

NAHRO Housing Committee Meeting Summary 10-09-2019

For the final meeting of the NAHRO Housing Committee, the committee spoke about several topics. The committee began by having a moment of silence for Shauna Sorrells. The committee then heard from Tess Hembree who gave a Washington Update. Additionally, the committee was joined by President Richie, Senior Vice President Shaw, and CEO Todman. The committee thanked the President for his work and received thanks for its work.

Portability – the committee continued to discuss NAHRO’s portability proposal which would reform the portability process in the Housing Choice Voucher program. The committee continued to provide feedback to staff on how the proposal could be improved.

Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA) – the committee provided feedback on implementation of HOTMA provisions on income recertifications and asset listings. The committee provided feedback on how the provisions should be structured in the absence that the statutory text does not mandate a certain implementation. In general, the committee’s suggestions tended toward providing PHAs with additional discretion and simplification of the proposed regulations.

Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019 – the committee discussed legislation that would allow HUD to use tenant protection vouchers (TPVs) for youth aging out of foster care. Although there is a notice that already does this, the legislation gives conditions under which the length of the voucher can be increased and simplifies how easy it is for PHAs to request a TPV for a youth aging out of foster care. The committee provided tweaks for how the legislation could be improved.

Discussion of Section 30 Listening Session – the committee and staff discussed HUD’s Section 30 listening session that occurred in September. Committee members provided additional insights on the matter.

Census – the committee chair reminded the committee about the upcoming opportunities for employment and ensuring an accurate vote with the census. The committee discussed certain misperceptions about the census.

Housing Committee Transition Report – the committee went over all the work that the members did in the past term.

The Committee closed with the Committee chair and vice chair thanking each other, the members, and the NAHRO staff.