

RESOLUTION NO. 1009

WHEREAS; The Housing Authority of Newport recognizes the importance of providing decent, safe and affordable housing, and;

WHEREAS; The Authority provides services to almost 1,900 persons in its family, elderly and disabled apartments throughout the City of Newport, and;

WHEREAS; Some of the Authority's residents have health related challenges which from time to time restrict them from their day to day activities, and;

WHEREAS; The staff of the Housing Authority and Resident Leaders from the Newport Residents Council have a willingness to join efforts and seek assistance from related supportive agencies and policy makers in the Community, our State and National programs, and;

WHEREAS; It is the intent of the Authority to develop and implement a program that addresses the needs of our population in conjunction with its Healthy Housing Program, and;

WHEREAS; Representatives from The American Lung Association, Hasbro Hospital, ERT Associates, The Asthma Regional Council, EBCAP, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island, RI Department of Health, Newport County CATCH/ Medical Home Initiative, Newport Hospital, Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, Church Community Housing Corporation, and others; establish a committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That a committee shall be established to develop sound housing practices that ensure and promote healthy homes and understand asthma's impact, processes and procedures to connect our population to a medical home team, collect data and conduct outreach through surveys, questionnaires and events, engage residents and staff in training and education and explore funding opportunities for this comprehensive effort, and;

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Board of Commissioners supports the Authority's endeavor and requests that staff and residents work together in efforts such as this that benefit our population throughout its developments.