

Orange County Housing Authority Board

January 15, 2014

Members Present: James Anderson, Jean Bolduc, Tara Fikes, Jonzella Bailey-Pridham

Members Absent: Diane Beecham, Tammy Jacobs and Brittney Walden

Welcome/Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 18, 2013 were approved unanimously on a motion by Jean Bolduc and seconded by James Anderson.

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Budget Review

Fikes reviewed the fiscal year to date revenue and expenses for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program as of December 31, 2013. The estimated fund balance as of that date was \$435,592 and the current number of vouchers under lease was 570. Fikes noted that the review of the methodology for calculating vouchers under lease had not been completed but would be by the next board meeting. Selections are continuing to be made from the waiting list to increase leasing.

Election of 2014 Officers

Jean Bolduc was elected Board Chair and Jonzella Bailey-Pridham was elected Vice-Chair – both votes were unanimous.

Board Work Plan

Board members discussed their work plan for the coming year and agreed that one of the items would be the development of an information session for landlord participation in the Section 8 Program. The Durham Housing Authority program was mentioned as a possible model.

Department Updates

Fikes provided an update on the disposition of Section 8 voucher holders residing in GSC properties. To date, 28 participants have been affected. Of those, 19 found other suitable housing in the county – four (4) families were able to sign a new lease; three (3) ported out of the county, one (1) relinquished the voucher and one (1) abandoned their property. She will continue to provide updates on these properties monthly. Also, she shared that a Hillsborough property owner was causing displacement of two longtime tenants because they were over housed and the owner wants to now lease the properties at market rate for the bedroom size.

Jean Bolduc shared the results of the first round of Section 8 surveys and the results will be attached to these minutes for the record.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by James Anderson seconded by Jean Bolduc.

Respectfully submitted: Tara L. Fikes, Secretary