

SECTION 8 RESIDENTS ADVISORY BOARD

2008/2009 Recommendations for the Proposed 2008-2009 PHA Plan

The following recommendations were presented by the advisory board in the meeting held on February 28, 2008 between the members of the members of MDHA staff and the sections 8 residents advisory board:

1. We need the homeownership program back, because it helps many of our families by providing more peace of mind, since they won't have the worry of being asked to vacate the property because the landlord decides to sale the property, or, like in many of the cases today, they won't get evicted because the landlord did not pay the mortgage and the property is now in the foreclosure process. The homeownership program also helps the residence in accomplishing the so much desired, American dream.
2. More programs need to be created to either, provide loans for residents to establish there own business; or to have more information accessible in order to link them to the authorities that could help with the process of obtaining fund. This way we will have more recipients become totally self sufficient.
3. The board would like to obtain the addresses for the SRO.
4. **The 60-30-30 time frame for new dwelling search needs to be extended, since some times due to transpiration, health and other circumstances, it gets hard to find a dwelling in such a short period of time. Remember that, we have many handicapped and ill individuals among the residents.**
5. **The first payment and the first inspection processing needs to process faster, it is just terrible, and it is an agonizing process and everywhere we go, people say that these situations is occurs Miami Dade only.**
6. **We need to minimize the visits of the recipients to the office, since we have so many of us that like to earn a living by working, and sometimes we loose our jobs in the process, because a lot of the employers, don't believe in having a tenant absent so many times.**
7. **The phones need to be operating, the workers need all the support they could get from the customer service, and the recipients need to have access to someone on the phone.**
8. (1)The advisory board needs an office space, probably we could share an office space over at 1401 NW 7th Street; we are willing to share the office with the HUD Advisory Board. But would be best if we could obtain our own little space anywhere possible.

(2)The board wants to get more involve and assist in the process of the updates and changes information being sent to owners and tenants. We want the community to come to us and share the concerns to us, so that we could be that breach between the administration and the residents, which is the whole purpose of a board. The board wants to be a functional board.
9. We are requesting a meeting with the all the HUD administrative staff, in order to see what we can workout, to serve our community better.