

Frequently Asked Questions:

**Proposed Amendments to the FY2010 MTW Annual Plan, to the Amended And Restated MTW Agreement, and to the FY2010 HCV Administrative Plan
Public Comment Period**

1. What is the Plan for Transformation?

The Plan for Transformation is CHA's plan to overhaul public housing in Chicago. The goal of the plan is to create 25,000 rehabilitated or redeveloped units in viable communities for CHA families.

2. Why is the CHA amending the FY2010 Moving To Work Annual Plan?

In order to effectuate MTW authority granted to CHA in the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement, CHA must set out in each annual plan proposed activities requiring MTW wavier authority and how the activity furthers the purpose of the MTW Program. CHA desires to undertake such activities not included in the original plan.

3. What is CHA amending in the FY2010 Moving To Work Annual Plan?

CHA is amending the language of one proposed MTW activity in and adding five additional MTW activities to the FY2010 MTW Annual Plan. CHA is also expanding the list of potential properties that may be removed from included in disposition activity in FY2010.

4. Why is the CHA adopting Amendments to the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement?

The CHA wants to make changes to certain parts of the Amended and Restated MTW Agreement that was signed in June 2008. In order to make the changes, the CHA must adopt an amendment.

5. What are the Amendments to the Amended and Restated Agreement?

Amendment No. 4 to CHA's Amended and Restated MTW Agreement addresses the time period to publish comments received during semi-annual meetings conducted by the Mixed-Finance Resident Ombudsman, and CHA's responses to such comments, more flexible.

Amendment No. 5 to CHA's Amended and Restated MTW Agreement seeks authority for a broader, use of funds which would, for example enable CHA to increase the amount of funding allocated to a voucher to cover both the cost of the rental subsidy and the cost of services for the family residing in the unit.

6. Why is the CHA amending the FY2010 HCV Administrative Plan?

The CHA is amending the HCV Administrative Plan to remain compliant with HUD requirements, support the local goals, and exercise the regulatory flexibilities arising out of CHA's participation in the MTW Demonstration.

7. What is the HCV Administrative Plan?

The HCV Administrative Plan is a document required by HUD that sets forth local policies for operation of the Housing Choice Voucher Program in the context of both federal law and regulations. The HCV Administrative Plan covers CHA policies on selection and admission of applicants, family obligations, issuing or denying vouchers, inspections, and implementation of the project-based voucher program.

8. What is a public comment period?

A public comment period is an opportunity for CHA public housing residents, Housing Choice Voucher Program participants, and the community-at-large to review a document the CHA has drafted or revised, and if desired, provide oral and written comments to the CHA before the document is finalized and presented for approval to the Board of Commissioners, and submitted to HUD.

9. When is the public comment period?

The 30-day comment period begins on March 5, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) and ends on April 3, 2010 (5:00 p.m.).

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10. Where can I get a copy of the proposed documents?

The proposed documents will be available for public review on CHA's website at www.thecha.org, as well as at the following locations from March 5, 2010 through April 3, 2010:

- CHA and HCV Administrative Offices - 60 E. Van Buren Street;
- CHA Property Management Offices;
- Central Advisory Council Office (243 E. 32nd Street);
- HCV Satellite Offices; and
- Latino Site Offices.

11. What items are to be discussed at the public comment hearing?

The proposed amendments to the FY2010 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan, to CHA's Amended and Restated MTW Agreement, and the FY2010 Amended HCV Administrative Plan will be discussed at the hearing. Attendees at the hearing can provide the CHA with oral and written comments on the proposed amendments. The CHA will respond to all written and oral comments.

12. Do I have to attend the Public Comment Hearing?

No. While the CHA encourages and welcomes all public housing residents, HCV Program participants, and the community-at-large to attend the hearing, it is not mandatory. The date, time, and location of this hearing are provided below:

Date: Monday, March 22, 2010
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center
4859 South Wabash Ave.
Multipurpose Room
Chicago, IL 60615

13. If I attend the hearing, do I have to make a comment?

No, you are not required to make a comment at the hearing. If you choose to comment at the hearing, you may provide your comment orally or in writing. Additionally, you have the opportunity to send written comments to the CHA via mail, e-mail, or fax until 5 p.m. on April 3, 2010.

14. If I am unable to attend the public comment hearing or choose not to make an oral comment, is there a way to voice my opinion on the Proposed Amendments?

Yes, in writing – See below for specific methods.

Mail comments to: Chicago Housing Authority
Research, Reporting & Communications
Re: Amendments
60 E. Van Buren, 10th Floor
Chicago, IL 60605

E-mail comments to: commentontheplan@thecha.org
Subject: Amendments

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Fax comments to: (312) 913-7849
Attention: Amendments

All comments must be received by the CHA by 5:00 pm on April 3, 2010.

15. How will the CHA respond to my comment?

The CHA collects all comments received and responds to them in writing in a public comment grid. The public comment grid for the proposed amendments will be available on the CHA website once CHA received Board approval for the documents.

Please call the CHA RRC Department at 312-913-7300 with questions.