



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

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**Re: Notice Of Establishment Of The Moving To Work Research Federal Advisory Committee.**

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the “Notice Of Establishment Of The Moving To Work Research Federal Advisory Committee” Vol. 81, Federal Register No. 86, Docket No. FR-5932-N-02 (April 26, 2016). Please accept this letter as the comments of the Co-Chairs of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Housing Task Force. CCD is a working coalition of national consumer, advocacy, provider, and professional organizations working together with and on behalf of the approximately 57 million children and adults with disabilities and their families living in the United States. CCD advocates for national public policy that ensures full equality, self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

The Notice indicates that the Committee will advise HUD on specific policy proposals and methods of research and evaluation for expansion of the Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration, as provided by Congress. Other Notices (see Request for Specific Policy Proposals and Methods of Research and Evaluation for MTW Demonstration Expansion, FR –5932–N–01 Vol. 81, Monday, April 4, 2016) indicate that the potential topics for MTW evaluation include those of concern to low-income people with disabilities including current and future voucher holders and tenants:

- Improving the health and wellbeing of elderly and disabled residents;
- Achieving the goal of ending homelessness for families, veterans, youth, and the chronically homeless; and
- Cultivating supportive or sponsor-based housing policies.

As such, the CCD Housing Task Force urges HUD ensure the Committee to include disability representation. This might be achieved by requiring that the points of view represented in the Membership Balance Plan include a person with a disability who is knowledgeable of HCV and public housing issues and an independent subject matter expert who is knowledgeable in the housing issues facing voucher holders and tenants with disabilities.

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Sincerely,

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