March 11, 2020 RAB Minutes

RAB Members: Mia Cooper, Anne Taylor, Kathy Dounis, Royce McLemore, Danielle Hoff, Margaret Nolan (by phone)

Absent RAB Members: Molly Scott, Carlos Martinez, Kevin Gladstone, Michael Harris, Tanya Rouin, Regina Talton, Tamra Phillips

Marin Housing: Alicia Jones, Evan Smith, Jaqueline Mendez, Kimberly Carroll

Secretary: Patricia Nordin

Meeting called to order 3:30. Roll call.

This is a special meeting to review the Admin Plan before the comment period ends on April 15th. Royce asked that the RAB be given more time to review these documents in the future. Kimberly said that the ACOP and the Admin Plan were put together for the comment period.

Anne was concerned about the voucher size for families. Kimberly said that this was according to the Fair Housing law that the living room could be used as a bedroom. Marin Housing would not assign a four-person family to a one bedroom apartment but that the family could add members up to four. Margaret said that there was no privacy for people in the living room. Teenagers of the opposite sex need their own bedroom. If the family size increases there was not an automatic increase in the voucher size.

Royce said that the homeless preference should be more than four points for both chronic homeless and the newly homeless. She suggested that it be thirty points. Kimberly said that domestic violence and homelessness were a priority.

Mia asked about points given for Marin County residency, possibly ten points.

Margaret asked about the Rent Café. Not everyone is computer literate. Kimberly said that staff would help potential residents apply and that they could apply by phone and it would then be entered into the computer.

Alicia said that the period for using a voucher could be extended up to 180 days for reasonable accommodation. After that the voucher would expire.

HAP says that the EID (Earned Income Disallowance) would be 100% the first year and 50% the second year. Kimberly said that this was going away and would only apply to those grandfathered in.

Royce asked if it was required that there be a police report for domestic violence. Alicia said that Marin Housing would take their statement.

Voucher users can’t move to an area where the rent is more.

The RAB will pick up the review of the Admin Plan at 11.I.C at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:30.