***HOUSING RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD***

***SUGGESTIONS***

***Suggestion to expand the supply of Assisted Housing***

1. Work closer with groups like Echo, Eden or other type of housing agencies to provide units to clients.
2. Look into buying dilapidated and/or abandoned homes and refurbish them and rent the units to HCV clients
3. Purchase hotels, motels or vacant homes and rent rooms to single persons.
4. Encourage landlords to lease their property to families on the HCV programs.

***Suggestion to improve the quality of Assisted Housing***

1. Look into using other federal funding (if possible), CDBG, private investors (who could contribute labor and materials as a tax write-off).
2. Explore the idea to have tenants work with agencies to receive funding to purchase and rebuild units in areas they currently live.
3. Work with banks to supply low-interest loans to residents to purchase a home.
4. Conduct a more stringent annual inspection.
5. Change filters in the furnace and air conditioner in units.
6. When tenants move into units provide helpful hints and tips on cleaning the stove and areas in the kitchen.
7. Provide tenants trash rules to avoid the trash from being spread throughout the complex.
8. Install fire extinguishers on the outside of buildings at all Senior/Disable properties
9. Property Managers or Assistants should walk the property at least twice of week to have cars tagged and have areas cleaned up.
10. Have training for some maintenance to improve the quality of work.

***Suggestion to provide an improved Living Environment***

1. For repair work hire outside contractors willing to donate time and materials in lieu of financial compensation, but they could get a tax write-offs.
2. Begin training programs for interested tenants that teach them how to perform their own small maintenance needs. Some expenses incurred could be deducted from tenant’s rent. Repairs would be done under HA supervision and with prior consent of management.
3. Work with county to establish an effective vector program to rid properties of raccoons, feral cats, opossums, wasps’ nests, etc
4. Residents need to get involved in improving their complexes.

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***SUGGESTIONS (CONT)***

***Suggestion to provide an improved Living Environment(cont)***

1. Explore options to improve landscaping at properties.
2. Work with local police agencies to get police logs for troubled tenants.
3. Upgrade all appliances in the units.
4. Improve the sewer lines at properties.
5. Expand the tenant involvement in activities at property
6. Explore having picnic tables with chess or checkers board built in for residents to play on.
7. Look into have lawn activities at Senior/Disable properties.
8. Upgrade lighting at properties.
9. Remove glass shower doors for Senior/Disable clients at get tub with lower sides.

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***Suggestion to promote Self-Sufficiency and Asset Development of Assisted Households***

1. Organize a program where tenants are taught how to survive after a natural disaster.
2. Properties should have a community newsletter.
3. Expand resource centers at more properties.
4. Organize more social activities at all public housing properties, especially disabled/elderly properties.
5. Allow tenants to pay rent electronically