

## **The Cumberland Housing Group**

Cumberland Housing Alliance, Inc. Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland Cumberland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

- Date: September 17, 2019
- To: Resident Advisory Board (RAB) members
- From: Steven Kesner, President/CEO
- Re: 5 Year Public Housing Plan

You have been appointed to the Resident Advisory Board to represent your housing development. The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is a Board whose membership is made up of one representative for each 40 residents per housing development and represents the residents assisted by the Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland (HACC). The RAB provides the HACC and the residents with a forum for sharing information about the Public Housing Agency's (PHA) Annual and Five-Year Plan and other actions, events, etc. which is of benefit to both parties.

The role of the RAB is to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of the PHA Plan and any significant amendments or modifications to it. The RAB should reach out to ensure that the views of all families in public housing programs are as well represented as possible. The residents are provided with an opportunity to voice their concerns so that their needs are addressed and they can become involved in the planning process. The HACC also gains essential information from the residents about the improvements that need to be made at the agency's developments and residents' self-sufficiency needs. This information helps the PHA to set priorities for capital improvements and advises resident services programming.

Attached is the new 5 Year Public Housing Authority Plan for the years 2020-2025. I would ask that you review the information contained within and make note of any questions which you might have.

We have scheduled a meeting of the Resident Advisory Board, the Property Managers and the Department Directors for <u>September 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room at</u> <u>Jane Frazier Village.</u> We will have approximately 20 people present and it is anticipated to last 2-3 hours. Please bring these documents with you to the meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact Carole Moreland at 301-724-6606 extension 108 as soon as p[possible.

Donuts, fruit, juice and coffee will be provided!



