

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable materials, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Special Emphasis Panel; NIMHD Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Initiative in Reducing and Eliminating Health Disparities: Planning Phase (R24).

Date: August 6–8, 2012.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Rockville Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Robert Nettey, M.D., Chief, Scientific Review Officer, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–3996 netteyr@mail.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: July 20, 2012.

Jennifer S. Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Rental Assistance Demonstration: Final Program Notice

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On March 8, 2012, HUD announced through notice in the **Federal Register** the partial implementation and request for comments on the full implementation of the statutorily authorized Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), which has two conversion components. RAD provides the opportunity to test the conversion of public housing and other HUD-assisted properties to long-term, project-based Section 8 rental assistance to achieve certain goals, including the preservation and improvement of these properties through access by public housing agencies (PHAs) and owners to private debt and equity to address immediate and long-term capital needs. RAD is also designed to test the extent to which residents have increased housing choices after the conversion, and the overall impact on the subject properties. The March 8, 2012 notice solicited public comment specifically on HUD's proposal for full implementation of the demonstration, but also invited comment on the policy and procedures that would govern partial implementation of the demonstration under the second component. This **Federal Register** notice published today announces full implementation of RAD, and the posting of the Final Program Notice (Final Program Notice, PIH–2012–32) on HUD's RAD Web site. As provided by the RAD statute, this notice addresses the requirement that the demonstration may proceed after publication of notice of its terms in the **Federal Register**. HUD's Final Program Notice takes into consideration the public comments received in response to HUD's March 8, 2012 solicitation of comments. This Notice summarizes the key changes made to the Program Notice (PIH 2012–18) issued on March 8, 2012. This notice also meets the RAD statutory requirement to publish waivers and alternative requirements authorized by the statute at least 10 days before they may take effect, which does not prevent the demonstration from proceeding immediately.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* Sections I–IV of this notice, and section II of the appendix to this notice, are effective July 26, 2012. The Final Program Notice, PIH–2012–32, except for the statutory and regulatory waivers specified in section I of the appendix to this notice, is effective July 26, 2012. The statutory and regulatory waivers in section I of the appendix to this notice are effective August 6, 2012. The conversion of Rent Supp and RAP properties under Section

III of the Program Notice, which is updated by PIH–2012–32, was effective on March 8, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To assure a timely response, please electronically direct requests for further information to this email address: rad@hud.gov. Written requests may also be directed to the following address: Office of Public and Indian Housing—RAD Program, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 2000, Washington, DC 20410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

RAD, authorized by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112–55, signed November 18, 2011) (2012 Appropriations Act) allows for the conversion of assistance under the public housing, Rent Supplement (Rent Supp), Rental Assistance (RAP), and Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) programs (collectively, “covered programs”) to long-term, renewable assistance under Section 8. As provided in the **Federal Register** notice that HUD published on March 8, 2012, at 77 FR 14029, RAD has two separate components:

First Component. The first or competitive component of RAD allows projects funded under the public housing and Mod Rehab programs to convert to long-term Section 8 rental assistance contracts. Under this component of RAD, which is covered under Sections I and II of the Final Program Notice, PHAs and Mod Rehab owners may apply to HUD to convert to one of two forms of Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts: Project-based vouchers (PBVs) or project-based rental assistance (PBRA). No additional or incremental funds were authorized for this component of RAD. Therefore, PHAs and Mod Rehab owners will be required to convert assistance for projects at current subsidy levels. The 2012 Appropriations Act authorizes up to 60,000 units to convert assistance under this component, to be selected competitively. The 2012 Appropriations Act further specifies that HUD shall provide an opportunity for public comment on draft eligibility and selection criteria and on the procedures that will apply to the selection of properties that will participate in this component of the demonstration. This opportunity for comment was provided by the March 8, 2012 notice.

The First Component is effective July 26, 2012. The initial application period