

**ROCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY
November 16th and 23, 2021
675 WEST MAIN STREET
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14611**



November 17th, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tynise Edwards, Chairperson
Florine Cummings, Resident Commissioner
Henry Rubin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Melissa Berrien
Shawn Burr
Sinclair Carrington
Diana Colon
Cynthia Herriott
Joyce Kinsey
Mark Plantholt
Mariam Rodriguez-
Machuca
Shelby Simpson
Evhen Tupis
Harolda Wilcox

OTHERS PRESENT

H. Todd Bullard, RHA Legal Counsel

Commissioner Tynise Edwards called the November Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) Regular Board Meeting to order at 12:12 pm. It was noted for the record that notice of this meeting was posted as required by law and that there was not a quorum present.

1. Open Forum – Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

2. Director's Report and Board Approval Requests

a. Executive Director, Shawn Burr, presented his Director's report as follows:

Mr. Burr would like to

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recognize Staff across the Authority who continue to go above and beyond to ensure our quality services are performed and resident and participant needs are taken care of especially during the pandemic! They really are doing a remarkable job!

Mr. Burr shared we all still need to remain diligent in maintaining each other's safety. RHA continues to monitor and adhere to new regulations, recommendations, and Executive Orders as we receive them. Mark and staff have implemented the new sanitizing system and establishing a schedule for our sites. Visitor restrictions have been relaxed somewhat, masks are now required to be worn indoors when in any common space for all staff, residents, and visitor's period. The Executive Team monitors current conditions daily and meets weekly to review discuss our processes.

Mr. Burr shared that our 117 Emergency Housing Vouchers by HUD as a result of the RESCUE Plan are being issued in accordance with the process we developed with the Continuum of Care. Updates will be presented in the Section 8 Director's report. The HA Team is doing a remarkable job!

Mr. Burr shared that HUD Choice Mobility Demonstration RHA Team is working very hard on this. We are in the data/information gathering phase currently. We will continue to update at the Section 8 Committee meeting.

Mr. Burr reported that Trillium's COVID testing/Primary Care services for our residents continues with July's schedule moving along. We will be scheduling a "lessoned learned" meeting with Trillium in the near future to discuss strategies and opportunities moving forward.

Mr. Burr reported that staff continue to be involved in several community projects and report on them in their Board reports. RMAPI Housing Committee which will now be a Housing Working Group which will focus on our community's full housing system, City FEC Program Initiative, Connected Communities Housing Committee, Private Sector Rental Market Study, RUBI and Benefits Project are a few that are in the works. I really appreciate their efforts in representing RHA on critical projects in our community and their extra efforts are commendable.

Mr. Burr reported that our Strategic Planning Team continues to meet bi-weekly with our consultant, Bronner Group. Surveys have been distributed and results collected and presented at the meeting and at the retreat we just had. I felt that the retreat went very well and a special thanks to the Board for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be part of the planning efforts. Bronner will be sending all of us a summary of the retreat and outlining "next steps". PLEASE take the time to review and provide comments. Bronner will also be scheduling 1:1 meetings with each Board member to gather more input once their proposal for additional services has been approved.