

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 15, 2015

Subject: Metro HRA Mobility Counseling Program

Policy/Legal Reference: N/A

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Division/Department: Community Development / HRA

Proposed Action

None. Information item only.

Background

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is developing a Mobility Counseling Program to assist Section 8 voucher holders in moving to areas of opportunity. The initiative assists in advancing the Thrive equity outcome and supports fair housing activities, ensuring Section 8 participants have opportunity to live in strong neighborhoods. The HRA recently hired two Senior Outreach Coordinators for Mobility Counseling to work with program design and implementation.

The program components will include landlord recruitment, participant recruitment, pre-move counseling, housing search assistance and post-move counseling. The information item at the meeting will provide greater detail about these program components.