

## 9.1.16 MTW Expansion Committee Call – Akron MHA

### Questions:

- If an agency applies, and is selected, in response to a specific solicitation, can they still implement other MTW policies while only reporting on the specific policy that was solicited? Example would be applying for rent reform solicitation and then also implementing the fungibility block grant model in order to maximize savings to address local needs.
- For those advocating rent tiers/steps, assuming that they have also implemented this specific rent reform, what was the increase in terminations due to non-payment in the first year?
  - This would certainly add to the administrative burdens on the enforcement side and offset at least some of the savings on the processing side of the house.
- Is the committee recommending that there be one solicitation for rent reform structure and then HUD would randomly assign the PHAs that applied to a specific reform structure?
  - Income based variations would be much easier to implement with current residents and you would still get a huge savings from eliminating the gathering and calculations for deductions and asset income.
- Will there be at least one solicitation for each of the 9 policies that HUD requested comments on (3 from each objective)?
- Can the committee please provide some tentative recommendation, to be made public, regarding the role out of this expansion?
  - What policy is to be solicited, the size PHAs and if any are to be RAD for the initial cohort in the near future?
- Regarding control groups, if an agency applies for a specific solicitation and it is not selected, are you recommending that this (not selected) PHA is now going to be used as a control group and will be required to submit additional data above what is already submitted on normal course and would also be prohibited from applying for other cohorts?

### Comments:

- The solicitations should not be so prescriptive as to state a specific structure for the policy that is to be monitored; this eliminates all of the flexibility for each PHA to use what would work for their specific community and clientele.
- Each PHA should be able to implement specific policies for “workable families” and separate policies for the elderly/disabled families. They have completely different outcome expectations and needs.