

CFAA – EOLO Housing Allowance Conference - AGENDA – June 9, 2006

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:15	Registration and continental breakfast	
9:00	Welcome and Introduction	John Dickie (CFAA)
9:10	A description of the number of households in core housing need , including where the people in core housing need live now and what they pay for housing, by different household types.	John Dickie (CFAA) and Kevin Sullivan (Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
9:45	An explanation of housing allowances at a high level : how they work, what they cost, what they achieve and how they are different from rent supplements.	Dr. Meryl Finkel (Abt Associates)
10:20	MORNING BREAK	
10:40	The Provincial Experience – the policy choices made by Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan and what impact they have.	Dr. Marion Steele (Resident research assoc., Centre for Urban and Community Studies (CUCS), U of T.)
11:20	How can Housing Allowance programs be designed? What would various programs achieve? What are the trade-offs? What are the mechanics?	Dr. Meryl Finkel (Abt Associates)
12:00	LUNCH	
1:00	How could a housing allowance program be designed for the City of Ottawa? What would it cost? How can capital funds be used to provide a stream of housing allowances? What would such a plan cost in other Canadian cities?	David Lyman (EOLO) John Dickie (CFAA)
1:40	Explanation in plain language of key economic concepts relevant to program evaluation	Dr. Marion Steele (see position description above)
2:20	AFTERNOON BREAK	
	MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSIONS	
2:40	What are the economic benefits and limitations of housing allowances? This will likely include issues of program costs, landlord behaviour, government behaviour, housing supply results and the effect on tenants who do not receive allowances.	Vince Brescia (FRPO), David Lyman (EOLO), Steve Pomeroy (Focus Consulting) and Martha Lewis (TRAC-BC)
3:20	What are the social benefits and limitations of housing allowances? This will likely include discussion of neighbourhood building, spatial considerations and issues regarding household behaviour (for example, regarding work and housing consumption).	Russell Mawby (City of Ottawa Housing Director), Sharon Chisholm (CHRA), Vince Brescia (FRPO) and Al Kemp (ROMS-BC),
4:00	Audience questions and concluding remarks	John Dickie (CFAA)