

IDS Housing Staff Meeting
Jackson, MS - Library Commission
Thursday, October 27, 2011

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Upcoming Grant Activities:

1. December will be the end of the 4 yr funding cycle for the Delta Initiative. For the rest of 2011, there will be a focus on this grant's renewal.
2. Grant for Housing Coalition- due 15th of December.
3. New Grant through MUTEH - Provides housing resources for individuals
4. Submitted SFA renewal

Administrative Issues:

1. Review holiday prep procedures. Inform clients of holiday closings. Survey clients to see if they have immediate needs that have to be addressed before holidays.
2. Be prepared for pressure to close on housing loans before the holidays.
3. Limit request for time off during holidays.
4. Make sure reports that are due are done in a timely manner. Provide reports to Charles (if applicable).

For all of the following regional & programmatic updates, see attached documents:

1. South MS Updates, Melissa Bennett:
2. Delta and COJ updates, Rickey Jones:
3. NSP, Ronn Hill:
4. North MS Updates, Heather Steele:
5. SFA Northern Region, Chandar Turner:
6. SFA Southern Regional Goals, Tanya Smith & Tonia Jackson:

******Follow up needed on:**

1. SFA -Mainstream HH COC, Hotel info for HUD, referrals and job placements, accurate # of waivers and PCPs.
2. Home Saver - # of withdrawals and failed statuses

Housing Initiatives Advisory Council Meeting - Institute for Disability Studies at USM

MS Library Commission Conference Room - Jackson, MS

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WELCOME – Dr. Royal Walker

HUD, HPPR wrap-up status – Chandar Turner

- Housed 55 individuals & 36 families. With Partners, 282 served in 5 counties.

SFA – Tanya Smith

- Met SFA goals for Supportive Employment, Outreach, Life Skills, New Clients for Intake, and In-service Training.

NSP- Ronn Hill

- NSP overview and discussion on NSP housing with pre-purchase accommodations.

MHC Comprehensive Counseling/HOYO/FHLB Initiatives – Heather Steele

- HOYO – 33 loans closed in 19 counties, 38 files pending
- FHLB
 - BankPlus –11 loans closed in 9 counties, 1 files pending
 - Bancorp South – 1 loan closed, 7 files pending
 - Bancorp South – 3 loans closed in 3 counties, 1 pending
- SNAP – 2 files, 1 county

Delta Initiative/COJ HOME Partnership – Rickey Jones

- Provided updates for Delta Initiative & COJ HOME Partnership progress for 2011

Home Saver/IDS Education Programs – Melissa Bennett

- Home Saver – 401 applicants referred, 9 loans closed, 2 pending closure, 42 active files, about 20% have not finished their applications
- Renter's Education – 2 classes, 29 served
- Home Buyer's Education – 14 classes, 185 served

Alma Ellis to make reporting numbers available on IDS website

“What’s Happening in Housing” US Dept. of HUD – Jerrie Magruder

- Greatest demonstrated need is now foreclosure
- Handbook references – Oct 24 – press release about the FHFA – (Freddie and Fannie Mae) with changes to HART. New regulations will allow FHFA borrowers who meet criteria to refinance homes. Goes into effect December 01, 2011.
- HUD is now focused on sustainability. It is becoming increasingly important for agencies to combine services.

Sustainable grants: 1. Choice grant in Hattiesburg, MS – 150,000.

Listening Sessions - first week in Nov for the midtown master plan to develop area. 2. Planning grant in Coahoma County – 710,000 for revitalizing the county.

Major grant for planning in Gulf Coast – New grant in the amount of 2 million dollars. Council meeting on Nov 9th to assess housing needs.

*Planning grants are not for execution. They are for planning**

Partner of the Year Award & Special Presentation – Dr. Royal Walker

- Goes to Evelyn Edwards, VP Bancorp South

Regions provided IDS with \$1,000.00 donation

Reflections of Success, SFA - Chandar Turner

- Power point presentation of pictures reflecting 10 years of SFA success

COC Testimonials – Tonia Jackson

- Guest Speaker - Harold Blunt, an SFA client, provided success story

IDS Core Survey – Alma Ellis

- Distributed survey for guests to complete, to assess recommended future plans and goals for IDS.

Regions has a new affordable housing program –Regions Affordable 100, 100% financing, for low to moderate income individuals and families, credit score at 680.