Helpful Hints in Choosing Housing Development Projects

The project……

- Is appropriate for the target population designated to be housed/served therein.

- Addresses or encompasses all or many of the items listed in the Housing Project Development Guidelines.

- Facilitates (via design features or space capability) service provision by those involved in the tenants’ care.

- Facilitates (via design features or space capability) serving the population in culturally sensitive manners.

- Creates the environment wherein the tenants can have a safe living situation.

- Takes into consideration issues raised by consumers, service providers and stakeholders.

- Includes the possibility of tenant participation in chores, volunteer opportunities, house/resident council meetings, or the like.

- Includes caring, sensitive property management that can coordinate with each tenant’s service provider.
Criteria to be Used by Review Panel to Choose a Developer and their Project

The Developer……

☐ Demonstrates the ability to leverage other funding and thereby maximize the use MHSA funds.

☐ Demonstrates that the project is feasible in both the short and long term…..e.g., it is able to close the funding gaps.

☐ Demonstrates the experience and the capacity to implement all aspects of the project.

☐ Demonstrates the ability to collaborate with agencies providing mental health services to potential MHSA tenants.

The Project……

☐ Provides units that are appropriate for the targeted population and are consistent with MHD’s housing development goals.

☐ Is located in an area of expressed need that is consistent with MHD’s housing development goals.

☐ Provides the type of MHSA units that is consistent with MHD’s housing development goals.

☐ Supplies units either in the near or long term, with the former having precedence over the latter.

☐ Incorporates the services appropriate to the population to be housed.