

April 28, 2008

A Special meeting of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 28, 2008 12:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Housing Authority, Multipurpose Room, 12 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A quorum being present, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, those present were as follows:

Present: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding

Absent: Commissioner/Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell
Commissioner Debra L. Brady

Also Present: Carl R. Greene, Executive Director
Shelley James

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, called the meeting to order, explaining the two Resolutions being presented were mentioned in the April 17, 2008 meeting. The Chairman indicated that there had been a request from the City Administration, the Mayor, to have additional Section 8 vouchers and support for the City's programs as a result of the increase in the number of homeless people. With that the chairman asked Mr. Greene to give some background information for the record, so it will be known the exact reason why PHA is holding this meeting. Mr. Greene, PHA's Executive Director, advised the Commissioners that PHA was presenting these two (2) Resolutions to be considered as PHA reached a consensus with the residents at the Pre-Board Meeting held last week. As a result of a meeting with Mayor Nutter and Dr. Swartz who is his Deputy Mayor of all Social Programs as well as tour of Martin Luther King and Greater Grays Ferry Estates and some other sites, whereas Mayor Nutter mentioned a crisis and wanted PHA to work with them as a solution. With that, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman, presided over the remaining agenda.

I hereby certify that this was
APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 5/27/08
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ATTORNEY FOR PHA

Commissioner Reynolds moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Eiding;

RESOLUTION NO. 11228

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) BETWEEN THE PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY (“PHA”) AND BLUEPRINT MEMBERS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009 AND TO ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL 300 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO ELIGIBLE BLUEPRINT REFERRALS, BRINGING THE TOTAL PROGRAM TARGET TO 700 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. PHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE MOU AT ITS DISCRETION BASED UPON EXISTING FUNDING AND OPERATING CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Housing Authority (“PHA”) has instituted a Good Neighbors Make Good Neighborhoods program (the “Program”) whereby PHA cooperates with various social services agencies to provide Housing Choice Vouchers and other housing opportunities to families so that they can move from transitional and temporary housing facilities into permanent facilities; and

WHEREAS, by moving families currently in transitional housing facilities into more permanent housing facilities, the City of Philadelphia will be able to move shelter families into spaces in the transitional housing facilities vacated by those moved to permanent housing facilities under this Program: and

WHEREAS, PHA has determined that it is in its best interest to continue to process the existing Blueprint referral applications and honor the MOU roles and responsibilities of the following social service agencies, individually or collectively: Overington House, Social Service Ministries of the Salvation Army, Horizon House, Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network, Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, People’s Emergency Center, Project Rainbow, Episcopal Community Services, Lutheran Settlement Housing, Women’s Association for Women’s Alternatives, and such other agencies as added from time to time upon agreement of PHA (collectively, the “Blueprint Members”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Memorandum (as hereafter defined), PHA or other housing providers assisted by PHA will make units or vouchers available to qualified families referred to PHA by Blueprint Members and in turn, Blueprint Members will provide intensive and coordinated supportive services to assist these families during the transitional period and becoming good neighbors in the permanent housing;

WHEREAS, The Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition Blueprint to End Homeless (“GPUAC”) shall act as the Blueprint Manager and as such will be the primary liaison between the Blueprint Members and the PHA, and will be responsible for certain actions, including but not limited to (1) receiving and maintaining the records and reports required by the Memorandum: and (2) maintaining a record of allocated housing opportunities;

WHEREAS, to date PHA has provided approximately 375 housing opportunities under the Blueprint program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Director to extend the term of the MOU through March 31, 2009 to try to provide targeted housing opportunities to eligible Blueprint referrals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PHA will allocate an additional 300 housing opportunities to eligible Blueprint referrals, providing an aggregate of 700 housing opportunities subject to funding availability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PHA will accept only those applicants who meet eligibility criteria even if the aggregate total falls short of 700 housing opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PHA reserves the right to terminate the MOU, at its discretion, based upon funding and operating conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Blueprint members will continue to provide services and case management to existing families as well as to the new families who are provided assistance under the Blueprint program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to amend such other agreements which he, or his designee, deems reasonably necessary to fully perform PHA's obligations under the Memorandum, including, but not limited to, the ACOP, the Administrative Plan, the existing Unit-Based Voucher RFP, and the existing HAP contracts, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to enable PHA to so perform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to do all further things which shall be necessary or appropriate, to carryout the actions set forth in this Resolution, to implement the Memorandum and the Amendment and to carryout PHA's obligations thereunder, including, but not limited to making any filings with any governmental agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by the Executive Director, or his designees, in the name and on behalf of PHA, related to or in connection with the actions contemplated by these Resolutions, including without limitation to, the execution and delivery of any instruments or other documents and the incurring of any expenses, as the Executive Director, or his designee, shall have deemed necessary or appropriate, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
 Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding

Nays: None

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Eiding moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Reynolds;

RESOLUTION NO. 11229

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ALLOCATE UP TO 200 TENANT-BASED HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER TO ELIGIBLE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RECEIVING CASE MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO PHA BY THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY. PHA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE THIS PROGRAM AT ITS DISCRETION BASED UPON EXISTING FUNDING AND OPERATING CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Housing Authority ("PHA") is committed to supporting the City's efforts to eliminate homelessness through the provision of housing opportunities combined with supportive services for formerly homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, by providing tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers to homeless individuals who are receiving case management and supportive services from City-funded agencies, PHA will be able to support the City's efforts; and,

WHEREAS, PHA has determined that it is in its best interest to provide up to two hundred (200) tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers to eligible homeless individuals provided that City-funded agencies provide appropriate case management and supportive services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this initiative, PHA will make vouchers available to qualified individuals referred to PHA by the City and/or City-identified agencies; agencies will provide intensive and coordinated supportive services to assist these individuals during their PHA tenancy to meet all of their housing obligations and become good neighbors in the permanent housing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Director to allocate up to 200 tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers to eligible homeless individuals; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PHA will accept only those applicants who meet eligibility criteria even if the aggregate total falls short of 200 vouchers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PHA reserves the right to terminate this initiative, at its discretion, based upon funding and operating conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City-funded agencies will continue to provide services and case management for individuals who receive vouchers under this initiative and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to amend such other agreements which he, or his designee, deems reasonably necessary to fully perform PHA's obligations under this initiative, including, but not limited to, the ACOP, the Administrative Plan, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to enable PHA to so perform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to do all further things which shall be necessary or appropriate, to carryout the actions set forth in this Resolution and to carryout PHA's obligations thereunder, including, but not limited to making any filings with any governmental agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by the Executive Director, or his designees, in the name and on behalf of PHA, related to or in connection with the actions contemplated

by these Resolutions, including without limitation to, the execution and delivery of any instruments or other documents and the incurring of any expenses, as the Executive Director, or his designee, shall have deemed necessary or appropriate, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects.

A vote being taken thereon, the "Ayes" and the "Nays" were as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman
 Commissioner Nellie W. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Patrick J. Eiding

Nays: None

Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution unanimously adopted.

The resolutions were adopted. With that, Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman opened the meeting for public comments. No Public comments were received therefore Commissioner John F. Street, Chairman adjourned the meeting. (Copies of the actual transcript will be provided upon request).