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**To All Asheville Housing Residents and Voucher Participants:**

The Housing Authority is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to update our Annual Plan every year. Over the past year we have made a few updates due to our Moving to Work (MTW) Program and held a number of input sessions for residents to provide comments. While the sessions addressed key components of the changes under the MTW Program, it improperly named the Annual Plan as the “Administrative Plan”.

While, some of the changes discussed are in the Administrative Plan, and the resident comments were considered when drafting the final submission of the MTW Supplement, we want to make sure our communications are clear, therefore, we are holding a separate meeting to provide another opportunity for the Resident Advisory Board to comment on the actual Annual Plan contents.

The goals that the Housing Authority is seeking comments on are as follows:

**Goal 1: Provide excellent customer service**, internally and externally, to motivate and empower our residents and staff.

**Goal 2: Redevelop, expand and improve Asheville Housing communities**, in collaboration with our residents and local partners, to ensure that they are open, accessible, inviting, and affordable to families with a mix of incomes for the long term, with the highest priority on expanding the number of affordable one- and two-bedroom units.

**Goal 3: Preserve and improve existing Asheville Housing communities** to ensure they are safe, secure and inviting places for our residents to live, while adopting and implementing innovative strategies to support and encourage families to access employment and expand self-reliance.

**Goal 4: Promote equity through homeownership** for Asheville Housing families through the HCV Homeownership Program, in collaboration with other local affordable homeownership developers and agencies.

**Goal 5: Expand the number and utilization of Housing Choice Vouchers** for the benefit of our families, and reduce the concentration of poverty in our community broadly.

**Goal 6: Provide special needs housing opportunities** for people experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, people with disabilities, and people reentering our community from incarceration.

**Goal 7: Support Asheville Housing youth and children** in achieving academic success by seeking funds and expanding partnerships with local school districts and other agencies to provide quality afterschool and preschool services in and near Asheville Housing communities.

The Housing Authority is seeking to make many improvements, to deal with previously expressed issues, along with making bold new changes in the Moving to Work (MTW) Program and its related waivers to certain federal regulations. The changes include a waiver to move our recertification schedule to once every three years for the majority of our residents as well as using ancillary funds for the acquisition and rehabbing of new units to expand our Homeownership program.

The Annual Plan changes will include the following:

1. Adjustments to the admissions policy,
2. Lease updates, and
3. Waitlist preferences.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our input sessions held in July and August of 2023 and at the January, 2024 Resident Participation meeting.

**If you were not able to participate in the in-person meeting, you may still contribute by sending your comments to [comments@haca.org](mailto:comments@haca.org). We look forward to hearing from you about this important work.**

Sincerely,

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Housing Authority of the City of Asheville