

SUBCOMMITTEE #: 2

NAME: Eligibility Criteria

Regulation Citation (if applicable)	Specific Proposed Change	Brief Rationale for Proposal	Comments
452.9 (a) (3)	Add “or phone interview”	Adding a phone interview to the criteria will offer faster services to clients who are in crisis and need an immediate place to stay.	
452.9 (a) (7) (ix)	No change		<p>Although we have discussed issues regarding squatter rules and management of residents who do not want to leave, it seems that there is no remedy. Legally, our regulations will not trump the squatter rules; therefore there is no point in including language relevant to this.</p> <p>We hope that OPDV and OCFS will continue to look into this issue and see if there is any specific law that we could use where our</p>

			regulations could trump squatter rights.
452.9 (2) 408.3 (a)	No change Although recently we are considering adding language specifying “public health issue” – <i>however we did not have much time to discuss this.</i>		Although we have had conversations regarding other communicable diseases, we felt that to add other things (such as bed bugs) to the list would be limiting.
452.2 (g)	Include “stalking” Include “trafficking victims”	Stalking victims are at risk and may need shelter, we are specifically referring to intimate partner stalking but it can be implied from the overall language.	We all agreed on including victims of stalking There has been no consensus among committee members regarding changing the regulations to include victims of trafficking. Some committee members agreed that victims of trafficking

			<p>should be included as they often have been subjected to violence similar to that of domestic violence victims. However, others felt that trafficking victims fall under a separate category altogether. We also had questions regarding where would the funds come from regarding victims of trafficking.</p>
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