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PRESENTATION

Moderator

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for standing by. Welcome to the Stakeholder Feedback – Rental Counseling and Eviction Prevention Conference Call. At this time, all participants are in a listen-only mode. Later, we will have a question and answer session and instructions will be given at that time. [Operator instructions]. As a reminder, this conference is being recorded.

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I would now like to turn the conference over to your host, Shawna

Moraille. Please go ahead.

Shawna

Good afternoon or good morning, depending upon where you are. This is

Shawna Moraille, I'm a technical assistance provider to HUD and I am

working for HUD on this particular webinar. This is the Stakeholder

Feedback – Rental Housing Counseling and Eviction Prevention and audio

is only available by conference call, so I wanted to make sure that the

folks know.

We are recording any presentations done by the team here, as well as at

the end of the call when we open it up for further feedback. The playback

number along with the PowerPoint and a transcript, we will be posting that

on the HUD Exchange. It usually takes about seven to ten days.

Whenever we post the materials, we'll make sure that our training digest is

updated, so you have that information and link readily available.

We did send out handouts prior to the webinar. They're also available in

the control panel within GoToWebinar. Just click on the document and

you can download. This webinar is a little bit different because we are

here to get your feedback and we are going to use a system called

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Mentimeter. My colleague, Rachael Laurilliard, will be going through

Mentimeter in just a few moments and give you some instructions there.

Almost the entire presentation today is to gather your feedback in this

Mentimeter software as opposed to using the normal channels. We will be

using Mentimeter for all your written feedback, however if you do have

any technical issues with your phone or with GoToWebinar, please go

ahead and type them into the question box that's highlighted for you on

the screen in red or if maybe you have some programmatic questions,

where you just simply want to type in a question related to HUD's

Housing Counseling Program, feel free to use the question box for that

purpose.

At the end, as we mentioned, we will open it up for any final verbal

feedback. You will have instructions provided by our operator, Terri, and

she will go through that at the end of the call. Please make sure that your

phone is muted throughout today's webinar.

Again, I'm Shawna Moraille or I'm Shawna LaRue Moraille legally and

I'm joined with my colleague, Rachael Laurilliard. We are a technical

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assistance provider. We work for HUD's Housing Counseling Program

underneath a technical assistance contract.

We also have other HUD staff that are going to be available here on this

webinar: Jane Charida, Julie Rice, Terri Carr and Virginia Holman will be

on this call monitoring your written feedback and they're in the Office of

Housing Counseling, mostly in Capacity Building as well as a few other

offices.

I am pleased to introduce Lorraine Griscavage-Frisbee, who's the Deputy

Director of the Office of Capacity Building within HUD's Office of

Housing Counseling. Lorraine?

Alright. Well, thank you very much, Shawna, and welcome, everyone.

Good morning and good afternoon depending on your time zone. I want

to thank all of you for taking time from your busy day to join us for this

important stakeholder meeting.

As Shawna told you, we're trying something new and we're very excited

with this technology. This is the first time we've used Mentimeter for a

webinar that is a stakeholder meeting and the exciting thing about using

Lorraine

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Mentimeter is we're not limited to the number of polling questions as we

are with GoToWebinar or GoToMeeting. It's really going to be a great

way to facilitate collecting your feedback.

One thing that I do want to point out to you is if you see someone has

already put your answer that you were thinking about on the screen, do not

let that deter you from also submitting that answer. Because what we do

is we collect the number of responses and if you don't share that same

response, we're not going to know which responses are the most popular

or the one that strikes the chord the most with all of you.

Please make sure that you participate in every Mentimeter question, even

if you already see what you were thinking because that's good. That

means everybody is thinking along the same lines and it's going to give us

stronger feedback.

Also, as we said, at the end we'll have the opportunity for verbal

interaction. We'll open up the lines and love to hear what else you'd like

to share with us. I do have a reminder for HUD staff. If you are

participating in this webinar, please don't participate in the Mentimeter

portion, just observe how it works for future stakeholder meetings.

Let's talk a little bit about the subject matter and what we hope to

accomplish by today's webinar. We're going to focus on four primary

areas when it comes to rental counseling services and eviction prevention.

We're interested in how rental counseling fits in with your whole service

plan and we're also interested in knowing how you learn about evictions

in your area and rental. What kind of data do you use? What kind of data

would you find useful that you currently don't have access to?

We also need to know your suggestions for how we can help you improve

your rental counseling and your eviction prevention for your clients.

Then, lastly, we want to know your opinion on what barriers you perceive

at either the federal, the state or the local level that interferes with your

ability to serve your rental clients and help prevent evictions.

Now, going to the next slide, what we're going to use with all of this

feedback is first of all, to help ICF. They're our technical assistance

provider and they manage the HUD Exchange and they help us develop

many toolkits and online trainings. The data that we collect is going to be

very useful to us and to them to help determine what additional technical

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assistance tools or perhaps training or other ways we can assist you, so it's

very important for your feedback.

Also, another purpose we have is Congress asked us to find out more

information and report back to them on rental counseling and evictions, so

we're very excited that Congress is interested in this topic and we're

looking forward to sharing your opinions as a whole with them. Don't

worry, we're not going to say, well Jane Doe at ABC Counseling told us

this or Joe Smith said that.

What we're going to do is we're going to aggregate all the information

that we collected and report to them, so again, that is very important why

everybody needs to participate in the Mentimeter polling and your help,

we very much appreciate that. It's going to help us gauge what is going

on all across the country because we have agencies from all parts of the

United States participating today and we thank you very much. This also

gives you the opportunity to tell us your story, especially at the end when

we will be soliciting verbal comments.

With that, I'm going to turn it over to Rachael, who's going to provide us

more detail and instructions on how to use Mentimeter. Rachael?

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Rachael

Great. Thanks so much, Lorraine. I'm Rachael, and as has been mentioned, I work with ICF, the technical assistance provider, and I'm going to be launching Mentimeter today and helping us through the polling process.

Like Lorraine said, we are really excited about Mentimeter. It's a really cool platform and it has a lot of functionality, different types of questions we can ask. You'll see word clouds and ranking questions, multiple different types of ways to submit your responses today.

We're really excited to use it and it's pretty easy to use. All you have to do is go to www.Menti.com and once you get there, you'll put in a code. In this picture on the screen, you'll see a smartphone. That's a pretty easy way to use Mentimeter. Just go to your smartphone's web browser, like I said, type in www.Menti.com and then you'll put in the code that I'll pull up on the screen in just a second.

You can also join using your web browser. If you don't have your smartphone available or any other device, that's totally fine. You can just use your computer and open up a new web browser and type in the same

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address, same code. It should look exactly the same as using it on your

phone.

I'm going to go ahead and pull up Mentimeter now, go ahead and do that.

Shawna

This'll be the first time we're actually seeing the code, as well, for folks.

Rachael

I'll read the code aloud. The code is 732723. You can see it on the top of the screen and these instructions about how to access are populating again. If you need the code at any time, throughout this presentation, it will always be at the top of the screen. If you exit out or you lose your place, or something and you need to re-put that code back in, it's always at the top of your screen.

Again, it's 732723. Once you login, and I can see a couple of folks have already responded to this question, we just want to gather a little bit of preliminary data. We are asking you to enter your organization name, your email address and your service area.

This is all confidential, but we really would like you to fill this out. It's very important, so that we can match the results that you put in throughout

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this session with your agency's service area and also maybe your agency's

size.

For example, there are different problems with eviction and different

experiences people have with eviction across the United States based on

state and region, so that's really helpful data for us to look at and also

bigger organizations might have different experiences and service

offerings than smaller organizations, so having this data is going to be

really helpful for us.

Just keep in mind, we won't be contacting you following this webinar or

anything like that and we'll be using this data in the aggregate, in our

memo.

Shawna

If I could just add, for a second, Rachael, too. You might have

remembered that Lorraine said earlier that we want to know the region as

well, so that type of service area is really going to help us with regional

responses so that we categorize that correctly. That maybe in the

Northeast, they might need some additional help in terms of

tenant/landlord requirements or something like that, but they might have

different needs in the Southeast, for example.

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Rachael

Yes, absolutely. Thanks, Shawna. It'll be really interesting for us to match up the different locations folks are in versus their responses and also their agency size, things like that. I see about 30 people have responded to this question so far. That's great. I think we have about 60 or so, 65 folks on the attendee list, so I'm going to give it another minute or so and let as many folks as possible answer this question.

Just a note about how Mentimeter works, as we're going through this webinar, I will be changing the Mentimeter slide and if you are stuck responding to a previous slide, so let's say you're still submitting answers to the prior question, that's totally fine, but you might have to click, go to current slide at the top of your screen, either on your phone or in your web browser, so that you make sure you're answering the current question that we're asking.

But, we'll make sure we give adequate time for everyone to type in their responses, and I know this is the first time a lot of people might be using this website, so we'll definitely make sure everyone has adequate time to enter their answers and provide their feedback.

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Shawna Can I also provide another tip too, Rachael?

Rachael Of course.

Shawna Sometimes Mentimeter, if you leave a question blank, it'll actually ask

you, are you sure you want to not submit an answer? It'll give you that

opportunity as well in case you left something blank erroneously.

Lorraine Shawna and Rachael, I just want to remind everyone, we're not collecting

this information so we tie responses specifically to an agency. We're not

going to report on that. It's as you both mentioned, it's very important for

us to understand the issues in each geographic area, so please—we only

have 42 but we have about 64 people involved, so please share this

information so we can get started and move onto all the great questions we

have for you.

Shawna Thanks, Lorraine. I was looking at a couple more coming in.

Rachael It looks like we're at 45, that's great. I'll give folks another 30 seconds or

so to respond. Alright. While we take our last few responses in here, I'll

get started talking about the first, or Shawna, actually, will lead into the

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first set of questions that we are going to ask you, which will be about

current services provided.

Shawna, do you want to get started with that?

Shawna

Thanks, Rachael. Lorraine mentioned we're going to collect feedback on

four areas. The first one is current services provided and we actually have

six questions that we're going to talk through. This is about all the

amazing work that you're currently doing with your rental housing clients.

This is really your opportunity to inform HUD's Office of Housing

Counseling the number of clients that are at risk of eviction, and also the

strategies that you have used that have been effective for serving those at

risk of eviction.

Great. This is one of the most favorite types of questions that we get to

ask using the Mentimeter software. This is called a word cloud. This

particular question is about what topics does your agency cover as part of

your rental housing counseling program? We're just looking for a list of

topics and you can type in and those people that provide the same type of

word will get bigger as we see, so there are more folks that are providing

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unauthorized access, rental screening issues, those are bigger than some of

the other ones.

We'll wait a couple of minutes and get the responses, and you can actually

see the number of responses in the lower right-hand corner. Okay, I'm

seeing credits, I'm seeing rights.

Rachael

If you see something on the screen that also applies to your agency, go

ahead and put that same word in because the words will get bigger the

more people who respond to it. Right now, budgeting is the biggest

because most folks are putting in budgeting, which is great. That makes

sense. We have 19, results are climbing, 25 now. That's great.

Shawna

Lots of fair housing. I see, I think, both lease and leases. Okay, fair

housing is coming through loud and clear. It's so interesting to gather,

now that everything is getting really small. Okay, lots of different topics

we're seeing here but fair housing, budgeting, credits, budget, tenant

rights, rights, those seem to be the most popular answers. Okay,

wonderful.

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Rachael

Yes, it seems that we're still getting a few, which is great too. I think theses word clouds are a really interesting way to gather feedback because at the end, you have a picture of what everyone is providing and it's really great to look at when everyone is done submitting their feedback.

Shawna

Okay, great. I think some of the other questions will take longer, so we'll go ahead and move along.

Rachael

Thanks, everyone.

Shawna

Okay. This question is about what percentage of your agency's counseling services does rental counseling comprise? We have 0% to 24%, 25% to 49%, 50% to 74%, 75% to 99%, and 100%. We know that, as housing counseling agencies, you may offer a variety of topics. Some of you just do rental housing counseling, so we'll take a look at what responses you're providing in a couple of minutes. It looks like 75% to 99%, oh, changing over time. We know some of you just do rental housing counseling so we'll see if that 12% increases or decreases. Okay, about half the results are in.

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Rachael If you're not quite sure what exact percentage of your services are rental

counseling you can certainly use your best guess here.

Good point, Rachael. Okay it looks like 25% to 49% is in the lead.

Rachael I think we got about 47 or maybe a few more responses to that very first

question where folks put in their information, so I'll try to monitor the

number of responses we get and make sure we're allowing folks time to

respond before we move on. It seems like we have about 45 right now

which is great. If anyone else wants to submit their response, go ahead

and get that in before we change the question.

I'll go ahead and go to the next slide.

Shawna Okay, thanks. Okay, so in a few words, how would you describe a client

at risk of eviction? In this particular question, you're actually able to

provide multiple responses, so you have several different fields that you're

seeing on your screen right now. Go ahead and type in a response and you

can hit submit and you can go back and keep submitting responses in

terms of how you would describe a client at risk of eviction.

Shawna

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Okay, results are coming in. Okay, lots of non-payment. Okay, lots of

non-payment. Okay, and then 30-days' notice. If you're seeing a

response, and Rachael's going to scroll through, if you see a response

that's identical to what you were going to write, go ahead and type that if

you want to so that if you want to so that we see as many as possible in

certain categories.

Rachael I'm seeing a lot of financial-related descriptions like living on a very tight

budget, expenses exceed income, non-payment's coming up a lot.

Shawna Delinquent, non-payment, those were both the same category, so it's

helpful, still a lot of 30-day notices. A few of you also mentioned the

three-day-pay-or-quit which we know is a scenario that many of you folks

are seeing played out in the rental marketplace these days, depending upon

where you live.

Rachael Client that does not know how to be a good tenant, violation of lease, lease

violation, those are all sort of about client education.

Shawna Oh, and somebody's reminding us it's not just about rent but also being

behind on utility bills or maybe competing bills.

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Rachael Good point. We've gotten about 122 responses so far which is really

great. It means everyone is submitting a few different answers. That's

awesome.

Shawna A couple of you mentioning some cost burden here where housing costs

are 50% or more of their income. That's really helpful.

Lorraine I really appreciate the variety of responses because it gives us a great

picture of all the different types of clients and their issues you're dealing

with. So, thank you very much for sharing your multiple responses here.

It's extremely helpful to all of us.

Shawna Great point, Lorraine, great point. Many of you mentioned unaware of

tenant rights. A couple of you have mentioned that. Different types of

living environments where it might be roommate changes, or loss of the

primary tenant, and then no savings, no emergency fallback, all very

helpful to mention.

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A couple of you mentioned landlords. Okay, well I want folks to continue

to provide responses but I think we have lots of feedback on this particular

question. Thank you so much.

Rachael

Thanks, everyone. I'll move on to the next question.

Shawna

Okay, so the prior question where we did percentages was about your portfolio of who you're serving in terms of rental housing counseling. This question is about what percentage of your rental housing clients are at risk of eviction. We have the same percentages, 0 % to 24%, 25% to 49%, 50% to 74%, 75% to 99%, and 100%.

We're asking this question because some of you are primarily dealing with clients who are at risk of eviction and some of you may not be. Some of you may be helping them with many other issues. It's not the primary reason why you're seeing them, okay, or working with them.

Rachael

Just like the other questions, feel free to use your best guess here. You might not know off the top of your head, or you might not have the data to back this up, but you could have a sense of how many of your clients you would consider at risk of eviction. It seems like we have 37 responses so

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far, so I'll give us another few seconds for everyone to get their responses

in.

Shawna F

Based on what I'm seeing so far, we have a split here between those of

you, like a quarter of you are below 24%. That number just jumped up to

33%, so we're actually split here between a third of you, 50% to 74%, and

0% to 24%, and then the other categories.

Rachael

Great, we've had 43 responses for a little while now, so I'm going to move

ahead to the next question. Thanks everyone for responding to that.

Shawna

Okay so this is a little bit different question and this we need to take a little

bit more time with. This is going to be a ranking question, and so this

question is about what are the most effective strategies for counseling

clients at risk of eviction. These are five different answers.

You're going to be prioritizing them, one being the most effective strategy

and five being the least effective strategy so you want to populate. On

your side you'll see a number one or first and you go ahead and select

among these five options which one is the most effective that you're

doing. Then it'll have a plus sign, and then you fill out that particular

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space with the second most and keep going. You're just going to rank

order again from one being the most effective all the way down to five, the

least effective.

Okay, great, we're starting to see some responses. Don't rush on this one,

folks. You want to make sure that you have them in the right order. You

can change your selection and go back and change. Just don't hit submit

yet until you're happy with either all five or if you're just looking at

maybe there's only two in here that you feel like are the most effective,

you can certainly choose less than the five. You can choose the top three,

whatever category makes sense given your experience in serving this

particular client base.

Rachael This is kind of a fun one to watch because the rankings might shift or you

can see how many people responded to each one as time goes on so it

seems like we have about 30 responses now, so waiting for a few more

folks to get theirs in.

Lorraine

This is one in particular that we're very interested in seeing your responses

in terms of developing more effective toolkits and training, so please take

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the time to respond to this because that way we'll know what to

emphasize in future technical assistance materials.

Shawna That's really helpful, Lorraine. Thank you for mentioning that. I will also

want to make sure that you know that if you don't see what you think is

the number one effective strategy, stay tuned. We have another question

for you. This is the results that we were commonly seeing, given our

background and our experience, but we certainly don't think we have all

the effective strategies so you'll be able to answer a subsequent follow up

question in just a couple minutes.

Rachael I'm going to go ahead and move on to the next question in a minute, but

just a reminder that if you're still working on a response to something and

we move along, you can still finish responding and entering your answer

and then when you're ready to move and join us on the current slide we're

looking at, you can click go to slide on your screen. It looks like we have

most of our responses so far, so that's great.

It seems like creating a sustainable budget and providing access to

resources are two top items [indiscernible]. Alright.

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Shawna

Okay, this is your opportunity to tell us other strategies that are effective for helping clients avoid eviction. In this particular one, it's similar to a prior question that we had, you can submit multiple responses. You can submit a response. It's going to show on our screen, and then you're able to submit additional responses. So, go ahead and see what you can provide in terms of other strategies. Again, if you like what you're seeing on the screen, go ahead, and type it in as well. I think the reasonable accommodation requests—

Rachael

I'm seeing a couple of landlord responses, such as negotiating with landlords, talking to landlords about the issue, mediating between the landlord and the tenant.

Shawna

Additional funding, lots of you are mentioning that, additional financial resources, similar thing, and arrangements.

Julie

Shawna, I'd also like to mention too, if someone feels there's a policy that needs changing and that would allow them to more effectively help clients, try to be a little bit more specific because policies is a really big topic. It would be helpful if we knew what you were thinking in terms of policy whether it was a HUD policy, as state and local policy. Does it

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apply to the tenant, to the landlord, to the housing counseling, or to HUD,

or just something a little bit more specific?

Shawna That's helpful, Julie. Thank you for mentioning that. If folks see that, I

think I mentioned a couple of these were one or two words, this is one

where you might want to use some additional words because we do have

the space here. I think it's limited—is this the one that's 240 characters,

Rachael? Is that correct, maybe a little bit less?

Rachael Yes, there's definitely a character limit. I can't remember exactly what it

is. Oh yes, 250.

Shawna Okay. I don't think we mentioned this on one of the other open-ended, but

I see that making sure that tenants don't hold back rent. Again, that's

something that in our experience and our research as well, that there does

appear to be a lot of misinformation on there about withholding rent will

get a tenant, will help with the situation. In our experience it often hurts,

so I appreciate those that are mentioning that type of thing as we're rolling

through here.

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Lots of things on education, just educating tenants, landlords, rights, etc.,

all really helpful to mention. LT is landlord-tenant laws. Okay, okay,

great. Lots of payment plans, things like that. Alright, I think we're going

to move on, but this is really helpful feedback, really helpful feedback on

what other strategies are effective for helping clients avoid eviction.

So, I'm going to turn it over to Rachael and she's going to talk about the

next set of questions.

Rachael Great. Thanks, Shawna. Now, we're going to move into the questions

that focus more on the data that agencies are using. HUD is really

interested in learning more about how agencies are currently using data to

serve their clients and what are the data needs that agencies might have?

Your responses to this set of questions will help inform the development

the future HUD resources and guidance regarding the use of data and also

just give us a general sense on how agencies might be using data. For

example, if you're utilizing data sources that we weren't aware of or

anything like that, that will be really helpful for us to know.

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Our first question is, what is the primary eviction-related data source that

your agency uses when analyzing your targets or risk area? Please just

select one response here. That's all you'll be able to select, so even if

you're using multiple data sources, just select the primary one that you

use. If you're not using any data, that's totally fine. There's an option for

that. Just select, we do not use eviction-related data.

Alright, great. We have a couple people saying they use 9902 data. The

majority of people are saying that you do not use eviction-related data. A

couple of people have selected national level. A number were pretty

evenly split between state and local level and client level data. You'll

have an opportunity to provide more information on the exact data sources

that you're using, but this should give us a sense of the data sources that

folks are using most frequently.

It seems like we've gotten 42 responses so far. So, give another few

seconds for folks to respond.

Shawna

It is an interesting mix of responses so far. I'm excited to see the last five

or six.

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Rachael

Alright, it seems like we're staying pretty stagnant around 42 responses here. If you're still working on that question, you can go ahead and get

that in while I move on to the next one.

Alright, so this is an open-ended question. It's a follow up to our previous

question. Be specific in what national, state, or local data sources you are

using. You can submit multiple responses if you're using multiple

different data sources. This will be interesting to see since we got a mix of

responses on the last question, it will be great to see what exactly folks are

utilizing.

Shawna

Just like Julie said earlier, census, it's good for folks to mention census, but if there's any particular type of data set, say census and then give us the data set. I mean we want as specific as you all can make it.

Rachael

We're getting some point-in-time count, HMIS data mentioned, a few folks have said census like Shawna mentioned, and internal database. If you're collecting internal data from your clients, outside of the 9902 data, if you want to enter a response that goes into more detail about what data you're collecting, that could be helpful too. People giving us websites. I

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love to see that. That's super helpful. If you're going to a specific

website, you can go ahead and put that in.

Shawna Okay, someone wrote in federal database. If you can be more specific on

which database, that would be wonderful. Anybody writing in about the

9902, it would be very helpful if you can give us what specific data you're

looking at in the 9902.

Rachael If your CMS is creating special data sets or maps that you're utilizing, you

can write in the name of your CMS file.

Shawna Good point, Rachael.

Rachael The way this question functions is we'll see new responses as they come

in but I think it'll keep scrolling through our old responses as well. It

seems like we've gotten about 55 answers, so give everyone a few minutes

to enter some additional responses if they have any.

Shawna Eviction map, if you're also using eviction map or others, again you can

repeat the answers here. It's very helpful if we see more than one answer.

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Urban Institute, National Low Income Housing Coalition is also

mentioned, conversation with courts and legal aid.

Rachael

Alright, great. We've had 60-ish responses for a little while now. I may

go ahead and move on, but if you're still typing out your answer, certainly

complete your typing, and enter that before you move on to the next slide.

Alright, so this is another multiple choice question. You're allowed to

select multiple responses, so we're interested here in finding out which

9902 Section 10 category do you typically choose for preventing eviction?

In addition to 10C, creating a sustainable budget, we assume that most

clients that are at risk of eviction, your agency is attempting to create the

sustainable budget with them so that's why we don't have that listed here,

but the ones we do have listed are 10H, avoided eviction after receiving

housing counseling services, 10I, improved living conditions after

receiving housing counseling services, and 10B information received on

fair housing, fair lending, or accessibility.

Shawna

Again, as Rachael said, this is what you typically use for your impact that

you're making with your clients.

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Rachael

Yes, thanks, Shawna. Our next question is an open-ended question about why you're choosing these impacts but this will give us a good sense of how folks are typically reporting their data, maybe reasoning behind choosing some of these outcomes over other outcomes or trends we're seeing in the data. It'll help us understand that 9902 data a little bit better when we look at it every quarter.

Lorraine

Shawna and Rachael, I just wanted to add that a lot of times, when agencies are contemplating their section 10, they may trip over the word sustainable. I just want to remind everybody, your number of clients that you create a budget for in 10C, that number should vary the same as, or very similar to the number that you report under Section 9 for one-on-one counseling. I know that's not really relevant to this particular topic, it applies in general to all types of counseling services, but I just wanted to make the opportunity to say that because many agencies get confused by that word sustainable and we're actually going to be revising our 9902. One of the proposals is to remove that word sustainable.

Shawna

Thanks, Lorraine, I think that's really helpful. It also contextualizes this a little bit more as to why we might have said, in addition to 10C, because many of you are choosing 10C, if not the majority of you as well as any of

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these other three impacts, 10B on your housing information, 10H on

avoided eviction, or 10 I on improving living condition, and as Lorraine

mentioned, more than one impact could also be chosen for any of your

clients.

Rachael

Yes, thanks, Shawna and thanks, Lorraine. We have about 37 responses,

but I know that we have a few more people on our response list than that,

so I'll give everyone a couple more seconds to respond.

Shawna

I'm going to guess, too, Rachael, that some of the folks that haven't,

maybe they don't like typical. Maybe they're like it's individualized and,

as Rachael said, you're going to be able to give us more feedback on what

you do in the next question.

Rachael

That's a good point. Thanks, Shawna. Yes, I'll move on to that next

question now. Like I mentioned in the previous question, how are you

determining which categories you choose in Section 10 for clients at risk

of eviction? You can submit multiple responses here. Maybe, for certain

types of clients, you choose specific impact for one reason and other types

of clients, you choose a different impact, or maybe there's a few different

criteria you're using.

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But if you're not typically choosing Section 10H Avoiding Eviction, it

would be interesting to know why not, if there's a reason or if you always

are choosing a certain category it would be good to know that as well. A

few people are saying it depends on the client situation; the client self-

reports improved living conditions, that makes sense; based on your

follow up.

Shawna

And it might even be, so at least one person mentioned all clients are

given Fair Housing and Tenant Right guides. It might be part of how

you're managing or how you're implementing your rental housing

counseling that that might be the focus of your rental housing counseling,

so of course you would choose the fair housing as the outcome, so that

makes sense. It may be your program that's driving it in some instances

and it might be the client's outcome needs, what's in their client action

plan that drives it, or self-reporting. This is all really helpful.

Rachael

Yes, definitely. And if you find it hard to report on any of these outcomes

for whatever reason, you can also include that information here as well.

There's someone saying often we do not have follow up around when a

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person experiencing a possible eviction is actually evicted. That's makes

sense since clients are moving around and hard to conduct follow up with.

Shawna

Right. It could be a really tenuous situation and things can change

quickly. Difficult to choose between responses because they're too

generic and general. Okay. I'm going to recommend we move on,

Rachael, but we are going to ask toward the end, too, where keep thinking

about these impacts in 9902 and what HUD could provide in terms of

follow up technical assistance, in terms of guidance that could be offered

about reporting, things like that. We will cover that in the last set of

questions.

Rachael

Yes, thanks, Shawna. I'll move on. We have two quick questions, won't

spend a ton of time on these because they're simple, yes/no. The first one

is, do you need assistance from HUD in reporting and analyzing client

data? We'll just give everyone a few minutes to respond. This would be

helpful for us to know if HUD could provide more assistance in reporting

on the 9902 or analyzing your client data or anything like that.

Shawna

Yes, and I just want to highlight, this is both the reporting, as Rachael

said, the 9902 as well as analyzing what you receive from clients or what

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client data resources are available, so this is really two different pieces, but

if HUD can be helpful in this area, again, we're going to collect, at the

end, your ideas around what would be helpful specifically, but go ahead

and let us know now, yes or no, whether or not that would be helpful.

Rachael

Alright, I think we have 38. If anyone else has their response, go ahead

and enter and then I'll move on in just a second.

Shawna

And I guess I don't want to discourage people, even if the majority of the

folks are saying hey, no, we got this. There's still a good third of you that

would like support in this area so we want to hear from you too in terms of

what your needs are, so don't feel like majority rules all the time.

Rachael

Yes. Thanks, Shawna. Alright, so I'll go ahead and move on to the next

question. It seems like we got about 40 responses there. So, do you need

assistance from HUD in analyzing other available data? So outside of

what you report in the 9902 or what you're collecting from clients, maybe

there are other levels of data that you'd like to know more about how to

use or access and analyze for your needs. Again, simple yes/no and then

in the next question, we'll ask you, for those of you who said yes, we'll

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ask you a little bit more about what types of resources or tools could be

helpful to you.

Shawna

And the other thing I'll mention too is that HUD provides a lot of

technical assistance and tools and resources. Sometimes it's as small as a

resource page on the HUD exchange, sometimes it's a webinar, sometimes

it's online training, sometimes it's like an in-person conference. In terms

of HUD supporting, it's HUD and their partners. It could be anything

under the sun here, so if HUD's going to provide you with help, would

that be helpful in a small, in a large way. We're really collecting just

anything and everything that if you think HUD could be helpful here, then

please say yes.

Lorraine

And, Shawna and Rachael, I'm really curious, especially the third of the

folks that said they don't use any eviction-related data, if you could let us

know if you answered that you don't use the data, would some training be

helpful to you.

Rachael

Yes, good point, Lorraine. I'll go ahead and move on to the next question

so that we can get your responses about what type of resources that HUD

could offer to support you. So, if you responded yes, we'd really like you

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to answer here in more detail about what could be helpful to you, but if

you responded no, also feel free to respond here if you thought of

something since you answered the question, that's totally fine, of if you

have more to day, that's great too.

So the response we have so far is that you need a data source. If you could

provide more information about what types of data sources you need or

what types of data sets you'd be looking to look at, that would be helpful.

Shawna And I agree with you, Rachael. I just took that to mean there's eviction

data and eviction labs [ph] that those at risk of eviction that getting a

source for that might be helpful.

Rachael Yes, definitely. Someone asked if we're interested in policy change

suggestions. If it's related to data, then certainly, you can put that here. If

it's related to other policies then we'll have a space for that in a few

questions from now.

Shawna Yes, thanks for that. So, a couple of HUD exchange items are listed here

about finding resources, answers, took kits, webinars, more information on

how to interpret questions in the 9902. Again, if you see an answer where

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you'd like to just—you agree, go ahead and just type in the same answer

so we know multiple people need XYZ on the HUD exchange or XYZ on

the 9902. All that would be helpful. Local/national data how each state

compares; that might be interesting in terms of tenant/landlord law.

Rachael

Alright, we're at about 20 responses. If anyone else has submissions,

please get those in now before we move on to the next section. Alright,

I'm going to go ahead and move along to our next set of questions.

Our next set of questions really revolves around improving assistance. In

this section, we want agencies to tell us how they believe their services to

at-risk clients could be improved and what types of training or resources

the Office of Housing Counseling or training grantees could provide to

assist in these efforts. So far we've learned what services you're currently

providing as well as what services you would—what data you're using to

provide those services and in this section we'll learn more about what you

would like to provide.

So, in one or two words, what does your agency need to more effectively

help clients prevent eviction? This is another word cloud so please keep

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your responses brief and if you see something on the screen that you agree with, you can absolutely type that in again.

Shawna

No surprise that funding, money, just cause—

Rachael

Just cause section, yes.

Julie

So, Shawna, what do we see—can we just talk briefly about the difference between funding and money. Is money something we give to the clients and funding something that goes to the agency or are these kind of the same thing?

Shawna

Yes that's a good clarification. If you mean funding for your agency, write funding. If you mean money for the client, write money.

Rachael

I see affordable housing options, legal help, funds tied to education, funding for staff. People are getting more specific with the funding.

That's helpful too. Follow up, more staff, landlord engagement. We have about 42 responses so I'll give folks a bit more time.

Shawna

I think because it's 3:00 we can also—

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Rachael

Yes. Alright. I'm going to move along to the next question. As Shawna pointed out, I think we're going to pick up the pace a little bit to make sure we get to everyone's questions and have time for verbal feedback. So, the next question is, if you had unlimited funds, what services would you provide to clients at risk of eviction? So the options are, continue current services but serve more people, expand service area and add service delivery options. So if all three of these would be something your agency would do, you can go ahead and select all three, or just select the ones that would apply to your agency. Again, this is if you had unlimited funds. Obviously there are barriers to accomplishing some of these at the current moment for your agency.

Alright, so far pretty evenly split responses, but most folks are saying continue current services but serve more people and then the next highest one is add service delivery options and then a good amount of you would also choose to expand your service area. Great. I think that's helpful data for us to have. I'm going to move on to the next question but if you're still working on that, you can go ahead and submit your answer while I move ahead.

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So this is another open-ended question: what training, resources or tools

do you need to better provide rental counseling and eviction prevention

services. So we have that word cloud in the beginning. I think this is

focused on specific resources training or tools that would help your

agency provide rental counseling and eviction prevention services.

Alright, more training on budgets, state-specific landlord/tenant laws,

staffing, consistent guidance; if you said consistent guidance, if you want

to be a little bit more specific about which guidance should be made more

consistent, I think that would be helpful just to target specific ways HUD

could help. I'll scroll down the screen, fair housing, more staff, more

affordable housing options, flexible funding.

answers.

Shawna

Lots of folks are mentioning legal and what the options are there.

Lorraine

I think this question, in particular, we'll be able to share this with our training providers. In addition to ICF, we also have four FY18 training NOFA grantees that received funding and we always like to share with them additional training topics, so the feedback on this, it will be great for us to provide to them, so thank you very much for providing these

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Shawna

That's a great point, Lorraine. Lots of partners that you can provide this

information to. Okay, great.

Rachael

Alright, so I'll move onto the last section now which is federal, state and

local barriers and Shawna will cover those questions.

Shawna

Okay. Thank you so much, Rachael. So we have five questions here and

we're primarily focused on barriers. These are barriers that affect your

client, barriers that might affect you as a housing counseling agency.

Okay. This is one of those ranking questions and we really want you to

rank what is the most significant barrier down to the least significant

barrier. This is for the client so, what are the most significant barriers to a

client avoiding eviction? And go ahead and rank order right now, and this

one I do want you to make sure that you take a little bit of time with, you

want to make sure you have some good answers here. Again, it doesn't

have to be the top six here. You could do the top two if you would like,

top three.

So we have change in employment, not enough emergency savings, lack

of knowledge of tenant/landlord laws, lack of decent affordable housing,

maybe there's unclear lease or contract agreements, or finally, a lack of

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community services. Okay, you folks are pros now at the rating and

ranking. I can see the responses coming in. About half reported at this

time. It's neck and neck with lack of decent affordable housing and not

enough emergency savings.

Rachael We have about three-quarters of you responded so far so I'll give it

another few seconds.

Lorraine This is a very important section for us so please take a moment and answer

this question for us. It will be very helpful in our feedback to Congress.

Shawna Thanks, Lorraine.

Rachael Great. Looks like we got a few more responses in the last couple of

seconds, so not enough emergency savings is in the lead but the others are

weighed pretty significantly too.

Shawna This also helps prioritize topics and things that should be covered first in

terms of technical assistance or training. This can be used in a variety of

different instances.

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Rachael

Yes, definitely. So, I'll move on to the next question, but if you're still working, by all means, please continue filling that out. I know you could

still be rearranging your options.

Shawna

So the last question was about the client. Now we want to hear about the most significant barriers to you as an agency assisting a client avoid eviction. So, is it insufficient agency funding? Is it inadequate staff training or knowledge? Is it inadequate community resources available for referrals? Is it the lack of landlord/tenant education on their rights? Is it possibly ineffective state/local tenant housing or property laws? Is it the

lack of affordable housing options in the community?

Responses are coming in. So far I'm seeing, I'm just going to do the least significant barrier is inadequate staff training and knowledge, so at least so far it's you have the knowledge but maybe there's the lack of options for you, lack of funding, lack of community resources for you to refer people to. Let's see what's going to win out in terms of lack of affordable options in the community or insufficient funding. That seems to be the top two.

Rachael

Yes, and we've had about three-quarters of people respond so far, so that's great. Keep getting those responses in. Alright, and it looks like lack of

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affordable housing options in the community has been pretty strongly in

the lead for a while now. We have 36 responses. I'm going to go ahead

and move on to the next question, but if you're still working on your

prioritization, please continue and submit that.

Shawna

Okay. This is really important to try to get a handle on. So, which level

of government could affect the most change on eviction prevention: state

and local, HUD's Office of Housing Counseling, or is it other HUD

programs? So there are many HUD programs there, but you're going to

choose one and then we have a follow-up question to that. Okay. Neck

and neck with other HUD programs. It's almost like I can't decide—oh,

housing counseling or is it other HUD programs? I think state and local

may be the top winner, but I think it's the second and third that I'm unsure

about.

And maybe you don't work with other HUD programs but there's

homeless programs out there, there's public and Indian housing, could be

a shared responsibility at HUD and we'll get to that in the next couple of

questions but just trying to pinpoint where the most help could potentially

be, or maybe what partnerships—maybe it's HUD Housing Counseling

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partnering with another part of HUD to help deliver some answers. But

vote for one here. We just have a couple more responses.

Rachael Yes, it seems like most have come in so I'll move right along to the next

question.

Shawna Okay. So, this is an open-ended, multiple responses; so, what types of

changes could be implemented? This is by other HUD—this is not

Housing Counseling, this is other HUD programs, state or local

government. Overwhelmingly you said state and local governments in the

last question so we want to hear a lot of responses there, but if you do

happen to work with other HUD programs or would like to see them do

something, you can also provide responses.

So HCV is housing choice voucher funding, more vouchers, okay. Again,

you can repeat answers if you see an answer that that's exactly what you

would say. Less reporting, okay, and again, this is other HUD programs,

state and local governments. We'll get to Housing Counseling next in

another question. More vouchers, more vouchers. Okay, great. Housing

subsidies; hopefully you mean vouchers there. Education of landlords,

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let's pick up some local things here, education of landlords, education of

clients about resources available.

Rachael Yes, and if there are specific policies in your service area that you think

could be changed or specific laws or regulations, you can go ahead and

write those in because it's being [ph] collected here, regional information

so we can map that to where you're located.

Julie Shawna I think that this might be a good place, too, to think about the

policy issue, because I think that we all understand that resources,

financial resources, funding and that is always limited anywhere in the

government, so what other types of changes. So if you are dealing with

clients specifically that have housing choice vouchers or are trying to get

housing choice vouchers, what policies, what—

Shawna What are some impediments? Yes.

Julie Yes, what are the impediments and what could we do to make that better?

Shawna Right. That's a really good point. So I think we hear funding loud and

clear but let's touch on some of those other categories of policy changes.

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So, non-discrimination against voucher holders, well, where is that

handled? Maybe HUD's involved in that but there are some local and

state governments that are trying to tackle non-discrimination of income

source. Okay.

Rachael

Alright. We have about 62 responses. I'll give it another few moments

and then I'll move along to make sure we get to all of our questions.

Shawna

Okay, just cause came up on local policies addressing slumlords, so

something around property standards, it sounds like folks are advocating.

Very helpful. A couple of those about the FMRs, the fair market rents,

that is outside of HUD's housing counseling program and to make sure

that it's more realistic in communities. That's helpful to mention.

Rachael

Alright, so 75 responses. That's great. I'm going to move it along but if

you're typing something, certainly make sure you submit that before you

join us on the next slide.

Shawna

This is all really helpful. Thanks for pushing that, Julie. Okay, so this is

about what can the Office of Housing Counseling do to assist agencies in

more effectively serving clients at risk of eviction? These are specific—

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and multiple responses are allowed here, so you can submit a response and

then think about what you want to say next and then submit another

response, but this is what they could do and I know folks mentioned

reporting on the last one, but maybe beyond reporting, what could they do

in terms of policies to more effectively help you serve clients. What could

they do? Funding, okay.

Tell us more about what you mean about flexible funding. That would be

helpful to know more about that. Okay, more marketing on the program.

Okay so maybe they could specifically advocate for prevention funds.

Training on available resources, so just what other resources might be

available. Okay, so the point in time count is something that is done with

the Continuum of Care programs. We might have that answer go into the

last bucket. This is HUD's Office of Housing Counseling, what could

they do, specifically?

More examples of templates that can be used, so maybe it's a client action

plan that's specific to eviction prevention. That's an interesting idea.

Additional training on the prevention of eviction. Media campaign so

renters and landlords know about counseling, okay. So there might be an

outreach role here. HUD has a great outreach partner, CMR, that might be

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able to help with that. Re-entry into housing a priority, okay, so those that

have already faced an eviction, that they can re-enter. Other funds for—

they would like to advocate for funds to be used for other costs that the

client may be able to use to apply for a job like clothing, things like that,

okay. Maybe those are like pass-through funding.

These are coming in fast and furious. I know a few are repeating, but keep

typing. We have 35 responses. Advocate for abbreviated license for—

okay, so somebody wants a fast pass for just rental counseling for

certification or approval maybe.

I see a comment, COC [ph] and HUD Housing Counseling should work

better together. Any other HUD programs that you all would feel there's a

disconnect between housing counseling and other HUD programs?

Shawna Good follow-up question, Julie. There seems to be a natural link between

Housing Counseling, particularly those at risk and the Continuum of Care

programs since they work with those that are at risk of being homeless,

who are homeless, etc. They're in the re-housing business, but any other

programs?

Julie

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Rachael Alright. We have around 40 responses. Do we want to move on to the

final question about other thoughts folks may have?

Shawna Sure, let's do that, but definitely, housing authorities, Julie, were

mentioned.

Rachael Yes, definitely. Keep typing your responses if you're working on them

now and get those submitted. I see 46, so that's great.

Shawna Separate rental and mortgage counseling, okay. Yes, so this is any other

final thoughts to share about rental housing counseling and eviction

prevention. This is like your time, that if we didn't cover it, we want to

hear any type of final thoughts, so we'll give this like maybe a minute and

then turn it over to Lorraine to do the open-ended discussion. Maybe

some of you that have a final thought here, we may ask you to call in and

share your specific thoughts, so go ahead and type in your answers about

anything else that you think should be here that we did not discuss.

Rachael And if you don't have anything to share that we haven't covered, that's

totally fine. That means that we did a good job covering the different

topic areas today, but great. So it looks like someone said make it more

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public [indiscernible] landlords/owners know why it is important to

educate their community and communicate in an effective way with their

landlord.

Shawna

Yes, it seems like a lot of folks are advocating for some sort of public service type program that could be helpful to get clients, for landlords and tenants to know their rights, basically, like a know your rights type thing. Pre-rental information, so basically like before you rent, how to be a good renter and how to prevent eviction later on. Landlord outreach, transitional rental and, what is that, domestic violence, yes, feeling sad that their community doesn't have a program or resources available to help folks with rental assistance. I don't know what—oh, CES is Coordinated Entry System, oh my gosh, I had to think about what that acronym meant. So, the Coordinated Entry System in the Continuum of Care and eviction prevention, that's a really great point.

Okay, so keep those coming because Mentimeter will be open if there are any final thoughts. I'm going to make sure that we turn it over now.

Thank you so much for everyone who provided their feedback through

Mentimeter and I'm going to turn it over to Lorraine and we're going to

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get started with any type of verbal feedback that you folks would like to

provide. Lorraine?

Lorraine That sounds great. Thank you very much, Shawna and Rachael. We got

some fabulous responses. Thank you very much, everyone, but don't

hurry up and leave, please, because after—we are going to spend about 10

minutes, possibly up to 15 depending on your level of participation, but

after that, we're going to have one final Mentimeter question. That is

going to be critical feedback for us to let us know how you think this new

Mentimeter process is working for stakeholder meetings.

But right now, we have some opportunities and Julie and I are going to

focus on some specific questions up front first before we open it to general

comments. Terri, would you please provide everyone instructions on how

they can participate in the discussion? Terri, are you still there?

Moderator

Pardon me. [Operator instructions].

Lorraine Okay, great. I'm going to let Julie start this discussion. Julie, what would

you like some more information on?

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Julie

Thanks, Lorraine, and thanks, Shawna and Rachael. Good discussion.

And thank you, everybody, for your contribution. This is really, like

Lorraine said, it is super important for us because a lot of the information

that you're giving us today, we are going to take back to our leadership

team and then on to Congress, so it's really important.

I have a question, just briefly, on the landlord engagement comment and

I'm wondering, more specifically, what would that landlord engagement

look like? For example, would it be a referral to their tenants to housing

counseling? Would it be landlord training? Would it be HUD's change to

the lease provisions, maybe giving people more time to pay their rent or

opt for flexible payment plans? I'm curious about what that landlord

engagement would really look like. Any comments on that?

Shawna

Okay, and Julie, is it okay if folks also type into the questions box any of

their feedback on landlord engagement? Would that be helpful?

Julie

Sure.

Shawna

So one thing about the questions box, when you type in, that's really

helpful because that's something that we can use after the call as opposed

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to the chat box. Please do not use the chat box. The questions box is the

one to use. Okay?

Julie Terri, is there anyone in the queue.

Moderator Not at this time. [Operator instructions].

Lorraine Okay well, while we're waiting and having them mull over that question, I

kind of have a follow-up question that's related to what Julie's talking

about. In the landlord engagement, one of the responses many had was

more landlord education. I have a two-part question for landlord

education. Many of you responded that you would add services if you had

more money. I'm really curious if landlord education is something you

would like to add for a service? And also, what kind of training would

you like to see for engaging landlords? Some of you also mentioned

mediation, so if you could give you some feedback on that, it will be very

helpful when we design future took kits and we talk to our training

providers on what kind of information they can provide.

So, do you have any feedback on educating landlords, please? Terri, do

we have anyone in the queue?

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Moderator

Not at this time. [Operator instructions]. And we'll go to Brenda Lano

[ph]. Please go ahead.

Brenda

Hi. My name is Brenda Lano, I'm with the Carver County Community

Development Agency. We have started doing landlord engagement. We
do quarterly meeting with local landlords. We teach them all types of
landlord/tenant law, fair housing, the benefits of accepting vouchers, those
kind of things. I think that one area that would be very helpful is to have
that fall under HUD Housing Counseling so we would have a means to
pay for those classes. Currently we're doing those all on our own and then
maybe we would be able to tie those to Housing Counseling and
encourage a landlord to maybe allow someone 30 or 60 days to engage
with a housing counselor to see if they could improve their situation, get
the community connections or learn to budget.

Lorraine

Oh, great. Thank you very much, Brenda, for sharing that. And so, as a follow-up question, would you kind of like to see that possibly as a category on 9902 under group education, educating landlords, possibly?

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Brenda Yes, it would be great because then it would a funding source for us to be

able to pay for a certified trainer for fair housing to come in.

Lorraine Oh, great. Well, thank you very much for your feedback. I really

appreciate that. Does anyone else have a response for us, to either Julie or

my question?

Moderator [Operator instructions]. And right now there are no questions in queue.

Lorraine Okay, I'm going to turn it over to Julie to ask one final question before we

return to Rachael or Shawna and Mentimeter.

Julie So, Lorraine, the only other question that I actually had, which is really

still related to the same topic, was just briefly, yes or no, could

landlord/tenant education open opportunity to affordable housing? So

where we saw a lot of the responses said we need more affordable housing

and could there be more opportunity in affordable housing with more

education for landlords and tenants? How to be a good renter, will that

allow me to stay in affordable housing for a longer period of time? If I'm

a landlord, how do I work with somebody who needs affordable housing?

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So, really the question is, what types of landlord and tenant education and

I think we just touched on that, so we might just want to move on because

I think this is something that's sort of included, and it was included in our

response from Atlanta [ph].

Lorraine

Well, you make a really good point, Julie. If you have good

tenant/landlord relations, you have less evictions. You're helping to house

people in affordable housing longer. So, I think you make a really good

point there, and I also want to encourage everyone, please, if you didn't

want to say anything verbally, please use the chat box, and also if you

think of something down the line and you want to add to it, you can also

send to housing.counseling@hud.gov an email response and just put

Rental Evictions in the subject line.

With that, let's go ahead and, Terri, is there anybody in queue before we

go back to Shawna and Rachael and Mentimeter?

Moderator

We actually have Patricia Robb [ph]. Please go ahead.

Lorraine

Oh, great, Patricia.

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Patricia

Yes, can you hear me?

Lorraine

Yes.

Patricia

Okay, great. I want to concur also with the other speaker that was stating one of the biggest things that I see when I'm working with housing [indiscernible] rental housing personnel is that they don't see the importance of their clients having, I would say, and we hit it again, over and over, education coming from HUD Housing Counseling agencies. It is so important, and then they also are being made aware of their responsibilities as far as what they know, as far as their guidelines, making sure that everybody's on the right page.

I do believe that when clients have proper financial capability, being educated as far as their responsibilities; if this is done and that team is beginning to work together on a better level, and they being aware of the fact that, you know what, housing counseling is so important. See, they don't even realize that housing counseling is important and that they need to, and make sure we are all on that same page because, as a result, it's not taking place and clients are slipping through the channels, more or less.

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So, I concur, that's one of the main things and having it on, like we talked about, the 9902 funding for those areas. I think it's so important. I believe we'll be able to catch more clients as far as being in a preventive measure than anything.

Lorraine

Absolutely. Thank you, Patricia, and our Deputy Assistant Secretary, Sarah Gerecke, one of her comments she says is, we want housing counseling not to be the best kept secret.

Patricia

I agree.

Lorraine

Yes, we hear you on that and we're working hard to get the word out.

Thank you very much, Patricia for sharing. Really appreciate that. Terri,
do we have anybody else in queue?

Moderator

Not at this time.

Lorraine

Okay, I'm going to turn it back over to Shawna and Rachael.

Shawna

Okay, thanks, Lorraine, and please, some of you have already provided in the questions box, some answers to some of Lorraine and Julie's

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questions. You can continue to keep those up but make sure you use that

question box because that's the only feature of GoToWebinar that will

record your answers which is why we're using Mentimeter for a lot of

your feedback.

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So, did the webinar meet your expectations? This is going to be hidden

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but effective; did not meet my expectations. Those are your three choices

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If you do you will see the code again and the code that you can use,

Rachael, can you just read that out for folks?

Rachael

Yes, so that's 732723 if you need that code again.

Shawna

Okay, thanks so much. As Lorraine said, this is the first time we're using Mentimeter in a webinar so really, part of this is you're judging us or giving us feedback on Mentimeter in terms of how that worked. There's a lot of feedback and I'm sorry if we didn't say this earlier, there's a lot of feedback on this topic and so we really wanted to use Mentimeter to do as much of the heavy lifting as we could through that particular polling

So, while you're providing that feedback, I just wanted to do a little bit of wrap up. Again, we mentioned that we, as ICF, or a technical assistance provider, we're going to use your feedback, all your really helpful feedback today for two purposes: to look at what technical assistance tools, training and other needs might be solved by not just us but with HUD, their training partners, CMR for outreach, etc.; and then also, the Office of Housing Counseling is going to provide a memo to Congress in the month of June, so pretty quickly, on any type of feedback for them in terms of the prevention of eviction. We just really appreciate you telling your story today.

Then we do have a resources slide, Lorraine mentioned, if you don't mind sharing that, Rachael, in the middle of this page. If you have any further feedback that if we can't capture it here, you can always email housing.counseling@hud.gov and you might put in the subject line there, Stakeholder Webinar on Eviction Prevention, or something like that just so it routes to the right people if there's anything that we didn't cover today. Then we also provided you with a couple of resources here such as the counseling page on the HUD exchange and also the Bridge Newsletter as well.

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We want to thank everyone for participating today. We know this was a part of your day spent with us and we just appreciate everyone's feedback.

Moderator

Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, that does conclude your conference for today. Thank you for your participation and for using AT&T Executing TeleConference. You may now disconnect.