cooper, Tamra Phillips

Marin Housing: Kimberly Carroll, Alicia Jones, Bernadette Stuart

Secretary: Patricia Nordin

This meeting was conducted by teleconferencing. Meeting called to order 3:35.

Margaret was concerned about recertification being done by Rant Cafe Portal. It can still be done by mail.

There was discussion about who could be added to a voucher. MHA is removing restrictions from the previous language as to who could be considered a guest.

Margaret wants to include language concerning the COVID-19 virus and shelter-in-place. Alicia said MHA could not address this now and to put it into the public comment.

Royce reiterated her concern about what constitutes a family. She wants it to be in line with the HUD language about what is considered a family.

There is no longer a $200 threshold about family earned income.

There was concern about the change of a family absence from 180 days to 60 days. Michael wants to keep the 180 days. He says that some jobs have a 90 day probation and no one can predict if the job will still be available. Royce and Margaret also want to keep it as is.

Kimberly wants to hold off on discussion until after the COVID-10 pandemic passes. She wants to wait until the RAB can meet in person. Royce said that the RAB can still read the documents if they are provided them in a timely manner.

There were no changes in Chapter 18. Margaret said that MHA could tell the RAB that so they didn't have to read it. Chapter 18 will be removed from the Admin Plan.

There are 300 Project Based Housing vouchers throughout the Marin County. There are different categories to be addressed.

No one wants to have Nan McKay as the third party vendor in the Admin Plan since they are not doing a good job. They want to retain Sonoma County Redevelopment. Kimberly said that HUD has already approved Nan McKay and MHA would need their approval to change.

Kimberly said again that all changes should wait until the RAB could meet in person. Margaret asked how long the COVID-19 pandemic would last and that the Agency Plan is due to be discussed in August. Kimberly said she would ask Evan to ask HUD if they could push the deadline back.
Michael wants to have a more sophisticated video conferencing where we can see each other instead of how we did a phone conference today. Kimberly said that not everyone has a computer or are comfortable with learning a new computer program.

Royce said that the RAB needs to get the Agency Plan in May in order to discuss it by August.

Kimberly said MHA would have to look at the new time line for when the RAB can meet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.