

Older Adult Housing with Supports Meeting Notes

“This committee will explore options for affordable housing with supports for older adults, in conjunction with Indiana’s transition to managed Long Term Services and Supports. Housing models will reflect the belief in the provision of care in the least restrictive and safest environment, while empowering older adults to enjoy maximum independence.”

We will report to the Commission on Aging, which by statute exists “to encourage the study and discussion of the problems of the aging and the aged.” Information gained will be shared at the bi-monthly Commission meetings.

Several areas of advocacy and exploration have been discussed:

- Raise awareness regarding the need for affordable senior housing, and why there is a sense of urgency due to the aging of the Baby Boomer generation.
- Research/explore the concept of co-habitation/housing with shared staff. (Supported/assisted living.) This could mirror the model currently used by disability service providers, in which individuals share rent for a single dwelling, with state and federal dollars used for staff services. (Multi-generational?)
- Support for local zoning advocacy to enable multi-generational family dwellings, including secondary residences. (“Accessory dwelling units”- Housing Task Force.)
- CHOICE options.
- Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Currently falls under Aged and Disabled waiver. How will this be impacted by the transition to mLTSS?
- Who should be at the table?
- Who is currently doing the work?
- What are the models, and how are they funded?
- What are the current barriers? (Staffing, accessibility, transportation.)
- Are other states doing this well?

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