Appendix C: Staying Current on the Housing Choice Voucher Program

FEDERAL GUIDANCE

Realizing the importance of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in ending chronic homelessness, the federal government has issued guidance to public housing agencies encouraging them to use its resources to achieve this goal. Examples of this guidance include:

- PIH Notice 2013-15: Guidance on housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness through the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs
- PIH Notice 2015-19: Guidance for Public Housing Agencies and Owners of Federally-Assisted Housing on Excluding the Use of Arrest Records in Housing Decisions
- Expanding Opportunities to Housing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness through the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs, Questions and Answers
- Ending Homelessness Through the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Programs.

 Notice PIH 2013-15 Webinar
- Letter to PHA Executive Directors from HUD Secretary Regarding Screening for Criminal Records
- Letter to PHA Executive Directors from HUD Secretary and Assistant Secretary Regarding Commitment to Ending Homelessness
- PHA Guide to Participation in the Continuum of Care and Other Collaborative Planning
- Public and Indian Housing: Ending and Preventing Homelessness
- PHA Guidebook to Ending Homelessness (from US Interagency Council on Homelessness)
- <u>Joint Statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice: Reasonable Accommodations Under the Fair Housing Act</u>

STAYING INFORMED

Changes are made to the HCV program regulations and guidance on a regular basis. To stay informed, consider joining listservs sponsored by:

- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- Center for Budget and Policy Priorities
- National Alliance to End Homelessness