

# Garfield County Housing Authority Regional Housing Authority Steering Committee

November 21  
Garfield County Annex Commissioners Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
9am - Noon

## Meeting Agenda

### **Purpose:**

- To exchange information about the current and future activities of the Garfield County Housing Authority and the proposed purpose(s) of a Regional Housing Authority;
- To discuss the pros and cons of a regional housing authority; and,
- To discuss approaches for creating a board that would govern a regional housing authority.

### **Assumptions:**

It is assumed that participants in the discussion will have received information from the regional housing authority meetings that have taken place so far.

1. Introductions
2. Review of Meeting Purpose(s)
3. Presentation of Current and Future Direction for Garfield County Housing Authority (see attached)
4. Presentation of Regional Housing Authority Purpose and proposed role(s).
5. Suggested Questions:
  - a. How would a regional housing authority support the current and future efforts of the GCHA?
  - b. How might a regional housing authority detract from these efforts?
  - c. What are the opportunities for combining the two efforts?
    - i. Where are the goals aligned?
    - ii. How are the purposes different?
  - d. What are the potential constraints?
    - i. Would resources be affected?
    - ii. Is the geographic area a concern?
  - e. Is there a general approach that would be beneficial to all interested parties?
    - i. What are the key components to this approach?
  - f. Wrap-up and next steps

**The Garfield County Housing Authority** is dedicated to the mission of providing safe, decent and affordable housing to families within this valley. We are committed to working cooperatively with other agencies and organizations to further our mission.

Briefly our Goals include:

Identifying ways and means to increase the affordable housing stock (both rental and for sale units)

Maintain a minimum of 95% utilization rate in our Section 8 Program

Continue advocacy and education concerning housing needs

Cooperate with other agencies to build strong and stable communities and labor force.

Currently we:

Administer Section 8 Vouchers throughout Garfield County

IGA with Eagle and Pitkin counties to administer Section 8 vouchers and provide other services as requested

IGA with City of Glenwood Springs to administer Deed Restricted Affordable Housing

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IGA with Social Services to provide emergency housing for the TANF clients

Meet with city, town and county officials to advocate and update on affordable housing issues and create new plans and guidelines

Collect and distribute statistical data concerning housing issues and needs within Garfield, Eagle and Pitkin counties

Review PUD for new developments, working with city and/or county Planning and Zoning to ensure compliance with affordable housing guidelines

Communicate with developers about our housing market, affordable housing guidelines and regulations, and financing

Facilitate collaboration among private and public agencies to meet the housing needs in our valley

Investigate and research potential sites for affordable housing

Maintain and manage Senior Housing

This is not a comprehensive list