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2017-2019 Housing Committee Report

The 2017-2019 Housing Committee assisted NAHRO staff in drafting and submitting 20 comment letters to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including:

- Proposed Changes to the Methodology Used for Estimating Fair Market Rents
- Verification of Eligible Status Rule (Mixed-Status Rule)
- Opportunity Zone Regulations (2nd Round)
- NSPIRE Information Collection
- Section 3 Proposed Rule
- Section 3 Proposed Rule Benchmarks
- Section 209 of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act: Initial Guidance
- Public Housing ACC for Capital and Operating Funds
- MTW Amendment to CACC
- Qualified Opportunity Funds
- Public Housing 5-Year Plan and MTW Supplement to the PHA Plan
- Homeland Security's Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds
- MTW Expansion Operations Notice
- AFFH: Streamlining and Enhancements
- Fair Market Rents, Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy, and Other Programs for Fiscal Year 2019
- Section HAP Payment 2018 Inflation Factors
- EnVision Center Demonstration
- FSS Performance Measurement System
- Suspension of Small Area FMRs
- Triennial Recertifications

The Housing Committee assisted NAHRO staff in writing letters to HUD on updating Program Handbooks for the HUD programs including the Housing Choice Voucher Program and the Public Housing program.

Housing Committee members also assisted in providing prioritized public relations material to NAHRO staff for Housing Committee related topics, including:

- Immigration and mixed-status families
- Section 3
- The government shutdown of 2019

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The Housing Committee continued its work with other NAHRO standing committees including Community Revitalization and Development and International Research and Global Exchange. NAHRO worked with CR&D on Opportunity Zones and other legal matters related to both committees and IRGE on Tribal Housing issues.

The Housing Committee had in-depth conversations over the span of the 2017-2019 term on the following topics:

- Portability
 - The Housing Committee along with NAHRO staff worked to create a proposal for reforming the portability system within the Housing Choice Voucher program.
- Housing as a Right
 - The Committee was tasked by the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee to begin researching and understanding the concept of Housing as a Right. This was done with assistance from IRGE.
- NSPIRE and changes to HUD's Public Housing Inspection Protocol
 - The Committee discussed at length HUD's shift to a 14-day notification window for UPCS inspections and the proposed changes to the system via the NSPIRE Demonstration the administration is currently rolling out.
- Public Housing Disposition Options, including RAD
 - The Committee focused on different public housing repositioning options, including demo/dispo, voluntary conversion, and most specifically RAD. The Committee discussed strategies to help smaller agencies better understand these options.
- Landlord participation in the voucher program
 - The Committee discussed current research in increasing landlord participation in the voucher program. The Committee provided insights into what they believed would help increase landlord participation.
- Opportunity Vouchers
 - The Section 8 subcommittee talked about what an Opportunity Voucher--or a special purpose voucher that encourages families with children to move to areas with expanded opportunity— looks like. The Committee thought that any opportunity voucher should: provide mobility services, but not force people to move to certain areas; be priced to be useful in opportunity areas; and provide money for additional services
- Mobility Demonstration Program
 - The Committee discussed the policy provisions in the mobility demonstration in both authorizing legislation and the House T-HUD bill. The subcommittee also provided staff with further examples of how their residents were hurt by the lack of administrative fees, which can be used by NAHRO staff to advocate for additional administrative fee funding.
- HUD proposed changes to the Annual Contributions Contract
 - The Committee discussed proposed changes by HUD to ACC and worked with NAHRO staff to get language in Appropriations bills to limit HUD's ability to unilaterally change the contract.

The Committee was joined by two guest speakers over the course of the term:

- Amy Glassman, Partner, Ballard Spahr
- Tony Walters, Executive Director, American Indian Housing Council