



Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board

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December 3, 2021

1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eva Alvarez	Adam Dietrich	Jose Roman-Mota	Mark Miezio
Craig Anderson	Joann Hoganson	Dorian Slaybod	
Jesse Costilla	Trever Meachum	Beth VanDrie	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Groenink	Francisco Posada	Ann Marie Rocha
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GUESTS:

Gerardo Aranda	Majed Ghussaini	Haley Leitz	Mark Swartz
Hector Arroyo	Lisabeth Iglesias-Rios	Sheila McCulloch	
Ashely Batteen	Jim Johnson	Gary McDowell	
Dale Freeman	Fred Lietz	Ben Tirrell	

NOTE TAKER:

Sheila McCulloch

Welcome/Roll Call

The Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. with welcome comments and a roll call of Board members.

Additions to the Agenda

No agenda items were added.

MLH Advisory Board Scope of Work/Authority

MLH Advisory Board Members discussed the scope parameters that may affect the Board's recommendations. Subjects outside of MDARD's scope will be forwarded to the appropriate departments, agencies and/or legislative bodies for consideration.

MLH Advisory Board Recommendations

MLH Advisory Board members worked on refining recommendation statements and defining the association metrics and milestones for each statement.

Proposed Motion - Craig Anderson (1st):

Motion to establish an MDARD Rule Three Housing Advisory Board Recommendation Adequate, available, and economical housing for farm workers in Michigan is critical for workers, employers and the communities surrounding agricultural production, packing/processing/manufacturing, and distribution. This essential infrastructure necessity has been chronically underfunded for decades. Federal recovery and infrastructure funding programs might be leveraged to close the racial housing gap by stimulating funding options for

employer-provided, community sponsored, third party offered, or worker owned housing. The Board therefore recommends the state of Michigan in coordination with MDARD establish a funding goal of updating, renovating, replacing, or adding new facilities for 10,000 farm workers and their families. Building on the success of a past Construction Grant Program we recommend partnering with multiple funding sources to streamline access to funds, assist in regulatory hurdles and expand opportunities for community-based housing and farm worker owned housing.

Motion to Table – Craig Anderson (1st), Trevor Meachum (2nd)

Motion to table current motion. Members unanimously agreed to table to the presented recommendation motion until the next meeting scheduled for December 17, 2021. During the interim, members will review the draft created in detail in preparation to conduct a final vote at the December 17th meeting.

Public Comment

General feedback agrees with the Board's draft recommendation on the table for consideration and encourages further discussion to identify items for clarity in the final recommendation. Hector Arroyo recommends investigating potential partnerships and engagement opportunities locally and/or regionally (e.g., Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Michigan Land Bank, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy's Brownfield Redevelopment Program) using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding. Another option provided using the Construction Grant Program to build partnership with career and/or technical training centers as funding options.

The Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

The next Migrant Labor Housing Advisory Board Meeting is December 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.