

Amendments to Citizen Participation Plan

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Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)



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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

A. **PURPOSE**

Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) that receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant funds must develop a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The CPP describes efforts that will be undertaken to encourage citizens to participate in the development of the City's federal reports: 5-Year Consolidated Plan, annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

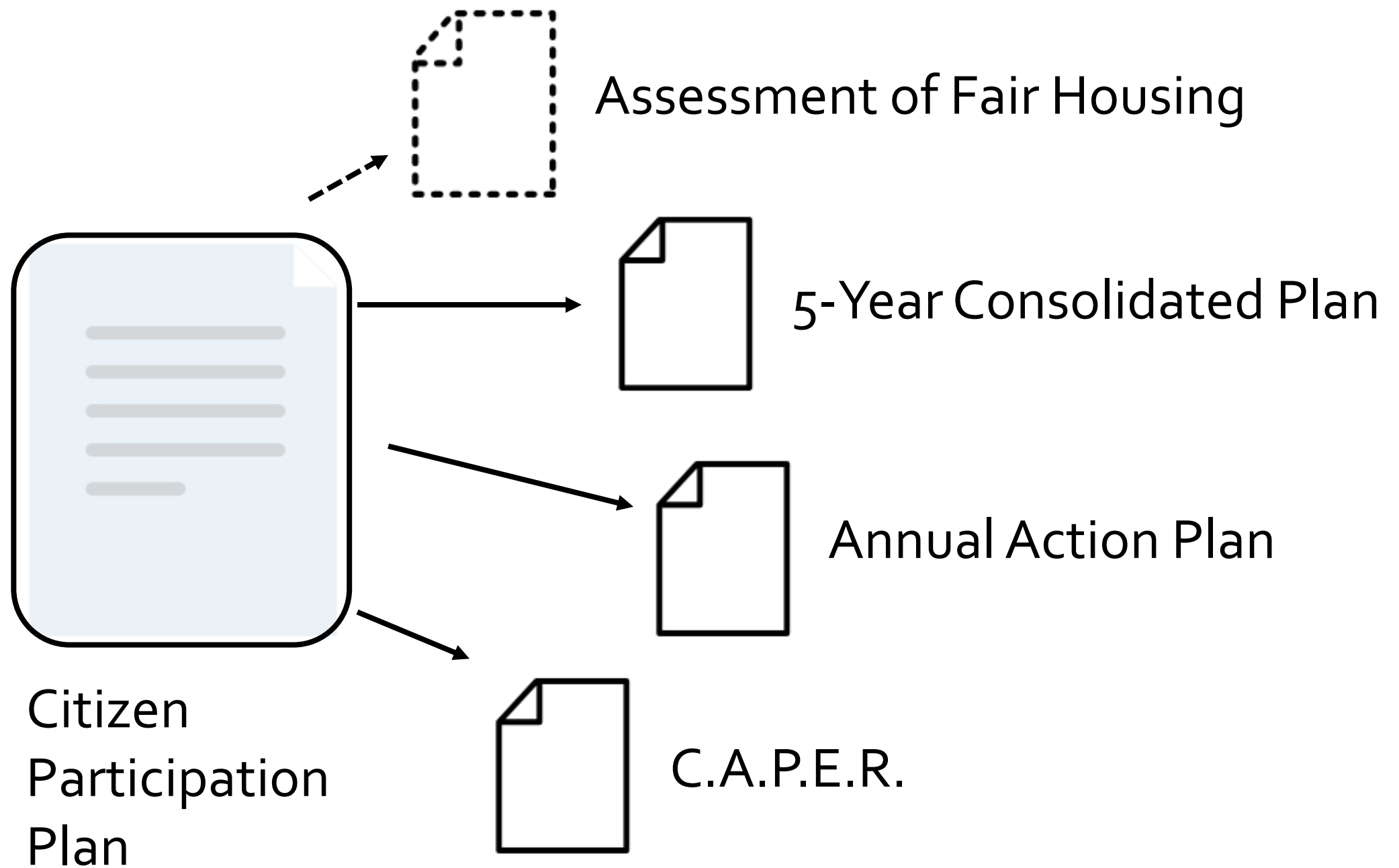
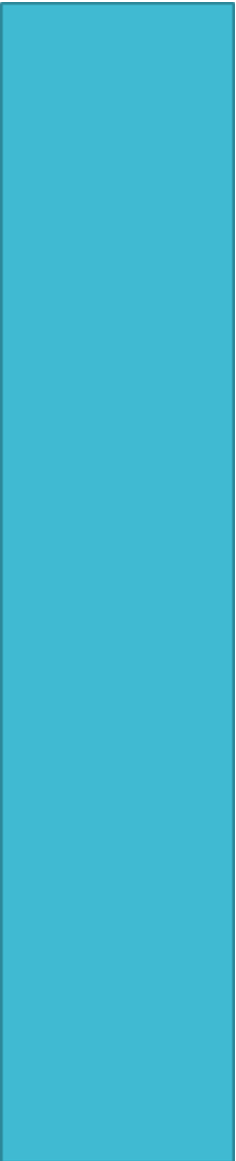
The CPP is designed to encourage the participation of city residents in the development of the federal reports listed above, particularly those residents who are predominantly low- and moderate-income. The CPP also encourages local and regional institutions and other organizations (including businesses, developers, and community and faith-based organizations) in the process of developing and implementing the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and related reports. The City takes appropriate actions to encourage the participation of persons of minority backgrounds, persons with limited-English proficiency, and persons with disabilities.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. The City of Austin does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

The City of Austin considers it the right of all Austin's residents to have the opportunity to provide input and comment on the use of public funds and the community's needs related to affordable housing and community and economic development.

A document that prescribes the public input process relating to HUD-required documents (Action Plan, etc.)

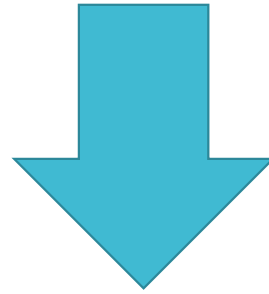
Source: 24 CFR § 5.158



Why Does the CPP Need Updating?

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) changed its fair housing regulations
- New regulations require Participating Jurisdictions to complete an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) before they begin their 5-year Consolidated Plan
- Austin will need to complete its Assessment of Fair Housing in 2018

2018 Assessment of Fair Housing



2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan

**FY 19-20
Action
Plan**

**FY 19-20
CAPER**

**FY 20-01
Action
Plan**

**FY 20-01
CAPER**

**FY 21-22
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**FY 22-23
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**FY 22-23
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**FY 23-24
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**FY 23-24
CAPER**

What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Federal, state and local fair housing laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance and other factors.

Fair housing is the key to all people having the right to choose where they live. It guarantees that regardless of your age, race, religion, family situation, or level of ability, you have the right to choose the housing that's best for your needs.

Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

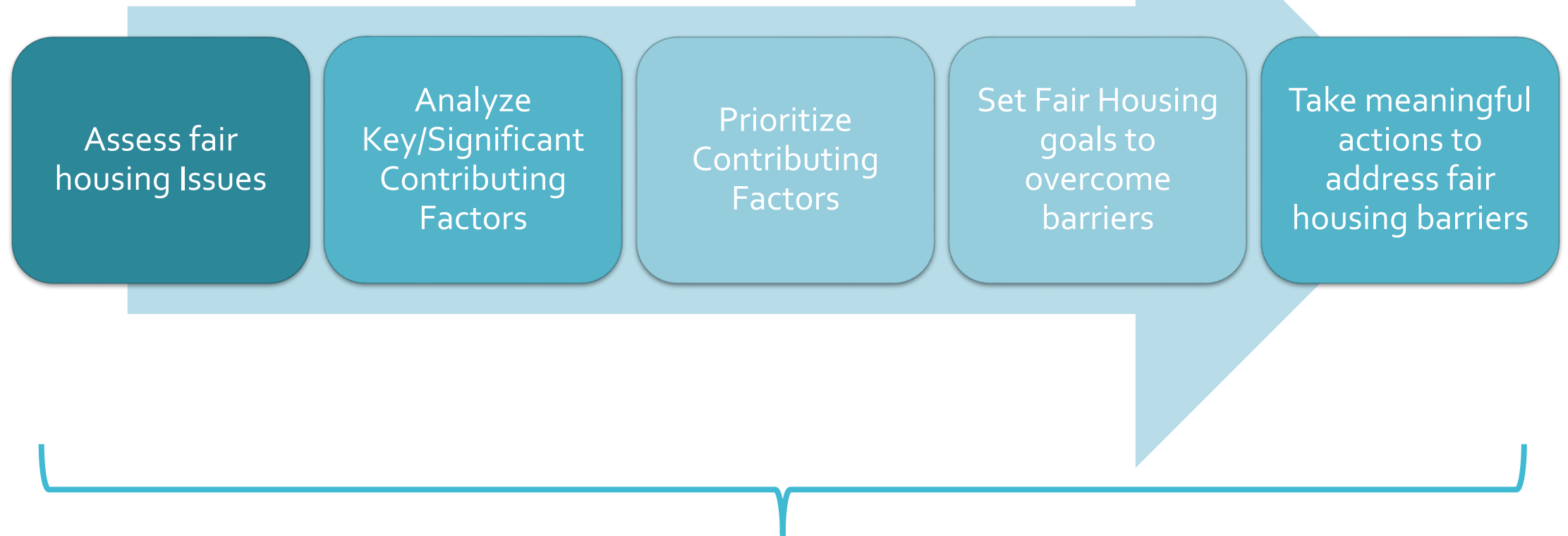
An analysis that will:

- Identify fair housing issues in our community,
- Discuss their contributing factors, and
- Set meaningful actions we can take as an organization to increase access to opportunity for protected classes in Austin.

AFH Required Components

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- Demographic Summary
 - Analysis of Segregation
 - Analysis of R/ECAPs
 - Analysis of Disparities in Access to Opportunity
 - Analysis of Disproportionate Need
 - Analysis of Disability & Access
 - Fair Housing Enforcement, Outreach Capacity & Resources Analysis

The AFH Planning Process



Informed through extensive community engagement and consultation

CPP Amendment Requirements

- Proposed changes will be available for public comment for 15 days
- CDC will have the opportunity to make recommendations to City Council
- CDC and City Council will each hold a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed changes
- City Council shall approve amended CPP document

Tentative Timeline

CDC briefing on proposed changes to CPP	September 12
Draft proposed changes posted; written comment period begins	September 26
Written comment period ends	October 10
CDC Public Hearing on proposed changes	October 10
City Council public hearing conducted and revised CPP approved	November 9

Proposed Additions to the CPP

Assessment of Fair Housing

1. Stakeholder Consultation and Citizen Outreach
2. Publishing Data
3. Public Hearing
4. Public Display and Comment Period
5. Comments Received on Draft AFH
6. Submission to HUD
7. Revisions to AFH

Source: Proposed CPP page 3



1. Stakeholder Consultation and Citizen Outreach

- Local public housing authorities
- Other assisted housing providers
- Social service providers including those focusing on services to protected classes
- Organizations that represent protected classes and organizations that enforce fair housing laws
- Regional government agencies involved in metropolitan-wide planning and transportation responsibilities

2. Publishing Data



The screenshot shows the website for the North Texas Regional Housing Assessment. The header includes the logo and navigation menu: AFFH, JURISDICCIÓNES, COMPROMISO PÚBLICO, CRONOLOGÍA, RECURSOS, and CONTACTENOS. The main heading is "Las reuniones públicas" with a "Spanish" language selector. The content area displays a public meeting announcement for the City of McKinney, dated July 15, 2017, at the MHA Community Center. A sidebar on the right lists "Enlaces útiles:" with links for "Las reuniones públicas" and "Horario", and a note to "Presione aquí para ver las presentaciones". A second meeting announcement is partially visible at the bottom.

NORTH TEXAS
REGIONAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT

AFFH JURISDICCIÓNES COMPROMISO PÚBLICO CRONOLOGÍA RECURSOS CONTACTENOS

Las reuniones públicas

Spanish

— Condado de Collin

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA - Ciudad de la Autoridad de Vivienda McKinney y McKinney

Cerrado sábado, 15 de julio de 2017. las 10:00 AM. MHA Community Center, 1200 N. Tennessee St. McKinney, TX 75069.

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA - Ciudad de la Autoridad de Vivienda McKinney y McKinney

¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido en DFW? (Seleccionar la respuesta más cercana)

Enlaces útiles:
Las reuniones públicas
Horario
Presione aquí para ver las presentaciones

Source: City of Dallas AFH process

<http://northtexasrha.com>



3. Public Hearing

- Public hearing will be conducted before the CDC during the development of the Draft AFH



4. Public Display and Comment Period

- Draft AFH will be on display at various locations for a public comment period of 30 days

5. Comments Received on Draft AFH

Overall Comments from the 1st AFH Public Hearing at Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center by Small Groups:

Table One:

Greatest Housing Problems

- Affordability. Most people thought affordability was the biggest problem.
- Where the hospitals are built the prices are going way up. A lot of people have been put out by the landlords near the hospitals because the landlords are raising rents.
- Displacement in the hospital region
- The only option for people is habitat for humanity.
- “If it wasn’t for Section 8, I would be out on the street.”
- Marrero Commons is low-income and Section 8
- Access to jobs is a problem. People working temporary jobs, jobs are not sustainable

5. Comments Received on Draft AFH (cont.)

FEEDBACK LOG FROM RECEIVED COMMENTS					
#	Date	Commenter	Comment Type	Comment	Staff Response
198	7/27/2016	Lee Stork	Email	Would it be possible to put other figures in it as an addendum for this is for a family of 1 through 8 or so on the qualifications. You list for a family of four which is great if you have a family of four but not so great if you don't	A chart which breaks down the Median Family Incomes for the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has been added.
199	7/27/2016	Lee Stork	Email	I also would like you to give more thought to having smaller houses on any size of lot.	Comment noted.
200	8/4/2016	Jo Kathryn Quinn	Email	100% Permanent Supportive Housing units should be Housing First. (not 50%)	Comment noted.
201	8/4/2016	Jo Kathryn Quinn	Email	Identify dedicated tax or fee revenue for construction of Permanent Supportive Housing.	Texas state law limits the City's ability to levy taxes or fees for affordable housing. Currently, the City can utilize funding from the Downtown Density Bonus program, General Obligation bonds, and Housing Trust Fund, among other sources, to fund the construction of Permanent Supportive Housing units.
202	8/5/16	Cj Northcott	Email	There needs to be affordable housing for families	Comment noted.
203	8/5/2016	Daryl Stewart	Email	I'm currently running a Tiny house meetup group (~1200 Austin members) and am looking for if/how a Tiny house on wheels (THOW) will be a legal option. As I know it right now it is illegal to reside in one of these type homes, correct? They can be on property as long as they're behind a 6' wooden privacy fence, but you can't live in it? Opening up the ability to actually live in one would not only increase affordable housing but limit the main home owner from the expense of build a stand alone AD	Tiny houses on wheels have been included in Plan in the "Create new and affordable housing choices for all Austinites..." Section
204	8/5/2016	Susan Moffat	Email	I strongly support the vast majority of the Plan recommendations with the following qualifiers/suggestions. 1. Overall goals should be strengthened	Comment noted. Housing goals have been revised.
205	8/5/2016	Susan Moffat	Email	a. The stated goal of 35,000 affordable units at 80% MFI or below should be broken down into more specific income levels. If our top need, as stated, is for rental units for those earning less than \$25,000 per year, the majority of these affordable units need to be targeted for a much lower MFI than 80%.	Affordable housing goals have been revised and an updated affordable housing goal broken down by MFI has been added

Source: Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint



6. Submission to HUD

- The AFH will be submitted 270 days before the 5 year Consolidated Plan is due

7. Revisions to AFH

- If a revision is proposed, it will be available for a 30 day public comment period before submission to HUD



Name Change

- Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) is now called **Austin Public Health (APH)**
- 5-Year Consolidated Plan



Questions?

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