Minutes of the HOME Board Meeting November 21, 2024

Members Present: Kris Deiss, John Kannard, Russell Kutz, Deb Sielski, Christine Howard, Jay

Schreurs, Kathleen Schilling, Maria Watts

Staff: Kristin Silva, Christina Brockish, Lisa Johnson

Absent: Duane Paulson, Jay Shambeau

Guests: Roxanne Witte, Jefferson County; Melissa Songco, Brett Peloquin, Habitat for

Humanity

1. The meeting was called to order via Teams by Deb Sielski, Chairperson, with a quorum of the Board present at 10:00 am via Microsoft Teams Meeting 414-435-2078 Conference ID# 531 581 645.

- 2. The Board Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- On a motion by Kris Deiss and seconded by Maria Watts the minutes from the October 17, 2024, HOME Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4. No public comments. Staff comment Congress hasn't passed the budget yet for 2025—we are operating under a Continuing Resolution which expires on December 20, 2024.
- 5. Kristin Silva presented the updated Financial Status report. The Core programs continue to be slow. Impact 7 remains open as they still have one last HOME unit to rent. Once the last unit is rented the project will be fully paid out and closed. Domenica Park had its last closing of the year in October for a total of 6 houses this year. The remaining 5 HOME funded houses will close in 2025.
- 6. Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County Administration Application. Kathleen Fisher, Treasurer for Housing Action Coalition presented to the Board on the need for the administrative funding for the Overflow Shelter. On a motion by Christine Howard and seconded by John Kannard, application for \$20,000 in HOME administration funds was unanimously approved.
- 7. Habitat for Humanity CHDO Operating Application This is moved to a future meeting.
- 8. Habitat for Humanity Fort Atkinson Project Application Melissa Songco and Brett Peloquin from Habitat for Humanity presented to the Board the opportunity to expand and build in Jefferson County. Fort HealthCare donated property and paid for improvements to that property. They would like to build a duplex/condo on this property that would each be 3 bedroom 1 ½ bathroom units. There is a lot of available land in Jefferson County and if this is successful, they would like to do more of these twin homes there. On a motion by Kris Deiss and seconded by Christine Howard, the Habitat for Humanity Fort Atkinson Project Application was forwarded to the Executive Committee

- for review and scoring. Maria Watts abstained from the vote. Executive Committee will meet before the next HOME Board meeting.
- 9. 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan first draft review. John Kannard mentioned that it seems to be Waukesha County focused. Kristin reminded the board that is for HOME and CDBG, and CDBG is only Waukesha County, so it is going to be mentioned more in the plan.
- 10. On a motion by John Kannard and seconded by Kris Deiss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Sielski