



Homelessness Prevention



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The panel discussion included comments from (L-R): State Representative Chynah Tyler; Bill Brauner, CEDAC; Beverly Bates, The Community Builders; Byron Rushing, former State Representative and Co-Chair, Massachusetts Commission to End Homelessness; Bill McGonagle, Boston Housing Authority.

HOUSING REPORT RELEASED

Findings show housing shortage for families with lowest incomes

Metro Housing joined Citizens' Housing and Planning Association and Homes for Families on April 3 to present the findings from a new report about the shortage of housing that is affordable and available to extremely low income (ELI) renter households (a family of three with an annual income of less than \$29,150 for the metro Boston area).

The report finds that in 2016, there were 48.6 AA units per 100 ELI households in the state, down from

50.2 in 2011. This equates to less than one affordable and available home for every two ELI renter households in Massachusetts, a shortage of 141,000 homes.

The report also identifies ways that the state's policymakers and housing agencies and providers can more efficiently use limited resources to address the affordable housing needs of ELI households.

The report was released by the New England Public Policy Center

at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and was authored by Policy Analyst – and former Metro Housing staff member – Nick Chiumenti.

After Chiumenti presented the findings, a panel of housing experts and elected officials discussed policies, programs, tools, and strategies for producing homes that are affordable to people with extremely low incomes.

Section 8 Workshop for Property Owners in Randolph Focuses on inspections

More than 35 property owners and managers attended a free workshop in late March offered by Metro Housing at the Turner Free Library in Randolph.

The workshop covered the topics of owners' rights and responsibilities in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly referred to as Section 8, inspections, and the rent determination process.

Leaders from Metro Housing provided information and answered questions regarding Housing Quality Standards, tenant-caused violations, how to deal with the legal implications of lead paint, common inspection fail items, and rent determinations.



A few of the local landlords and property managers that attended the free workshop on March 19. (L-R: Osaro Agbonghiague of Randolph; Kelsey Ross of Randolph; Andre Rouse of Stoughton; Nhan Chiang of Chelsea; Deb Picarski of Randolph; Howard Wensley of Metro Housing; and Carolyn Simon of Randolph.