

Moving to Work

Public Hearing

Held August 18, 2021

Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC) held a Public Hearing on August 18, 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, Bryce Allmacher, Patricia Jenkins, Dr. Lee Meadows, Deanna Boer, Thierry Batalonga, Julie Grand, Lisa Lavan, Riccia Lewis, Tisha Wilson, Caroline Sanders, and Community Member K.

Discussion:

Jenkins: I'd like to know if landlords told HUD that delays in HQS inspections and inadequate amounts of housing subsidy are incentives for owners to participant in the housing choice voucher program?

- HUD has created a website dedicated to Landlords who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program. It seems likely, that HUD has a forum that welcome input from landlords.

Sanders: Asked how well does Washtenaw county residents knows who controls the housing choice vouchers in Washtenaw?

- HUD regulation requires the PHA to define the jurisdiction/area they'll serve. The public can find out what PHA covers their desired area on HUD's website.

Sanders: Asked if residents know how to apply for the housing choice voucher?

- HUD required the PHA to post a notice informing the public how to apply for assistance; often you can find the information in the local news publication and PHA website.

Sanders: Asked when the waiting list opens; why doesn't the commission provide more notice and says that the notice are confusing.

- HUD requires the PHA to provide at minimum two-week notice prior to opening the waiting list. The notice must describe the program, preference if any, the bedroom size, the date and time the list will open and close, and instructions how to apply.

Lewis: Asked if the commission has a program that allows people to purchase homes?

- AAHC does administer the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program.