



## Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board

### NOTES

May 6, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[MS Teams](#)

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eva Alvarez	Bill Groenink	Trever Meachum	Beth VanDrie
Jesse Costilla	Joann Hoganson	Dorian Slaybod	Mark Miezio
Adam Dietrich			

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Anderson	Jose Roman-Mota	Francisco Posada	Ann Marie Rocha
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#### **GUESTS:**

Hector Arroyo	Lisabeth Iglesias-Rios	Joseph Rivet	Jamie Zmitko-Somers
Dale Freeman	Jim Johnson	Mark Swartz	
Majed Ghussaini	Fred Lietz	Ben Tirrell	
Alexis Handal	Sheila McCulloch	Olivia Turribiates	

#### **NOTE TAKER:**

Sheila McCulloch

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#### **Welcome/Roll Call**

Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Chairperson Hoganson opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with welcoming comments and a roll call of Board members in attendance.

#### **Scope of Recommendations**

MLH Advisory Board Members discussed the scope parameters that may affect the Board's recommendations. There are no issues identified by the Board that will not be addressed even if it falls outside of MDARD's authority. Those outside of MDARD's scope will be forwarded to the appropriate departments, agencies and/or legislative bodies for consideration.

#### **Refining and Defining Remaining MLH Ad Board Statements**

MLH Advisory Board members worked on refining statements for the following recommendations:

1. Adequate Access for Appropriate Community Resources
2. Housing Development for Farmworker Families
3. Uniform Housing Zoning Regulations

Some items were tabled for more detailed discussion at the next MLH Advisory Board meeting.

#### **Recommendation Format Structure**

MLH Advisory Board members discussed how to format the formal recommendations for presentation to MDARD Director Gary McDowell.

### **Moving Forward**

MLH Advisory Board members discussed next steps the Board will take to continue its mission, objectives, and goals. Items to note:

- MLH Advisory Board members will use the model provided.
- The model will be distributed to MLH Advisory Board members for approval.
- Additional recommendations can be added, with MLH Advisory Board member approval.
- The MLH Advisory Board will convene to determine appropriate language use and clarify recommendations.
- All MLH Advisory Board members agreed to suspend meetings occurrences until after the current grow season.
- MDARD will take the lead and format formal recommendations.

### **Public Comment**

MDARD Deputy Director Rivet mentioned the potential to create a legislative/legal exemption (i.e., daycare centers) and/or special use permits for migrant labor housing exemptions.

Hector Arroyo mentioned H2A borders are increasingly within city limits that affects urban versus rural housing development regulations. The team discussed using the State Land Band and/or brownfield development properties for housing options.

Members discussed the REAL ID act impacting workers ability to obtain drivers licenses. Some H2A workers with valid driver licenses from their home residence working within other states may have reciprocity (e.g., Mexico and Michigan).

The Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Meeting is to be determined.