**BAC Housing Working Group**

**2/3/2022 Meeting**

**Attendees: Brian Pine, Kelly Stoddard Poor, Molly Dugan**

We started our meeting by reviewing the BAC Mission Statement to ground ourselves with the larger group’s purpose.

We discussed the importance of making recommendations that were not duplicative of efforts already underway and instead supporting/lifting up those efforts and/or filling in identified gaps. We acknowledged that housing is a complicated and crowded area.

**Areas of possible focus for our working group and suggested timeline for action**:

1. Expand Programs that connect housing and health care- SASH, CHT and CHCB, etc.
2. Expand Housing based programs or practices that focus on mental health including social isolation- SASH/Howard Center mental health pilot program, others? Seek to provide broadly in different types of housing situations. (medium/long term)
3. Amplify a focus on services in housing for older adults in Mayor’s 10-Point plan (short-term)
4. Increase supply of affordable assisted living residences (long-term)
5. Maintenance/home modification programs in the home to help older adults with basic issues (cleaning large appliances, changing lightbulbs, grab bars, etc. Need for trusted resources. (short/medium) COVER program in Upper Valley mentioned as one to look into further.
6. Increase opportunities for HomeShare program in Burlington- municipal tax break idea- (medium/long term)
7. Missing middle housing opportunities – how to increase supply? (long term)

**Action items:**

1. Kelly will follow up with Homeshare regarding data on Burlington
2. Molly to request data pull on Cathedral Square residents who moved into one of our apartments from a homeownership unit in Burlington (to get more info on potential impact of age-specific housing “missing middle” problem)
3. Brian- to gather more info on municipal tax break idea for Homeshare (I think that was your “to-do” Brian but not positive.

Ok, what did I miss or unintentionally mischaracterize?

Thanks. I think our next step is to determine what ideas we want to prioritize and bring back to the full BAC. Let’s exchange ideas via email!

Submitted by Molly Dugan, 2.7.22