

Persons with Criminal Histories Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2020

Attendees: Kim Sanders, Kim Scholtz, Hope Marshall, James Searcy, Renee Johnson, Harriet Huell, Branden Lewis

Meeting began at 9:35am

Introductions

Presentation from Inlivan (Harriet Huell):

- Discussed the screening criteria for applicants.
- There is a process for those with a criminal history: they review credit and criminal history.
- The ultimate goal is to put people in housing despite their record.
- They cannot house sex offenders.
- If an individual is denied acceptance into the program, they can submit an appeal. During the appeal process, a hearing panel will review the individual's criminal record in detail.
- Most crimes can be overridden---they weigh multiple factors: how long ago, what was the crime, etc.)
- Their denial numbers are very low.
- They do conduct a criminal background check on all adults in the household.
- The housing choice voucher (HCV) program does have a homeless preference.
- Hope M.---the elderly population is who they are seeing being released. Gave idea of a pilot program for homeless individuals.
- Inlivan programs---Destination Homeownership, Family Self-Sufficiency, Moving To Work
- Is there a re-entry program within Inlivan? (Harriet will find out)
- The Section 8 list opens every 7 years.
- Harriet encouraged those being released to apply for hearings.
- There are mandatory work requirements for everyone except those who are seniors or are disabled.
- Case management is offered for those who have a voucher; however it is optional.
- Idea: Re-Entry Housing Fair