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
  o Focusing on homelessness, housing, workforce housing, and more
  o 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
  o Housing support services
  o 3 in 10 have serious mental health issues and no resources in place to assist them
  o 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  
  o Expecting a lot of pushback  
• SB20-093 – Consumer protection bill  
  o Affects construction defects bill  
• 1161 – not a PAB allocation bill  
  o Consolidation of boards and authorities  
• Tax exemption for developers – would not need to go through housing authorities  
  o Housing authorities like the fee associated with it  
  o Out of state developers don’t like it  
• Habitat Bill  
  o 15% of the Division of Housing $ to go to homeownership  
  o Doesn’t like the percentage  
  o The practice is for it to go to rentals – but homeownership is not precluded  
• Inclusionary Zoning  
  o Speaker has concerns – doesn’t want to undo cash in lieu or voluntary IZO programs  
  o In an unsophisticated government – could be harmful than helpful  
  o Working with CML  
  o 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 - ?  
  o Provide “suggested donation” in form of an invoice including what they donated the previous year  
  o Currently at ~$20,000  
  o Interested in distribution where individuals were last housed and where they moved  
  o MDHI to ask Denver Foundation if they will offer a match again this year  
  o 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  
  o Individuals retiring to CO who are new to the community and occupying existing housing stock  
  o What is the development community building in response to senior housing?  

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