

BMC Housing Committee Notes – COVID-19 Info Sharing

May 7, 2020

People attending via GoToMeeting: Amy Wilkinson (HABC), Marsha Parham-Green, David Skinner, & Colleen Mahoney (Baltimore County), Lanita Hillen (HCAAC), Steve Janes (Baltimore City), Chelsea Hayman (MDOD), Tiwanda Moore (Md. DHCD), Jessie Keller (MMHA), Greg Countess (Legal Aid), Miranda Darden-Willems (MAHC), Barbara Samuels (ACLU), Jess Sorrell (Enterprise), Glenn Robinson (Morgan State), Maureen Daly, Dan Pontious (BMC).

Info Sharing re: Property Management Policies/Practices

- Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County (HCAAC)
 - Has been able to supply cloth masks for all residents; HCAAC staffperson coordinated and was able to secure donations of thousands of cloth masks.
 - Arundel Medical Center: Nurses went out with HCAAC staff; senior sites in particular were very appreciative.
 - HCAAC also used additional admin fees (HUD [May 1](#) and [May 5](#) notices) to order cleaning supplies for common areas.
 - Lanita will connect Dan with their procurement office to see if they ordered those cleaning supplies through the BMC's contract with W.B. Mason or a different source.
- Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition (MAHC)
 - Has generally heard that their members have been able to secure PPE and related supplies. Some members have supplied cloth masks to residents; others report residents have obtained them on their own.
 - Significant exception is several properties in Baltimore City, where MAHC members report they have no equipment.
- Greg from Legal Aid said they have heard from 11 Baltimore City sites and none have cloth masks.
- Baltimore City
 - Cease Fire group is making cloth masks.
 - HABC communications office is educating on COVID-19
 - Amy will check with HABC on lack of supplies at housing sites.

COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Package (CARES Act)

- Dan checked on Coronavirus Relief Fund amounts. [CARES Act allocated funds](#) to states and largest jurisdictions. [Maryland allocated remaining \\$364 million](#) for local jurisdictions to smaller counties like Harford & Howard. Amounts are:
 - State of Maryland: \$1.289 billion

- Baltimore County: \$144.4 million
- Baltimore City: \$103.6 million
- Anne Arundel: \$101.1 million
- Howard: \$56.8 million
- Harford: \$44.6 million
- Maryland advocates sent [letter to Governor Hogan](#) on May 1 re: rental assistance.
- National advocates are urging \$100 billion in new Congressional relief package for renters. ([Full recommendations here.](#)) Fair Housing Group will discuss sending another Housing Committee letter to congressional delegation.

Next Maryland Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Round

- Latest information indicates deadline in August or September.

Next Housing Committee Meeting

- Thursday, June 4, 2:00 pm at <https://www.gotomeet.me/DanPontious>