* Date 02-24-2015 Location Miami Valley Housing Opportunities, 907 West Fifth St., Dayton, OH 45403
* Name: Focus Group: Staff and Residents of Miami Valley Housing Opportunities
* **Recap of session:**
* MVHO has long recognized that to truly serve the housing needs of vulnerable citizens in our community and must offer a variety of housing programs tailored to the unique challenges of various groups of people. Please note that potential tenants for most programs must be referred to us by one of our partner agencies. The only exception is our low income housing program, for which candidates may apply directly to MVHO.

**Top 3 areas of Discrimination**

**Most Common:**

54%identified Race/Color as #1

31% identified Disability as #2

27% identified Sexual Orientation as #3

* **Noteworthy stats:**
* 19 % Identified Age as #3
* 12% identified Race/Color, Ethnicity and Disability as #3
* **I know someone who was discriminated against.**

12 stated yes.

* 14 stated no.
* **Disability:**

10stated a person with disabilities resides in their home.

* **Current housing is accessible.**
* 10 stated yes.

16 stated no.

* **Opinion/thoughts about how willing landlords will help people with disabilities.**
* Very willing – 3
* Hesitant – 19
* Unwilling – 4

Tell us about your neighborhood.   
Does it or doesn’t it have:

* + Good Schools?

It was also mentioned that schools should provide laptops to students.

* + Groceries and shopping amenities that are plentiful and close?

No comments.

* + Health Care – is it close or far away?

All felt the area had easy access to healthcare.

* + Community Center?

No comments.

* + **Affordable** housing opportunities?

Not so much as affordable homes but homes that had diversity, 1 or 2 stories/duplexes, were important for a neighborhood mix. Most (10) stated they would like homes with an attached garage.

* + Easy **transportation** to everywhere in the county?

Nine members stated public transportation is very important. Several mention the lack of

public transportation services in Jefferson Township and some of the bus stops in that area

have no benches or shelters.

* + Is there neighborhood **blight** or problems?

Three members stated that blight often brought safety concerns. A total of 15 members stated drugs or break-ins in the area would be concern to them.

* + Is it accessible to **people with disabilities**

No comments.

* + What else is important?
* No comments.