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HOC Landlords: A Critical Factor in a Successful Housing Voucher Program

Les Kaplan, Director of Community Partnerships at the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), recently formed HOC's first Landlord Advisory Group. The group is comprised of nine HOC landlords who have volunteered to help HOC strengthen its relationship with the other 1,991 landlords participating in the Voucher program.

"They have joined the Landlord Advisory Group to share their concerns and provide suggestions to HOC regarding the Housing Choice Voucher experience," said Kaplan.

"The group will make recommendations to help us formulate ways to communicate HUD regulations and HOC procedures, as well as promote best landlord practices." he added.

HOC recently held six landlord forums to help new and prospective landlords understand the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The Landlord Advisory group, which will meet on a monthly basis, will also recommend ways landlords and HOC can improve interactions with tenants and home owner associations.

The advisory group held its first meeting on Thursday evening, June 24, 2010.



Pictured above are members of the group (from left to right): *Back Row:* Ina Mehlman, Sandy Rayford, Belinda Nockleby, Laura Murray and Les Kaplan. *Front Row:* Dr. Rahat Khan, Linly Ramlal and Marea Petrelles. Not shown: Zoie Jennings and Steven Wasser.

