



## Housing Task Force 2013 Report

### **HUD Section 811 Project-Based Rental Assistance (PRA) Demonstration Program**

Implementation of the bipartisan Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010 continues to be a major priority for the Housing Task Force. In February, HUD announced \$98 million in awards for the new 811 PRA Demonstration program for FY 2012. These awards went to 13 states and will create a projected 3,500 new units of integrated permanent supportive housing for non-elderly people with disabilities. Many of the 13 states are targeting new units to Medicaid MFP and Olmstead settlements, as well as people with disabilities experiencing chronic homelessness. This is in contrast to only 948 new units developed by the old 811 construction program for both FY 2010 & 2011. We are expecting the FY 2013 NOFA soon. More information on the 811 PRA awards is available at:

<http://811resourcecenter.tacinc.org>

### **FY 2014 Appropriations**

Despite the success of the HUD Section 811 PRA Demonstration program, the President's FY 2014 budget proposed a \$40 million reduction, dropping funding to \$126.2 million. This included \$106 million needed to renew existing Project-Based Rental Assistance Contracts for (PRACs) FY 2014. Only \$20 million was proposed for development of new PSH units. Neither the House or Senate T-HUD Appropriations bills for FY 2014 (HR 2610/S 1243) restored funding back to the FY 2012 level.

### **Fair Housing**

In September, the Housing Task Force submitted comments to HUD on the propose rules for "affirmatively furthering fair housing" (AFFH). These comments focused on a range of issues including promoting choice in housing and housing in the most integrated setting. CCD's comments can be viewed at: [http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD\\_comments\\_on\\_AFFH\\_NPRM9-17-13.pdf](http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/CCD_comments_on_AFFH_NPRM9-17-13.pdf)

### **Accessibility and Visitability**

The Task Force continued its support for new standards for visitable housing and its support for the Inclusive Home Design Act (HR 2352).

## **Section 8 Reform Legislation**

Congress continued to consider discussion drafts of legislation to reform HUD's Section 8 program. The latest version (the Affordable Housing and Self-Sufficiency Improvement Act) is awaiting consideration in the House.

## **HUD-HHS Partnership & Olmstead Guidance**

The Task Force continued to advocate for housing related Olmstead initiatives including support for the HUD-HHS Partnership to promote greater coordination between housing and human services agencies in support of Olmstead community integration goals. As part of this effort, the Housing Task Force worked to secure new HUD Guidance to state and local housing agencies on their obligations to assist in furthering community integration and the goals of the Olmstead decision. This Guidance can be viewed at: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OlmsteadGuidnc060413.pdf>

The joint Housing and Rights Task Force letter to HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan on this Guidance can be viewed at: [http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/ccdltr\\_to\\_HUD\\_Olmstead\\_final.pdf](http://www.c-c-d.org/fichiers/ccdltr_to_HUD_Olmstead_final.pdf)

## **Priced Out 2012**

Through the generous support of the Melville Charitable Trust, the Housing Task Force and the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) again published a "Priced Out" report comparing SSI monthly cash assistance to HUD fair market rents to demonstrate the extreme difficulty experienced by non-elderly people disabilities in accessing affordable rental housing. The full report can be views at:

<http://www.tacinc.org/knowledge-resources/priced-out-findings/>

## **Anticipated 2014 Priorities**

- FY 2015 HUD appropriations
- FY 2013 & 2014 competition for the HUD Section 811 PRA Demonstration program
- Fair housing enforcement and policies and implementation of the HUD AFFH rule
- Housing related Olmstead initiatives

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