



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Housing Task Force 2012 Report

Implementation of the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act

Implementation of the bipartisan Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010 was a major priority for the Housing Task Force. The Task Force advocated for HUD to issue proposed regulations (pending) and a NOFA for Section 811 2012 funds that incorporated the reforms and new options under the Melville Act. Working closely with the Technical Assistance Collaborative, the Task Force sponsored webinars and developed educational material to educate states and CCD members' state affiliates about the Section 811 2012 NOFA, which 35 states ultimately applied for.

The Task Force also advocated for HUD to work with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to ensure that PHAs properly issue and track housing choice vouchers targeted for non-elderly people with disabilities, as required under the Melville Act.

FY 2013 Appropriations

The Housing Task Force advocated for adequate FY 2013 HUD appropriations, including adequate funding for HUD's Section 811 program to facilitate implementation of the Melville Act.

Fair Housing

The Housing Task Force continued to advocate for HUD to publish two long-anticipated proposed rules, one providing jurisdictions with guidance on how to meet their obligations to affirmatively further fair housing and the second confirming that fair housing violations may result from either benign neglect or intentional discrimination.

Accessibility and Visitability

The Task Force continued its conversations about visitable housing with national experts, and supported the reintroduction of the Inclusive Home Design Act.

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.

Homeless Continuum of Care

The Task Force encouraged HUD implementation of the HEARTH Continuum of Care programs.

HUD-HHS Partnership

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.

Anticipated 2013 Priorities

- 2014 HUD appropriations
- Implementation of the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act
- Fair housing enforcement and policies to affirmatively further fair housing
- Housing related *Olmstead* initiatives

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