

Moving to Work
Resident and Public Meeting
Held August 12, 2021

Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC) held a Resident and Public meeting on August 12, 2021 to discuss the AAHC's desire to place an application for the HUD Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program Cohort # 4: Landlord Incentive. Below is a summary of the discussion including public input.

Attendees: Weneshia Brand, Misty Hendershot, MJ Townsend, Carla Campbell, Deborah, April Davis, Lillian Robertson, and Lakendra Palmer.

Discussion:

Townsend: Recommend that PHAs pay the cost of modifications, such as wheelchair ramps; to a unit for disabled individuals.

Townsend: Recommend that PHAs accept alternative inspections, such as city rental department inspections; in lieu of the HQS inspection?

Townsend: Recommend that PHAs become more knowledgeable with city rental inspection requirements.

Palmer: Recommend that AAHC increase the payment standard to provide families more assistance.

Palmer: Recommend reducing the amount of documentation landlords are required to complete to approve units.

Palmer: Mentioned that she would like to reside in Ann Arbor although, many landlords in Ann Arbor do not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8). However, many landlords that accept Housing Choice Voucher have homes located in areas with increased crime. In addition, many of these homes need upgrades and repairs.

Townsend: Recommend the AAHC increase public education for tenants and landlords to eliminate the stigma of the program and the program participants.

Townsend: Mentioned that tenants are denied often because they do not have security deposits or deposits are delayed through third party payments such as support service agencies.