

WCICCC April 8, 2021 Quarterly Call

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1. Meeting focus: Public Housing Authorities & CoC Partnerships

- a. Jerry Gille, Executive Director, Quincy Housing Authority
 - i. QHA's units have reduced from 410 to 350 housing units; HUD prefers housing vouchers over ownership of physical structures.
 - ii. Wait lists are currently much shorter than normal with only 3-5 families on the family-sized unit lists
 - iii. Illinois Housing Authority Act (SB1980) will result in eligibility changes: Public Housing Authorities will only be permitted to look back in criminal histories up to 6 months.

- b. Annette Carper, Executive Director, McDonough County Housing Authority
 - i. McDonough County Housing Authority is having difficulty filling vacancies.
 - ii. 303 units total

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1. Macomb: Eisenhower Tower, 10 story hi-rise, mixed population w/ 107 units studio & 1BR
 2. Macomb: Prairieview Townhomes, 98 unit family complex, 1-5BR size apartments
 3. Bushnell: Greenbriar Apartments, 50 unit family complex, 2-4BR size apartments
 4. Bushnell: Fitch Manor, 48 unit complex, 55+ or persons with disabilities
 - iii. McDonough County Housing Authority has 125 Vouchers and their waiting list is open during April and are accepting applications for the program. It is very common for the voucher waiting list to be closed most of the time, and open for a short period of time.
 - iv. Preference points are provided for veterans, seniors, disabilities, residents, and employed in McDonough County.
 - v. Persons who are victims of domestic violence are protected under VAWA.
- c. Tia Alexander, Program Manager, Strategies to End Homelessness
- i. Strategies to End Homelessness (Cincinnati CoC) and Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) have partnered to improve homeless services system flow
 - ii. Clients who no longer need the case management supports of permanent supportive housing but continue to require a housing subsidy can complete a CMHA application *with the CoC*. The CoC collects all required documents, conducts the background check, and assembles a complete application packet, which is forwarded to CMHA.
 - iii. This process was mutually beneficial to CMHA and the CoC: CMHA's administrative burden is alleviated by receiving complete applications of eligible applicants (only about 1 in 40 apps are rejected); folks move out of PSH to stable housing, thus freeing up system flow for new PSH participants.
 - iv. The partnership began with the CoC being allocated 25 housing choice vouchers, and now the CoC has 1,000 housing choice vouchers.
- 2. Next Meeting**
- a. Thursday, July 8, 10:30-11:30 am
 - i. Ending Veteran Homelessness