NOTES: March 19, 2019 — Autism & Local Housing

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Agenda

- **Introduction** — Kari Sandhaas, Autism Friendly Community Chair, Autism McLean
  Major take-aways from Feb 19 session

Panel Presentations

- **Where does a parent start?** (PUNS, etc.) Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Angela Yost
- **Local Residential Providers: What are current residential services?**
  - **Bloomington Housing Authority** — Jennifer Mayer, CHSP Service Coordinator
  - **Marcfirst** — Laura Furlong, CEO and Becky Brennan, Vice President of Residential & Quality Assurance
  - **Homes of Hope** — Maureen Wyhs, Executive Director
- **How Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding impacts local housing: considerations by municipal planners**
  - Jennifer Toney, Grant Coordinator, City of Bloomington, and
  - Taylor Long, Associate Planner, Town of Normal
  - *Planning for the Future:* McLean County Regional Planning Commission citizen survey

Break

- *Write your questions on the index cards – one question per card.* Turn in during the break!
- Refreshments
- Information tables
- April Events: Autism Awareness Month!

Q&A with Panelists

- Moderator – Nikki Michalak, ISU, Autism McLean Board

Closing Remarks/What's Next

SAVE THE DATE: May 21 – 6-8 pm
Normal Public Library Community Room

Future Needs & Goals: *What next?*

Join us for some dreaming, brainstorming, goal setting, and action planning