

GRANITE STATE FUTURE

Housing and Transportation Choices Technical Advisory Subcommittee

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MEETING NOTES:

1. Introductions

All went around the room to introduce themselves.

J. Czysz recommended that agenda items 2-4 be merged as a single discussion of the draft outline.

2. Review and comment on the Housing outline

3. Brainstorm data sources in addition to those provided by HUD

4. Coordination with statewide planning efforts including NHHFA's Housing Preferences Survey

Regarding using Communities of Interest to assess housing needs, those present discussed the several different data sources, challenges and caveats to be able to analyze key trends and spatial distribution of various population groups. First, RPCs should look to the Equity and Engagement TASC for resources within the matrix it prepared. For some groups there will be Census data available, however, those where there is only ACS data become more challenging. If aggregating

ACS data, analysts need to use a mathematical formula to account for the margin of error. It is recommended that any ACS data be presented at the county level as well as town level to give a more accurate grounding to the large margins of error. Always cite the margin of error. Another source of data was the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy special census tabulation for HUD.

Of the communities of interest, the following will all have consistent good data available:

- Elderly/Seniors
- Minorities
- Single parents
- Vehicle Availability
- Poverty
- Limited English Proficiency

Other Communities of Interest with variable data products available to be addressed where data is available and as appropriate to tell the housing story for the region:

- Persons with disabilities/Physically Disabled
- Low Income Housing
- Recent Immigrants
- Refugees
- Veterans
- Youth
- Homeless populations

Regarding access to opportunity, there needs to be more research into the existing HUD GIS data sets. It was noted that many variables are not populated for New Hampshire. Two alternatives were suggested. [OnTheMap](#) is the source for both the Job Access Index and the Transit Access Index included in the HUD data sets and includes many other useful data sets to depict areas of opportunity and economic conditions. [OnTheMap](#) uses data from LED (Local Employment Dynamics), a collaborative program between Census and the state workforce agencies (NHES for New Hampshire). With OnTheMap (one product of the LED program) it would be easy for the planning commissions to map the jobs in their region. The analysis can also be exported as KML and ShapeFiles. In the Work Area Profile Analysis, worker age and sex, worker earnings (three categories), industry, worker race, worker ethnicity is available. Additionally, HUD's online [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Geospatial Tool](#) has several of the data sets that are missing from the distributed GIS data.

Alternative means of measuring access to opportunity suggested included:

- Unemployment rate compared to statewide average
- Ratio of jobs to population – see on the map -
- Wages compared to median, see also recent Carsey Institute study on livable wages

There is no one single answer to what is an area of opportunity but a gradient of greater to less access to opportunity features such as good schools, employment, etc.

NHHFA's ongoing Housing Needs and Preferences study will include three parts:

- A housing needs production model for the next 5 and 10 years.
- A preferences study done through focus groups (ex. Q to younger population – do they want the houses their parents purchased? Do people want walkable communities? In the past, housing demand was met by new production, with no new production, how do we know what preferences and demand will be and how do we meet it?

- Elderly housing needs assessment.

The goal is to complete the study by the end of 2013

5. Other Business and Public Comments

The meeting was opened for public comments. None were received.

6. Adjourn

Arlene Kershaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. Kendall Buck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.