**BAC Housing Working Group**

**Update Molly Dugan 2 27 23**

As a refresher, we came up as workgroup with a number of priorities for housing related issues and older adults and had agreed to focus on these as a sort of "package":

1. Increase Service enriched housing- expand SASH and SASH type programs to serve more older Burlington residents.

2. Provide a HomeShare incentive pilot program to expand homes available

3. Expand Home Modifications program with a specific focus on older adult homeowners (develop a survey to determine home modification needs).

As you know we have made real progress on #2- yay!- so now I think we should regroup and determine how to make progress on # 1 and #3. Or to add something new in the housing realm. I think both #1 and #3 are still needed although I would want to frame the SASH expansion around the successful mental health pilot or more SASH in new congregate buildings or those where the current program is at capacity. I also think #3 continues to be very relevant.

**2/3/2022 Meeting**

**Attendees: Brian Pine, Kelly Stoddard Poor, Molly Dugan**

We started our meeting by reviewing the BAC Mission Statement to ground ourselves with the larger group’s purpose.

We discussed the importance of making recommendations that were not duplicative of efforts already underway and instead supporting/lifting up those efforts and/or filling in identified gaps. We acknowledged that housing is a complicated and crowded area.

**Areas of possible focus for our working group and suggested timeline for action**:

1. Expand Programs that connect housing and health care- SASH, CHT and CHCB, etc.
2. Expand Housing based programs or practices that focus on mental health including social isolation- SASH/Howard Center mental health pilot program, others? Seek to provide broadly in different types of housing situations. (medium/long term)
3. Amplify a focus on services in housing for older adults in Mayor’s 10-Point plan (short-term)
4. Increase supply of affordable assisted living residences (long-term)
5. Maintenance/home modification programs in the home to help older adults with basic issues (cleaning large appliances, changing lightbulbs, grab bars, etc. Need for trusted resources. (short/medium) COVER program in Upper Valley mentioned as one to look into further.
6. Increase opportunities for HomeShare program in Burlington- municipal tax break idea- (medium/long term)
7. Missing middle housing opportunities – how to increase supply? (long term)

**Action items:**

1. Kelly will follow up with Homeshare regarding data on Burlington
2. Molly to request data pull on Cathedral Square residents who moved into one of our apartments from a homeownership unit in Burlington (to get more info on potential impact of age-specific housing “missing middle” problem)
3. Brian- to gather more info on municipal tax break idea for Homeshare (I think that was your “to-do” Brian but not positive.

Ok, what did I miss or unintentionally mischaracterize?

Thanks. I think our next step is to determine what ideas we want to prioritize and bring back to the full BAC. Let’s exchange ideas via email!

Submitted by Molly Dugan, 2.7.22

Update review at 1/17/22 meeting

Kelly – Follow up on SASH and funding – Kelly to follow up

Zoning codes to add additional housing to single family neighborhoods – Kelly can take lead on city work on this. BP – this code work is currently underway

HTF in HomeShare from HTF – evaluate and assess. Reporting from homeshare is looped back to council. If successful then go to legislature for sustained funding beyond BTV.

Outreach and marketing for HomeShare expanded

Affordable assisted living expansion or creation with Cathedral Sq – BP policy raise awareness etc

Impact on Racial Diversity – (Andrea happy to collect anecdotal evidence on successes – connect to Kirby on that one. Kelly - )

Group should take this and come back with a targeted list for aciton