



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Housing Task Force 2011 Report

Implementation of the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act

Implementation of the bipartisan Frank Melville Housing Investment Act of 2010 was a major priority for the Housing Task Force. The Task Force advocated for HUD to issue proposed regulations and a NOFA for Section 811 2011 funds that incorporate the reforms and new options under the Melville Act.

FY 2012 Appropriations

The Housing Task Force advocated for adequate FY 2012 HUD appropriations, including adequate funding for HUD's Section 811 program to facilitate implementation of the Melville Act.

HUD "Worst Case Housing Needs" Report

The Housing Task Force continued to press HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) to address the persistent undercount of non-elderly people with disabilities in HUD's periodic reports measuring "worst case" housing needs. Through the work of our colleagues at the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC), consultant Dr. Kathy Nelson, and our colleagues at the National Low Income Housing Coalition, PD&R posted an alternative analysis that more accurately reflects the needs of non-elderly people with disabilities. More information is at: http://www.c-c-d.org/task_forces/housing/Bostic-letter-FINAL.pdf and http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/WorstCaseDisabilities03_2011.pdf.

Priced Out Report

For the 7th time the Housing Task Force partnered with the TAC to publish a biennial report on the housing needs of people who receive Supplemental Security Income. "Priced Out in 2010: The Housing Crisis for People with Disabilities" was distributed widely and received news coverage.

Fair Housing

In early 2012 HUD hopes 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. The Housing Task Force continued to encourage HUD to issue both proposed rules.

Accessibility and Visitability

The Housing Task Force presented testimony to the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee in support of increasing the maximum width of exterior doors and interior hallways in manufactured housing. The Task Force also initiated conversations about visitable housing with national experts.

Section 8 Reform Legislation

Congress continued to consider discussion drafts of legislation to reform HUD's Section 8 program. The latest version (the Section 8 Savings Act) is awaiting consideration in the House.

Anticipated 2012 Priorities

- 2013 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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