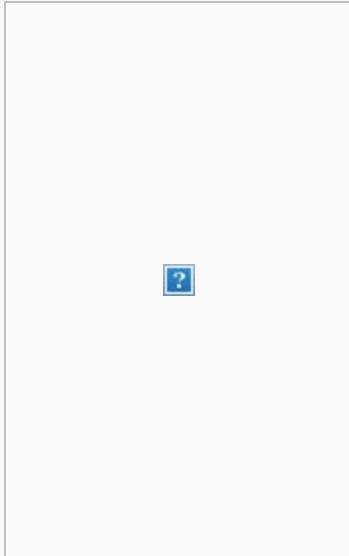


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Updates to the ESG Participant File Checklist

The ESG Participant File Checklist was recently updated to include VAWA requirements. You can find the updated checklist [here](#) and on [MSHDA's website](#).

Please feel free to contact [Randy Horstman](#), ESG Monitoring Specialist, with any questions.

ESG Go Section 8: Correction

In the recorded webinar training for Go Section 8 on MSHDA's website, it is said that staff using the system *must enter participant names* in order to complete the rent reasonableness comparisons. **This is incorrect.** Staff using Go Section 8 for ESG purposes **should not enter participant names** into the system.

However, the written procedures for this process are correct. Please note this difference when training or refreshing staff on the use of Go Section 8.

You can review the procedures [here](#) and on [MSHDA's website](#).

Updates to HARA, CoC, and LPB Contact Lists

Updated contact lists are now available on the [MSHDA website](#) for the following:

- HARAs (Housing Assessment Resource Agency) [PDF](#) or [Excel](#)
- CoCs (Continuum of Care) or LPBs (Local Planning Bodies - subset of the Balance of State CoC) [PDF](#) or [Excel](#)

If you have any updates or corrections to these lists, please notify your MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialist. You can also send an email to [Homeless Solutions](#).

Clarification on ESG Mileage Reimbursement

Starting October 1, 2019 (ESG FY 2019-2020), MSHDA ESG grantees and subgrantees can request reimbursement for mileage at the current [federal business rate](#). This information will be updated in the next MSHDA ESG Policy document. Please contact your MSHDA

Homeless Assistance Specialist with any questions.

Public Comment: MSHDA PHA and Administrative Plans

MSHDA's Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions Division has posted the proposed MSHDA Housing Choice Voucher FY 2020-21 Annual PHA (Public Housing Authority) Plan and Administrative Plan changes to the MSHDA website. The information can be located at www.michigan.gov/mshda under "Spotlight" on the main page.

Interested parties, including staff and the general public, are invited to comment on the proposed PHA Plan or the changes to the Administrative Plan. Written comments must be sent to the attention of Lisa Kemmis either by U.S. Mail at PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909 or via email to kemmisl@michigan.gov. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 28, 2020.

Two public hearings are scheduled to receive oral or written comments. The public hearing dates and times are as follows:

- Friday, February 28, 2020 at 9:30 am at the MSHDA Lansing Office, Conference Rooms 235 and 335
- Friday, February 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm at the MSHDA Detroit Office, Cadillac Place, Conference Room 602-D

It is expected that the final Plans will be submitted to the MSHDA Board for approval at the March 2020 meeting.



HUD Updates

2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report

HUD released its [2019 Annual Homeless Assessment Report \(AHAR\) to Congress](#). The [report certified last month](#) by HUD Secretary Ben Carson found that 567,715 persons experienced homelessness on a single night in 2019, an increase of 14,885 people since 2018. Meanwhile, homelessness among veterans and families with children continued to fall, declining 2.1 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, in 2019.

New Lead Safe Housing Rule Trainings and Resources Available

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is pleased to announce the launch of training and resource web pages to help users review federal lead regulations and the Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) Amendment for pre-1978 housing. The goal of these pages is to support Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), grantees, and owners respond to cases of elevated blood lead levels in children less than 6 years old living in a federally assisted housing unit. OLHCHH offers two webinars, geared towards different program types, that provide:

- A review on rules and requirements concerning lead safe work practices
- A description and discussion on the scope, requirements, and key definitions of the LSHR amendment
- An overview of available resources

[View the Lead Safe Housing Rule Training page](#)

Users can access resources discussed in the webinars that are organized by program type: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Public Housing, and Project-Based Assistance (PBA).

[View the Lead Safe Housing Rule Resources page](#)

Point in Time (PIT) Count: Reminder

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Is your Continuum of Care (CoC) or Local Planning Body (LPB) prepared for the 2020 PIT Count? You can find more resources to help prepare your community for this critical HUD requirement at the [HUD Exchange](#) website. See the webinar opportunities below for additional information and training.

MCAH Webinar: January 14 at 1pm

MCAH has scheduled the 2nd of our PIT/HIC training webinars. This webinar will cover the general process, activities to get ready for the PIT, and an overview of the PIT Data Collection Forms and instructions (currently available at www.hmislearningcenter.org). For those of you unable to attend the live training, this webinar will be recorded and available on the website along with the PowerPoint slides. Please use the link below to register for the webinar. You can register [here](#).

HUD Webinar: January 15 at 2pm

The 2020 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) count are right around the corner. HUD will host a PIT Count Office Hours session on **January 15, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM EST** in preparation for the upcoming count. You can register [here](#).



Got a Question?

We want to hear from you! Send us an [email](#) with questions you have about Homeless Solutions and we'll follow up. If we receive a lot emails with the same question, we'll share the question and response in the next newsletter.

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