MFP – Idaho Home Choice Committee Name: <u>Housing</u> Date  $\underline{03-25-2011}$  Time  $\underline{10:00}$  A.M.

Call in Information 1-888-706-6468 Host Code (Elder) 248479# Participant Code 268877# Committee members present: Eva Blecha, Sandy Scheffert, Shane Robinson, Roger Howard, Erik Kingston, Brian Dale

Committee members absent: Patrick Blum, Chuck Williams, Jim Baugh

Topic	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Outcome
How transitioning will occur	Eva Blecha	Will the person get to have a trial run at living in the chosen qualified residence?  Natalie referenced back to the 1915(c) waiver that outlines assurances and states the housing environment must be "safe and effective" for the person transitioning.	Send link to waivers to stakeholders.
Existing Resources	Erik Kingston	Case managers, transition managers, and nurse reviewers should be trained on how to use existing housing resources such as Idahohousing.org.	Additional opportunity for some focused training.
New Resources	Erik Kingston	Encourage Idaho builders and other stakeholders to create a coalition a program like Georgia's former EasyLiving Home <sup>TM</sup> certification program. This was a voluntary certification program that provided builders with specific requirements to make homes easier to live in using three features: by eliminating steps at the entryway, providing an accessible bath and bedroom on the main floor and by encouraging open designs with ample room to move around. Builders meeting program's standards received certification similar to the Energy Good Cents designation. Certification lets prospective buyers know the home is accessiblt and easily adaptable, assuring that people of all abilities will be able to visit or live in the home comfortably. Accessible single-family stock provides substantial savings per individual (\$32,000 Annually) and substantial tax credits. For more information on IDEA / Visitability, visit http://www.udeworld.com/visitability.html.	Find out more information on the Easy Living Home certification program and see if it is a viable program for Idaho.
Other Grant Opportunities	Erik Kingston	Make sure that we take advantage of any additional grant opportunities available.	Conduct grant scanning for any additional opportunities that would increase accessible

			housing for Idaho Home Choice participants.
Other Opportunities	Roger Howard	Explore the Accessibility Improvements Program for existing foreclosed homes. Note that the current waiver does provide for some home modifications already.	Research on program
Community Development Block Grants	Erik Kingston Brian Dale	There are currently Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available in entitlement communities such as Nampa and Idaho Falls. In some cases, these funds may be used to develop needed public infrastructure, and support accessibility  The program is administered by Idaho Department of Commerce, Division of Economic Development, with funds received annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ICDBG funds are used to construct projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons, help prevent or eliminate slum and blight conditions, or solve catastrophic health and safety threats in local areas.	Research any possible funding through CDBG.
Current state of HUD housing	Erik Kingston	There are waiting lists for subsidized units in most entitlement communities. Some tax credit properties are available but rents are often out of reach for those on SSI. Smaller towns have more subsidized vacancies but fewer services available. Application fees for market-based rental units can cost money - \$25.00 to \$35.00. May be a deterrent to some.	
Services paid for by Idaho Home Choice	Eva Blecha	What services can and cannot be paid for during the transition of the Idaho Home Choice participant?  Feds expressly prohibit TV's VCRs, cable, and other entertainment expenses.	Tammy Ray will develop a list of approved expenditures for individuals transitioning through the Idaho Home Choice program.
Future Strategies	Roger Howard	Steve Gold from CMS has offered state specific training on fair housing.	Schedule training (Fair Housing training is available free of charge from HUD / FHEO or others if necessary, and depending on the topic.)
	Erik Kingston	Housing Roundtable at the Nampa Civic Center Date: 04/13/2011 Time: 10: A.M.	Natalie will attend to represent MFTP
	Erik	Put together a map of the housing resources in the	Research and Develop housing map for Idaho

	Kingston	state.	
	Roger	Long-term strategy could be for someone to	Stress the importance of getting participants
	Howard	transition into a subsidized unit while applying for a	names on any waiting list they qualify for as
		Section 8 voucher. When approved, move into	soon as possible.
		voucher unit.	
Parking Lot Issues			
	<b>Next Commit</b>	tee call will be: 04/15/2011 @ 1:00 P.M.	