

## **MHA ACOP Plan Revisions - 2017**

The Millville Housing Authority Resident Advisory Board met on April 11, 2017 at the Holly Berry Court conference room. The board discussed and provided guidance on the following suggested policy revisions.

### **HOTMA**

July 29, 2016, former President Obama, signed the Housing Opportunities through Modernization Act which is referenced as HOTMA. While there are not any statutory provisions that affect public housing immediately, future HOTMA provisions will impact the ACOP but require additional rulemaking or guidance for HUD.

Income Reviews: 1). Changing “income” to “annual adjusted income”. Also, will require very specific income review requirements.

Limitation on Public Housing Tenancy for Over Income Families. The regulation sets the income limit at 120 percent of median income. We will have to decide if we are going to let families remain at a higher rent or terminate their tenancy.

Limitation on Eligibility for Assistance Based on Assets. By October 2017 we will be required to obtain more detailed financial information to determine initial or continued eligibility.

### **VAWA**

We will need to develop and implement an Emergency Transfer plan by June 14, 2017. The possibility of forming an emergency transfer policy between three agencies located in the South Jersey area was discussed, so that VAWA victims would have greater opportunities to access safe housing. The board agreed that we should pursue the possibility.

We need to update and clearly define what proof we will accept from victims who are requesting VAWA protection. The board supported the current MHA policy of requesting a written statement but accepting a verbal report from victims.

We need to update our policy on non-citizen victims. Victims can self-claim they are in “satisfactory immigration status”.