

Committee Name: Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council.

Meeting Dates: January 11–12, 1999.

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Dated: December 23, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4341–N–42]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1–800–927–7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4280–N–04]

Real Estate Assessment Center; Notice of Issuance of Advisory Scores Under the Public Housing Assessment System

AGENCY: Office of the Director of the Real Estate Assessment Center, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises public housing agencies, as well as members of the public, that HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center intends to issue advisory scores to public housing agencies under the new Public Housing Assessment System, established by final rule published on September 1, 1998. The schedule for issuance of advisory scores by the Real Estate Assessment Center accompanies this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact the Real Estate Assessment Center, Attention William Hill, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Suite 800, 1280 Maryland Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20024–2135; telephone (202) 708–4932 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD developed the new Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) to replace the existing Public Housing Management Assessment Program (PHMAP) and provide for a more comprehensive monitoring system of public housing operations. The PHAS final rule was published on September 1, 1998, and is codified at 24 CFR part 902. The PHAS uses four (4) indicators to assess a PHA's housing operations and determine a PHA's performance in delivering HUD programs and services. These indicators are: (1) the physical condition of the PHA's properties; (2) the financial condition of the PHA; (3) the management operations of the PHA; and (4) the resident services provided by the PHA and the residents' satisfaction with these services. On the basis of these four indicators, HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) calculates a composite PHAS score for each PHA.

The PHAS composite score represents a single score or grade for a PHA's entire operation. The PHAS score is derived from the scores calculated for each of the four indicators. Each of the four indicators is assigned a maximum value as follows:

- (1) Physical condition—maximum 30 points;
- (2) Financial condition—maximum 30 points;
- (3) Management operations—maximum 30 points; and
- (4) Resident service and satisfaction—maximum 10 points.

The PHAS composite score will determine whether a PHA is performing well or is not performing well. Under the PHAS, a PHA that receives an official composite PHAS score below 60 points, or achieves a score of less than 60 percent of the points available under PHAS Indicators 1, 2, or 3, will be designated as troubled and will be referred to HUD's Office of Troubled Agency Recovery for oversight and remedial action.

In the PHAS final rule, HUD stated that it may issue advisory scores to PHAs before the PHAS becomes fully operational (see 63 FR 46601). The advisory score will provide a PHA with a reasonable facsimile of the score that the PHA would receive if the PHAS was fully operational now. The advisory score also will provide a PHA with the opportunity to evaluate its standing in comparison to the present day PHMAP process and to prepare for full implementation of the new PHAS. The PHAS becomes effective for all PHAs with fiscal years ending on and after September 30, 1999.

The REAC intends to provide every PHA with an advisory score before the PHA receives its official PHAS score. The REAC, however, will issue advisory PHAS scores only after it has a complete set of data for all four indicators. With respect to Indicator 1 (Physical Condition), the REAC is responsible for assessing the physical condition of PHA properties and therefore receives this indicator information firsthand. Information regarding the other indicators is provided to the REAC by the PHAs (as for example, the PHA annual financial reports). If the PHA fails to timely submit this information to the REAC, then issuance of the PHAS advisory score will be delayed until the REAC receives the necessary information. A significant delay by the PHA in submitting the necessary information may result in the REAC being unable to issue any advisory score.

To assure an accurate official PHAS score, the REAC will continue to confirm and corroborate the results of the advisory scores. Toward this end, the REAC welcomes feedback from PHAs as they receive and review their advisory scores. Since the advisory scores, however, are based on data that