

Tenant-Landlord Commission's (TLC) Eviction Reduction Subcommittee meeting Notes which took place on 6/24/19 with Zachary Butler, Matthew Whitfield, and Kellen MacBeth in attendance:

- **General District Court Proposal** - Matthew provided an overview of the meeting between Heather Venner and Nicole Harmon representing the Department of Human Services (DHS), Matthew representing Legal Services of Northern Virginia, and Judges Frances O'Brien and Jason Rucker of the General District Court. The judges were very interested in the two ideas presented: 1) Eviction Diversion Program and 2) Strategic Scheduling of Unlawful Detainers/Writs of Eviction. Most of the first docket calls occur on Thursdays and it would likely not be very difficult to move all of the first docket calls to that day. They seemed interested in having a DHS representative present to screen tenants for eviction prevention services. They would like to learn more about the Eviction Diversion Program and how it might work (they had not previously heard of it)--they requested a subsequent meeting with Matthew to learn more. Matthew relayed that having the TLC endorse the recommendation would be a powerful motivating factor for the court. Additionally, the subcommittee discussed adding a third idea to the proposal--requesting that the clerk of the court attach a one-page eviction prevention information sheet to the court summons so that all tenants facing eviction will receive a list of potential resources along with the court summons. Richmond is apparently doing something similar and the subcommittee believed this could have a large impact on reaching vulnerable tenants in Arlington. Kellen agreed to revise the proposal (attached) and send out to the subcommittee with the notes. The revised proposal will be on the agenda for discussion at the next TLC meeting on July 10th. Kellen will also update DHS and CPHD.
- **Discussion of Other Eviction Reduction Ideas** - Kellen brought up that AHC apparently has an eviction prevention program in place and at the suggestion of Nicole Harmon from DHS, he reached out to AHC to present on their program to the subcommittee at an upcoming meeting.