



Metro Mayors Caucus
Housing/Homelessness/Hunger Committee
Regular Meeting
January 28 10:30 am – 12pm
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
CALL IN

Agenda:

BURBO 2020 – Collaborative Solutions to Homelessness & Housing ([link](#))

- Bryan Blakely & Sara O’Keefe, Turn Corps.
- Public and community engagement
- Annual 2-3 day summit to identify and focus on problem areas and identifying solutions
 - Focusing on homelessness, housing, workforce housing, and more
 - See examples from another metro region that is facing similar issues
 - Washington
- [Registration](#) is open
- Mayors, council, liaisons, commissioners, city managers
- 20-25 people
- \$1500 own flight – everything else is included
- Day 1 lived experience, camping ban, minimum wage with service providers and elected officials
- Build momentum, energy and understanding of issues – avoid making same mistakes
- MDHI very interested in a strategy for a regional approach

Homelessness & Housing Legislation

- Elena Wilken, Housing Colorado
- 200 bills dropped on the first day
- Pushing to stay on schedule
- Implications for rural vs urban areas with HB20-1035
 - Housing support services
 - 3 in 10 have serious mental health issues and no resources in place to assist them
 - Would extend Medicaid dollars to those that can provide services and non-medical
 - Would this preclude urbanized areas to access funding?

- SB20-049 – moving and keeping exemption due to a medical necessity for senior property tax exemption
 - Expecting a lot of pushback
- SB20-093 – Consumer protection bill
 - Affects construction defects bill
- 1161 – not a PAB allocation bill
 - Consolidation of boards and authorities
- Tax exemption for developers – would not need to go through housing authorities
 - Housing authorities like the fee associated with it
 - Out of state developers don't like it
- Habitat Bill
 - 15% of the Division of Housing \$ to go to homeownership
 - Doesn't like the percentage
 - The practice is for it to go to rentals – but homeownership is not precluded
- Inclusionary Zoning
 - Speaker has concerns – doesn't want to undo cash in lieu or voluntary IZO programs
 - In an unsophisticated government – could be harmful than helpful
 - Working with CML
 - Would define IZ as NOT rent control

Priorities and Member Engagement for 2020

- ADU Workshop Jan. 29
- Work First Expansion Discussion Feb. 5
- Flex Fund Drive Feb. 5 - ?
 - Provide “suggested donation” in form of an invoice including what they donated the previous year
 - Currently at ~\$20,000
 - Interested in distribution where individuals were last housed and where they moved
 - MDHI to ask Denver Foundation if they will offer a match again this year
 - Goal is to reach \$500,000
- No similar resource to MDHI's Flex Fund
- Burbo Renton, WA visit May 5 - 7
- 2nd Annual Habitat Build Day
- Homelessness & Hunger Awareness Week Oct. 7 FC & Nov. 14 – 22
- Hunger Specific Initiatives & Presentation Ideas for FC
 - Individuals retiring to CO who are new to the community and occupying existing housing stock
 - What is the development community building in response to senior housing?

Next Meeting – 4th Tuesday March, May, July, & September 10:30am-12pm.