

## INTRODUCTION

The CHA continues to reconstruct and transform the face of public housing in Chicago through implementation of the Plan for Transformation (Plan). The Moving to Work Demonstration Agreement and its Amendments (MTW Agreement), entered into by the CHA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), work in conjunction with the Plan to provide low-income families with decent housing in a cost-effective manner. By the end of the Plan, the CHA will have delivered 25,000 public housing units. Since the beginning of the Plan, the CHA has delivered 16,172 public housing units, which is 64.7% percent of the target number. In order to achieve this end, the CHA managed the budget in a way that projected funding deficiencies to see how to develop and increase funding resources. Despite working with a limited budget, the CHA added to its public housing stock, which resulted in more units being leased in FY2007.

Each year, the CHA creates an Annual Plan, which outlines the CHA's goals and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. The CHA submits an Annual Report to HUD, which examines and reviews the progress the CHA has made toward reaching the goals highlighted in the Annual Plan for the reporting year. In FY2007, the CHA set ambitious goals for building closures and demolition, site and community infrastructure improvements, and increases in public housing stock, in order to better the lives of public housing residents. The Annual Report summarizes which goals were met by stating the actual advancements made throughout the fiscal year and highlights which goals still need to be accomplished. Below is a list of the CHA's key accomplishments achieved during FY2007.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FY2007 ANNUAL REPORT

### ***Chapter 1: Renewal of Chicago's Public Housing***

- Completed 880 revitalized public housing units for a Plan-to-date total of 16,172 units, 64.7% of the 25,000 unit goal.
- In addition to redeveloping or rehabilitating public housing units, 1,587 new units were under construction.
- Closed six real estate transactions for a Plan-to-date total of 52 closings.
- Delivered 212 redeveloped/rehabilitated as mixed-income/mixed-finance units.
- Rehabilitated 100 senior designated housing units and 568 family housing units.

## **Chapter 2: Enhancing Affordable Housing Opportunities**

- Provided 34,594 households with Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) for use in the private market.
- 42 families purchased a home through the Choose to Own Home Ownership Program, of which 12 were relocating public housing families, bringing the grand total of homes purchased to 237 since the start of the Program.
- Ninety-two (92) individuals graduated from the HCV Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Launched a new feature on the HCV Program website in order to assist persons with disabilities locate accessible housing.

## **Chapter 3: Supporting Residents through Relocation**

- Hosted Relocation Fairs for public housing developments and new mixed-income/mixed-finance communities.
- Conducted home visits at 1,227 CHA households to determine the needs of the relocated residents and how to best address those needs.
- Closed 77 public housing buildings.
- Assisted 788 families with their moves to permanent homes.

## **Chapter 4: Achieving Economic and Social Self-Sufficiency**

- Coordinated in-home case management service for over 1,000 CHA senior residents across 15 senior designated housing properties.
- Collaborated with the Opportunity Chicago Program to provide cost-free education and job training to individuals interested in workforce preparedness.
- Assisted with 1,707 job placements for residents.
- Two-thousand four-hundred and ninety-three (2,493) CHA youth participated in the Chicago Park District's summer day camp program.
- Approximately 750,000 meals were served to public housing residents at 186 sites across Chicago through the Summer Food Program.

### **Chapter 5: Promoting Economic Opportunities**

- Attended Businesses Owned by People with Disabilities event, the American Construction Contractors Association annual award event, and the Women's Business Development Center conference to learn about partnerships with minorities, women, and disadvantaged business enterprises.
- Reached out to Section 3 employers to inform them of the benefits of hiring a CHA resident, who is a Section 3 applicant.
- Completed 150 job placements for CHA residents through the Section 3 Program.

### **Chapter 6: Operation of Chicago's Public Housing**

- Again in FY2007, the CHA partnered with third-party property management companies and resident management corporations to guarantee CHA assets were being managed efficiently.
- Continued quality control inspection of CHA properties to make sure they were properly being maintained.
- Communicated with public housing residents and the community at-large through avenues including, but not limited to: press releases, housing fairs, quarterly e-newsletters, and an enhanced CHA website.
- Continued implementation of the Senior Designated Housing Plan.
- Completed the FY2007 Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy, Lease, and Pet Policy.

### **Chapter 7: Advancing the Vision for Change**

- Leveraged \$1.73 million in external funding from governmental agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and private corporations for a Plan-to-date total of \$84.83 million.
- Moved from an implementation effort to monitoring the Enterprise Resource and Planning system (ERP), which merged department databases in to one all-encompassing database.
- Prepared for implementation of the new Project-Based Budgeting and Accounting (PBBA) reporting structure.
- The CHA collaborated with over 160 partners to provide residents and the CHA community as a whole with educational and employment opportunities, as well as a variety of beneficial social services.