DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Moving to Work Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of a federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Moving to Work (MTW) Research Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee meeting will be held via conference call on Thursday, January 25, 2018. The meeting is open to the public and is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: The teleconference meeting will be held on January 25, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eva Fontheim, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–3461 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339 or can email: MTWAdvisoryCommittee@hud.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2). The Committee was established on May 2, 2016, to advise HUD on specific policy proposals and methods of research and evaluation related to the expansion of the MTW demonstration to an additional 100 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs). See 81 FR 24630. On July 26 and 28, 2016, HUD convened two conference call meetings of the Committee, a two-day in-person meeting on September 1 and 2, 2016, followed up by conference call meeting on December 13, 2016. The minutes of these meetings are available on the HUD website at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=//program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/mtw/expansion.

HUD is now convening a 2.5-hour conference call to explore the possibility of adding a third cohort policy study. HUD will convene the meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018 via teleconference from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Thursday, January 25, 2018, From 1–3:30 p.m. EST

I. Welcome and Introductions
II. Summary of July, September, December Meetings
a. Revisit Guiding Principles
b. Confirm Committee Recommendations

III. Goal for this Meeting
a. Discuss and provide recommendations on whether HUD should study through the MTW expansion, the appropriate amount of Federal subsidy in the tenant-based program that balances both the impact on assisted families/housing quality, and the cost to Federal taxpayers
b. Revisit Rent Reform Cohort Recommendation

IV. Policy Framework and Research Methodology—MTW Statutory Objective #1: Reduce Cost and Achieve Greater Cost-Effectiveness in Federal Expenditures
a. Appropriate Federal subsidy in the tenant-based program

VI. Revisit Rent Reform Cohort Recommendation

VII. Update on the MTW Expansion
VIII. Public Input
IX. Summary of Discussion
X. Discuss Next Steps and Adjourn

The public is invited to call-in to the meeting by using the following Conference Toll-Free Number in the United States: 1–800–230–1059 or the following International number for those outside the United States: (612) 234–9960. Please be advised that the operator will ask callers to provide their names and their organizational affiliations (if any) prior to placing callers into the conference line. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines and for international calls, and HUD will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 and providing the FRS operator with the Conference Call Toll-Free Number: 1–800–230–1059.

Members of the public will have an opportunity to provide feedback during the call. The total amount of time for such feedback will be limited to ensure pertinent Committee business is completed. Further, the amount of time allotted to each individual commenter will be limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis by HUD. If the number of commenters exceeds the available time, HUD may ask for the submission of comments via email.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting, as well as other information about the work of this Committee, will be available for public viewing as they become available at: http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/committee.aspx?c&cid=25708&aid=77 by clicking on the “Committee Meetings” link. These materials will also be available on the MTW Demonstration’s expansion web page at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=//program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/mtw/expansion. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Department of Housing and Urban Development Headquarters in Washington, DC, as they become available, both before and after the meeting.

Outside of the work of this Committee, information about HUD’s broader implementation of the MTW expansion, as well as additional opportunities for public input, can be

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For the Understanding Rapid Re-housing Study

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: For the Understanding Rapid Re-housing Study, the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) is partnering with an external research team to collect new data to analyze the current status of the rapid re-housing (RRH) programs and the experiences of RRH participants. The project will provide HUD with a deeper understanding of how RRH programs operate and the experiences of households that use them. The Understanding Rapid Re-housing Study will synthesize existing research on RRH programs, extend the analysis of data from the Family Options Study (2016), provide a detailed examination of all rapid re-housing programs nationwide, and conduct qualitative research with a small sample of families and individuals who receive RRH. The study will collect contact information from Continuums of Care (CoCs) for RRH programs, as well as personal information from participating RRH households.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, HUD/PD&R proposes to establish a new HUD system of records titled “HUD/Understanding Rapid Re-housing.”

The new system—the Understanding Rapid Re-housing study—is not required by a new rulemaking being published.

The Understanding Rapid Re-housing (RRH) Study is being conducted by Abt Associates, an independent research firm, under the authority of the Secretary of HUD, through the Office of Policy Development and Research. The study is meant to undertake programs of research, studies, testing, and demonstration related to HUD’s mission and programs (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 et seq.).

This study provides an opportunity to address unanswered questions about RRH assistance and to gain an understanding of the status of RRH programs nationwide, as well as the experiences of RRH participants. At the program level, the new data collection and analysis will assess the current scale of RRH, document the predominant models in place for RRH programs, determine the extent to which programs use progressive engagement service approaches, and examine the way RRH programs function in rental markets with varying costs and vacancy rates.

Researchers will collect program-level data from Continuums of Care (CoCs) and RRH programs via a web-based survey and will subsequently collect further data through in-depth telephone interviews with several RRH programs. This data will be analyzed by Abt Associates and reported to HUD in a final report. Abt study staff will conduct in-person interviews and meetings with 16 RRH program participants. Data from these meetings will be collected via electronic recordings and paper protocols, and analyzed and reported by the researchers in the final report to HUD. All data will be de-identified for reporting purposes, so no person or program will be able to be identified in the final published study.

This study has undergone Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Information Security reviews to identify privacy risks, compliance, and legal risks to HUD.

Consistent with HUD’s information-sharing mission, information stored in the HUD/Understanding Rapid Re-housing system may be shared with other HUD components that have a need to know the information to carry out their national security, law enforcement, immigration, intelligence, or other homeland security functions. In addition, information may be shared with appropriate federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, foreign, or international government agencies consistent with the routine uses set forth in this system of records notice.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

HUD/Understanding Rapid Re-housing—

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Abt Associates, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 800 North, Bethesda, MD. A list of additional contractor sites where records under this system are maintained is available upon request to the system manager.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):


AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The authority for the collection of the data and the maintenance of this system can be found at Sec. 501, 502, Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91–609), 12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 1701z–2. One part of HUD’s established mission and responsibilities is to