

Resident Advisory Council

The HA established in 2000 a 12-member Resident Advisory Council in order to improve participant feedback and to comply with federal regulations.

The members of the Resident Advisory Council are appointed to two-year terms. The initial appointment of the council was random selection by HA Housing Counselors. Future appointments will occur based on the following, in the order presented:

- Upon completion of a two-year term, members will be offered an opportunity to continue serving on the council for up to two additional two-year terms. If the member declines:
- Volunteers will be solicited through the next edition of *Section 8 News*. If no individual volunteers within the established time frame,
- The departing representative will be responsible for appointment of the subsequent replacement member. In order to select the subsequent representative, the departing member will select a number between 1 and 580 (or the highest number of families receiving assistance at that time). The number selected will be compared by HA staff to the database of all participant families. The head-of-household of the family that has been assigned that Voucher number will be appointed to the Resident Advisory Council.

The Resident Advisory Council will meet twice each year:

- once during the summer
- once between November and January to review and comment on draft Annual and 5-Year Plans that the HA must submit to HUD each April.

Once an individual is appointed to the Resident Advisory Council, participation and attendance at meetings is mandatory and incorporated in the family's obligations. Council members will be advised in writing in advance of the established meeting. The HA may excuse individuals from the meetings, upon request of the individual prior to the date of the meeting, to accommodate the individual's specific circumstances, such as an unavoidable conflict that cannot be re-scheduled.

Two unexcused absences during the term will result in termination of assistance in accordance with the policies and procedures in this Administrative Plan.