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REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Tracey Scott, Interim Executive Director/CEO

SUBJECT: Approval of MPHA 2020 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan

Previous Directives: On January 6, 2008 MPHA signed an MTW Agreement with HUD making MPHA a full-status MTW agency. This status requires MPHA to create an Annual MTW Plan. On July 6, 2008, the board approved MPHA's first MTW Annual Plan. As required by the MTW Agreement, the board must approve and submit to HUD a new MTW Annual Plan each year by October 17.

Resident Notification: All residents received notice of the draft plan by direct mail in early July. The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) received a copy of the draft plan at its July meeting. The RAB will review and act on its recommendations to the board regarding the 2020 Annual Plan prior to the September 25, 2019 board meeting.

Impact on Budget: The MTW Annual Plan identifies how MPHA resources will be spent but does not itself have a budgetary impact.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution approving the MPHA FY 2020 MTW Annual Plan and submit it to HUD pursuant to the requirements in the MTW Agreement.

About MPHA's MTW Annual Plan Process

The Moving to Work (MTW) agreement requires MTW agencies to make a draft MTW Annual Plan available for public review for at least 30 days, hold one public hearing, and allow at least 15 days between the public hearing and board approval. MPHA strives to exceed these requirements for public process around our MTW Annual Plan.

Prior to the draft plan's release, MPHA provided notice in early July to all public housing residents via a rent statement insert. This notice, in English and Somali, included the release

date of the draft plan; how and where to obtain the draft; dates and times of the upcoming public meetings and public hearing; options to provide comments by email or regular mail, along with the deadline for comments; and the method and a reasonable deadline for requesting language or other accommodation for the meetings or the plan itself. MPHA also mailed this notice to a random selection of 500 households with Housing Choice Vouchers and placed paid, advance notices of the draft plan and public hearing in four print and online outlets, including publications with primarily African-American and East African readership and notice in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune on July 14.

MPHA published the draft plan on July 19, followed within days by a Somali translation of the plan's introduction. The comment was open until August 30 (42 days). Materials were prominently featured on MPHA's website home page, and available on request from MPHA's property management offices and main office front desk.

The MPHA Resident Advisory Board (RAB) met in May to revise and amend its priorities for inclusion in the draft plan. The RAB met in June to review and approve the final priorities. This meeting also featured a discussion with MPHA staff on the elements of the draft plan. RAB members each received copies of the full draft at the RAB's July meeting.

MPHA's Board of Commissioners received a staff presentation at its July 24 meeting, featuring an overview of the plan and focus on the 2020 proposed activities. The board held a public hearing on the draft MTW Annual Plan following its regular meeting on August 28. One week prior to this, MPHA held two informational meetings (daytime and evening) open to the public. These meetings featured a presentation on the MTW Annual Plan contents, followed by an opportunity for public comments and questions. At all meetings and the public hearing, MPHA offered simultaneous interpretation in Somali, Oromo, Hmong, and American Sign Language. (MPHA received no advance requests for interpretation, but provides these languages in anticipation of possible need, based upon our resident demographics.)

MPHA includes a summary of public comments and MPHA responses as Appendix B of the final plan. MPHA staff made certain updates and clarifications to the plan text to reflect the comments received.

A Board Resolution and the final 2020 MTW Annual Plan follow this report.

This report was prepared by Jeff Horwich, Director of Policy and External Affairs (jhorwich@mplspha.org).



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RESOLUTION No. 19-190

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority in and for the City of Minneapolis (MPHA) signed a Moving to Work (MTW) Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on January 6, 2008, making MPHA a full-status MTW Agency; and

WHEREAS, the full-status MTW Agreement requires MPHA to create an annual MTW Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was available for public comment for 42 days days, MPHA held a public hearing, and not less than 15 days elapsed between the public hearing and board approval in order to incorporate any public comments; and

WHEREAS, MPHA is required to submit the MTW Annual Plan in its required form at least 75 days prior to the start of the agency's fiscal year (January 1, 2020);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of MPHA that the 2020 MTW Annual Plan is approved and that the Executive Director is authorized to submit it to HUD for approval as required.