

**Committee Name:** Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council.

**Meeting Dates:** January 11–12, 1999.

**Place:** Marriott Pooks Hill, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20841.

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Dated: December 23, 1998.

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*Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4341–N–42]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 31, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708–1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708–2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1–800–927–7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

**Fred Karnas, Jr.**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4280–N–04]

### Real Estate Assessment Center; Notice of Issuance of Advisory Scores Under the Public Housing Assessment System

**AGENCY:** Office of the Director of the Real Estate Assessment Center, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises public housing agencies, as well as members of the public, that HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center intends to issue advisory scores to public housing agencies under the new Public Housing Assessment System, established by final rule published on September 1, 1998. The schedule for issuance of advisory scores by the Real Estate Assessment Center accompanies this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact the Real Estate Assessment Center, Attention William Hill, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Suite 800, 1280 Maryland Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20024–2135; telephone (202) 708–4932 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD developed the new Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) to replace the existing Public Housing Management Assessment Program (PHMAP) and provide for a more comprehensive monitoring system of public housing operations. The PHAS final rule was published on September 1, 1998, and is codified at 24 CFR part 902. The PHAS uses four (4) indicators to assess a PHA's housing operations and determine a PHA's performance in delivering HUD programs and services. These indicators are: (1) the physical condition of the PHA's properties; (2) the financial condition of the PHA; (3) the management operations of the PHA; and (4) the resident services provided by the PHA and the residents' satisfaction with these services. On the basis of these four indicators, HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) calculates a composite PHAS score for each PHA.

The PHAS composite score represents a single score or grade for a PHA's entire operation. The PHAS score is derived from the scores calculated for each of the four indicators. Each of the four indicators is assigned a maximum value as follows:

- (1) Physical condition—maximum 30 points;
- (2) Financial condition—maximum 30 points;
- (3) Management operations—maximum 30 points; and
- (4) Resident service and satisfaction—maximum 10 points.

The PHAS composite score will determine whether a PHA is performing well or is not performing well. Under the PHAS, a PHA that receives an official composite PHAS score below 60 points, or achieves a score of less than 60 percent of the points available under PHAS Indicators 1, 2, or 3, will be designated as troubled and will be referred to HUD's Office of Troubled Agency Recovery for oversight and remedial action.

In the PHAS final rule, HUD stated that it may issue advisory scores to PHAs before the PHAS becomes fully operational (see 63 FR 46601). The advisory score will provide a PHA with a reasonable facsimile of the score that the PHA would receive if the PHAS was fully operational now. The advisory score also will provide a PHA with the opportunity to evaluate its standing in comparison to the present day PHMAP process and to prepare for full implementation of the new PHAS. The PHAS becomes effective for all PHAs with fiscal years ending on and after September 30, 1999.

The REAC intends to provide every PHA with an advisory score before the PHA receives its official PHAS score. The REAC, however, will issue advisory PHAS scores only after it has a complete set of data for all four indicators. With respect to Indicator 1 (Physical Condition), the REAC is responsible for assessing the physical condition of PHA properties and therefore receives this indicator information firsthand. Information regarding the other indicators is provided to the REAC by the PHAs (as for example, the PHA annual financial reports). If the PHA fails to timely submit this information to the REAC, then issuance of the PHAS advisory score will be delayed until the REAC receives the necessary information. A significant delay by the PHA in submitting the necessary information may result in the REAC being unable to issue any advisory score.

To assure an accurate official PHAS score, the REAC will continue to confirm and corroborate the results of the advisory scores. Toward this end, the REAC welcomes feedback from PHAs as they receive and review their advisory scores. Since the advisory scores, however, are based on data that

is similar but not identical to the official PHAS data, there will be variances that cannot be removed from the calculations. For example, the PHAS advisory score will be based on financial information that was not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The official PHAS score will be based on financial information prepared in

accordance with GAAP, as required by the new PHAS.

During the period in which the REAC is calculating and issuing PHAS advisory scores, the REAC will solicit comments and recommendations from PHAs that will assist HUD and the REAC in identifying any necessary technical adjustments that may need to be made to the new PHAS before it

becomes fully operational in Federal fiscal year 2000. REAC plans to distribute additional information and details about PHAS advisory scores to PHAs within the next several weeks.

Dated: December 24, 1998.

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#### PUBLIC HOUSING ASSESSMENT SYSTEM ADVISORY SCORE SCHEDULE

	PHA regular submission dates to field office	Field office regular process date	Field office submission date to REAC <sup>3</sup>	REAC advisory score date <sup>4</sup>	REAC unaudited official score date	REAC audited official score date
FIRST QUARTER (9-30-98 YEAR ENDS):						
PHYSICAL <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	12/31/98	12/31/99	7/31/2000
FINANCIAL <sup>5</sup> .....	11-15-98	1/31/99	11/30/98	12/31/98	12/31/99	7/31/2000
MANAGEMENT .....	11-30-98	1/31/99	12/7/98	12/31/98	12/31/99	7/31/2000
RESIDENT <sup>2</sup> .....	11-30-98	1/31/99	12/7/98	12/31/98	12/31/99	7/31/2000
SECOND QUARTER (12-31-98 YEAR ENDS):						
PHYSICAL <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	3-31-99	3-31-2000	10-31-2000
FINANCIAL <sup>5</sup> .....	2-15-99	4-30-99	2-28-99	3-31-99	3-31-2000	10-31-2000
MANAGEMENT .....	3-1-99	4-30-99	3-15-99	3-31-99	3-31-2000	10-31-2000
RESIDENT <sup>2</sup> .....	3-1-99	4-30-99	3-15-99	3-31-99	3-31-2000	10-31-2000
THIRD QUARTER (3-31-99 YEAR ENDS):						
PHYSICAL <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	6-30-99	6-30-2000	1-31-2001
FINANCIAL <sup>5</sup> .....	5-15-99	7-31-99	5-30-99	6-30-99	6-30-2000	1-31-2001
MANAGEMENT .....	5-31-99	7-31-99	6-14-99	6-30-99	6-30-2000	1-31-2001
RESIDENT <sup>2</sup> .....	5-31-99	7-31-99	6-14-99	6-30-99	6-30-2000	1-31-2001
FOURTH QUARTER (6-30-99 YEAR ENDS):						
PHYSICAL <sup>1</sup> .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	9-30-99	9-30-2000	4-31-2001
FINANCIAL <sup>5</sup> .....	8-14-99	10-31-99	8-30-99	9-30-99	9-30-2000	4-31-2001
MANAGEMENT .....	8-29-99	10-31-99	9-13-99	9-30-99	9-30-2000	4-31-2001
RESIDENT <sup>2</sup> .....	8-29-99	10-31-99	9-13-99	9-30-99	9-30-2000	4-31-2001

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Physical inspections are performed by the REAC; no PHA or field office submissions are required. Weather conditions in the second quarter could delay inspections.

<sup>2</sup> Resident satisfaction advisory scores are based on the resident indicator in PHMAP. Official scores will be based on resident surveys.

<sup>3</sup> Field office processing dates have been accelerated in order to meet the requirement to produce advisory score due dates.

<sup>4</sup> REAC will produce advisory scores by these due dates to the extent data is received from the PHAs and forwarded to the REAC by the due dates in note 3 above. To the extent data is received after the due date, REAC will produce advisory scores periodically thereafter (generally in two week increments after the original advisory score due dates).

<sup>5</sup> Financial advisory scores will be based on the current HUD accounting standards; whereas the official scores will be based on GAAP accounting standards because PHAs do not report GAAP based information to HUD until 9-30-99 fiscal year ends. Financial advisory scores will be based on the low rent program only; whereas the official scores will be based on a PHA entity-wide financial assessment because PHAs do not submit entity-wide financial reports to HUD. Financial advisory scores will be based on unaudited data because audits are not due until 13 months (9 months beginning with June 30, 1999 year-end) after year end.

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