

Meeting Summary
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Agency: DHCD

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2009

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the DHCD Stat on September 10, 2009. Analysis is provided by StateStat.

General Discussion

- **Bond Rating.** On August 19, Moody's confirmed DHCD's Aa2 bond rating. This will enable the Department to structure single family bond issuances once again.
- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.** 15 of the 18 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) awardees under ARRA have already drawn down their first quarterly award for a total of \$2,527,656. DHCD is working with the remaining three on securing their grant agreements.
- **Community Investment Tax Credit Reporting.** At the time of the meeting, 8 CITC projects had not reported to DHCD since the last semi-annual report was due on January 10. The Department reported that the Program is following up with letters to the offending sponsors indicating that DHCD will no longer process any tax credit certifications submitted by the noncompliant sponsor and stating that if the two outstanding reports (the second of which was due on July 10) are not received by September 11th, the Department will recommend the cancellation of the sponsors' tax credits.
- **Weatherization.** DHCD reported that Baltimore City is undertaking the undertaking the following activities to generate greater numbers of qualified weatherization applications and to incorporate efficiencies into their auditing and contracting work:
 - *“Work with community development corporations to expedite the referral of houses that are truly ready for weatherization and reduce auditing of unqualified houses.*
 - *Look for opportunities to weatherize a number of houses on the same block or in the same neighborhood for greater efficiencies by the contractors.*
 - *Work with the Baltimore Neighborhood Energy Challenge in nine neighborhoods to increase weatherization referrals and encourage household energy conservation in conjunction with weatherization.*
 - *Coordinate with BGE and the utility's energy conservation programs, once again receiving referrals of houses ready to be weatherized.*
 - *Collaborate with the Health Department and the Coalition to End Lead Paint Poisoning on houses that we will jointly serve.*
 - *Offer weatherization services to the non-profit owners of rental properties and to jointly improve those properties.”*

- At the time of the meeting, 88 weatherization crew members and auditors had been trained at community colleges throughout the State.

State of Maryland Weatherization Training Schedule (8/12/09)				
Date	Location	Training	# Trained	Completed
July 6-10	Community College of Baltimore County	Crew Member Tactics I	12	√
July 6-10	Frederick Community College	Crew Member Tactics I	9	√
July 6-10	Prince George's Community College	Crew Member Tactics I	12	√
July 27-31	Community College of Baltimore County	Crew Member Tactics I	8	√
July 27-31	Frederick Community College	Crew Member Tactics I	12	√
July 27-31	Prince George's Community College	Crew Member Tactics I	12	√
August 10-14	Prince George's Community College	Auditor Training	12	√
August 17-21	Frederick Community College	Auditor Training	11	√