



Public Policy Advisory Group

MHP Mission: Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) strengthens development capacity and promotes public policy change to expand opportunity, especially for those with the greatest need. We support, lead, and collaborate with a diversity of partners to stimulate innovation and drive positive impact in affordable housing and community development in Minnesota and beyond.

Committee Overview: The Public Policy Advisory Group (PPAG) provides MHP with expertise and insight to promote innovating and lasting solutions for sustainable and affordable housing, advancing equitable outcomes and efficient use of resources. The PPAG advises MHP on policy development and evaluation, including review of potential structural inequities and impact on communities of color.

The PPAG members will develop expertise in affordable housing public policy, influence the public policy development process, engage in a cohort learning environment, and expand network and professional development experiences. PPAG members are volunteers.

MHP's Legislative Policy Process: MHP utilizes a variety of inputs to identify, research, develop and finalize its policy agenda. In addition to the PPAG, MHP regularly convenes stakeholder groups with subject matter experts to incubate and workshop specific policy proposals in project-based work groups. Stakeholder groups, including the PPAG, are advisory to MHP, but do not provide final decisions or approval. MHP's Executive Director gives final approval to MHP's policy agenda and policy proposals; MHP's Board of Directors provides final approval of MHP's annual Legislative Agenda.

Primary task of PPAG: The PPAG advances MHP's mission by analyzing and informing affordable housing public policy development, with focus on review and evaluation of policy proposals being considered by MHP. Evaluation may include how policy:

- Responds to housing needs traditionally overlooked;
- Imposes unintended consequences on impacted communities
- Addresses structural inequities in the housing ecosystem
- Improves outcomes for communities of color
- Enhances existing market products and tools and maximizes private, local and federal resources

- Promotes cost effective use and allocation of resources

The PPAG may analyze policy proposals incubated and workshopped in project-based stakeholder workgroups. PPAG members may also serve on project-based stakeholder workgroups.

PPAG time commitment: The PPAG will meet approximately five times annually, beginning prior to the Legislative Session, in sessions of approximately 2 hours.

Responsibilities: Members are expected to be active participants in each meeting and engage their networks as needed to provide accurate and timely feedback. Members are expected to come prepared to meetings, including having reviewed any relevant assigned materials.

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Desired Cohort: Comprised of fifteen culturally and gender diverse members with expertise in affordable housing, equity, and community development practices, including for-profit and non-profit development, construction, finance, legal, regulatory, city administration, local policy makers, program development and implementation, program evaluation, social work, community organizing, and more. Members are considered go-to authorities in their field. The cohort will be comprised of members recruited by MHP staff.