



## MRT Work Group Meeting Summary

**WORK GROUP NAME:**

Affordable Housing

**MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION:**

October 24, 2011

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

NYS Department of Health Metro Area Regional Office  
90 Church Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

James Introne, Co-Chair & Ed Matthews, Co-Chair (absent)  
Laray Brown, Steve C. Bussey, Donna Colonna, Rosanne Haggerty, Tony Hannigan, Tino Hernandez,  
Marjorie Hill, Leon Hofman, Ted Houghton, Adam Karpati, Charles King, Antonia M. Lasicki,  
Ginger Lynch Landy, Jason Lippman, Diane Louard-Michel, Lindsay Miller, Lisa Newcomb,  
Deborah Damm O'Brien, Harvey Rosenthal, Abby Jo Sigal, Connie Tempel, Steve Volza,  
Bobby Watts, Elisabeth Wynn

**SUMMARY OF KEY MEETING CONTENT:**

Agenda was presented and a brief discussion of the policy questions to be answered by the group ensued. The Chair made sure questions were addressed and that all could participate. The presentations are available on the MRT Web site.

**NEXT STEPS/PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Further discussion of key policy issues, census of available housing and unmet need, and development of policy recommendations to address the opportunities and challenges facing affordable housing.

**NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION:**

November 10, 2011 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

NYS DOH Metro Area Regional Office, 90 Church Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conf. Room A/B, NY, NY

**NOTES FROM MEETING:**

The agency presentations illustrated that there is currently a patchwork of housing, funding, services and supports, and oversight in affordable housing. Supportive housing helps a broad array of individuals and families, both those in need of Medicaid funded supports and services and those who simply require housing. There are a variety of types of housing, some of which are targeted to the needs of an individual and many of which can be used across populations. The many agencies involved in developing, operating and managing supportive housing, as well as providing supports and services to those residents requiring them, benefit from the ability to collaborate in their efforts and are challenged by the need to compete for limited resources. Key to the continued success of supportive housing are critical partnerships between state and local governments and public and private organizations.

Supportive housing efforts to date have been able to leverage federal, state and local capital investment to build units in both scatter-site and congregate settings. Private investment and significant foundation support continue to be critical to leverage these funds. Some of the ideas presented were maximizing efficient use of existing resources, including untapped sources like home foreclosures; encouraging reinvestment; targeting resources; and developing incentives to transition those recipients who can improve toward more independence.