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Overview of the MTW Cohort 1 Evaluation for Cohort 1 PHAs

February 17, 2021

Meeting Logistics



- Participants are on mute to improve your listening experience
- There will be time for questions at the end
 - Please use the Q&A feature to ask questions

Agenda



- Introductions and Purpose of Today's Webinar
- Overview of the Evaluation
- Your Role in the Evaluation
- Poll
- Questions



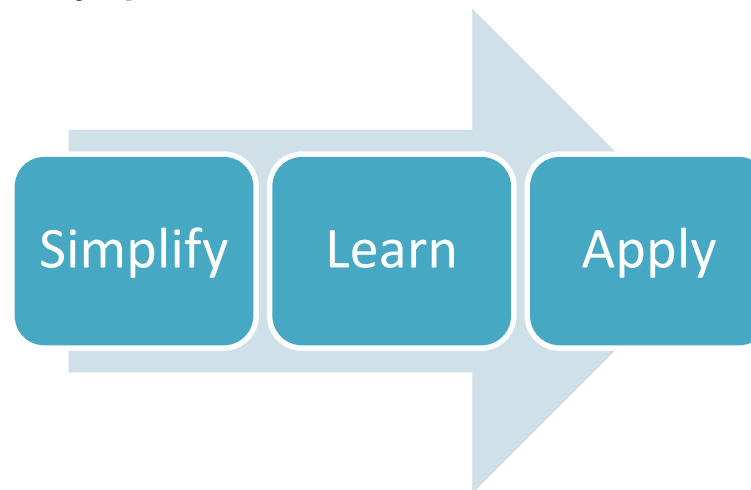
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Introductions and Purpose of Today's Webinar

HUD's MTW Office



- Evaluation is a key part of the MTW Demonstration!



- The MTW Program Office will continue to be your main resource for questions and assistance as you implement your MTW expansion activities.

The MTW Cohort 1 Evaluation Team



- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R)
 - MTW Program Office
- Abt Associates
 - PHA Engagement Task Lead: Tanya de Sousa
 - Interview Team: Tommy Joe Bednar, Cara Sierks, Liz Yadav, and Will Yetvin
 - Project Director: Larry Buron
- You, 31 PHAs to receive MTW Cohort 1 designation

Purpose of Today's Webinar



- Today's webinar will:
 - Describe the MTW Cohort 1 Evaluation and associated data collection efforts
 - Describe your role in the evaluation
 - Provide a timeline for evaluation activities



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Overview of the Evaluation

Overview of the MTW Cohort 1 Evaluation

- **Overall Approach:**
 - Experimental design to compare outcomes of MTW Cohort 1 designated PHAs (treatment) to non-designated PHAs (control) supplemented by a descriptive analysis.

Overview of the MTW Cohort 1 Evaluation

- **Goal:** Two overarching research questions guide the evaluation:
 - What are the consequences of MTW flexibility for small PHAs and their tenants?
 - Impact Study
 - How do small PHAs use their MTW flexibility?
 - Process Study

The Impact Study



- **Approach:** An impact study to understand the effect of MTW on PHA and tenant outcomes.
 - Primarily uses existing data to document the characteristics, costs, and outcomes of PHAs in the study:
 - Administrative and financial data (HUD)
 - Neighborhood poverty data (ACS)
 - Employment and earnings data (NDNH)

The Impact Study



- The impact study will report on the following **outcomes**:
 - Average monthly cost per household served (overall and by program)
 - Average earnings for non-elderly, non-disabled adults
 - Percentage of HCV households living in low-poverty census tracts
 - Percentage of exit households with sufficient earnings
 - HCV utilization rate
 - Public Housing occupancy rate

The Process Study



- **Approach:** A descriptive analysis of how treatment group PHAs use their MTW flexibility to meet the MTW program's goals of increasing cost efficiency, self-sufficiency, and housing choice
 - Uses a combination of administrative and primary data collection

The Process Study



- The three **main objectives** of the Process Study are to:
 - Investigate what motivated you to apply for MTW designation under Cohort 1;
 - Conduct an in-depth analysis of how you use your flexibility; and
 - Document how PHAs that did not receive MTW designation pursued similar objectives

Data Included in the Process Study



Data Source		Purpose in Study
MTW Application (Baseline) Survey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PHAs' motivations for applying for Cohort 1 and the objectives and waivers they intended to pursue
MTW Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Updated information on how PHAs plan to use MTW authority and timeline for 1 st two years of implementation
MTW Supplement		Detailed description of the MTW waivers that PHAs plan to implement as well as local, non-traditional activities
Administrative Plans		Supplemental information on the program and policy changes that PHAs implement (reviewed as needed)
Interviews		Qualitative information on PHAs' motivations, implementation activities, and challenges with MTW



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Your Role in the Evaluation

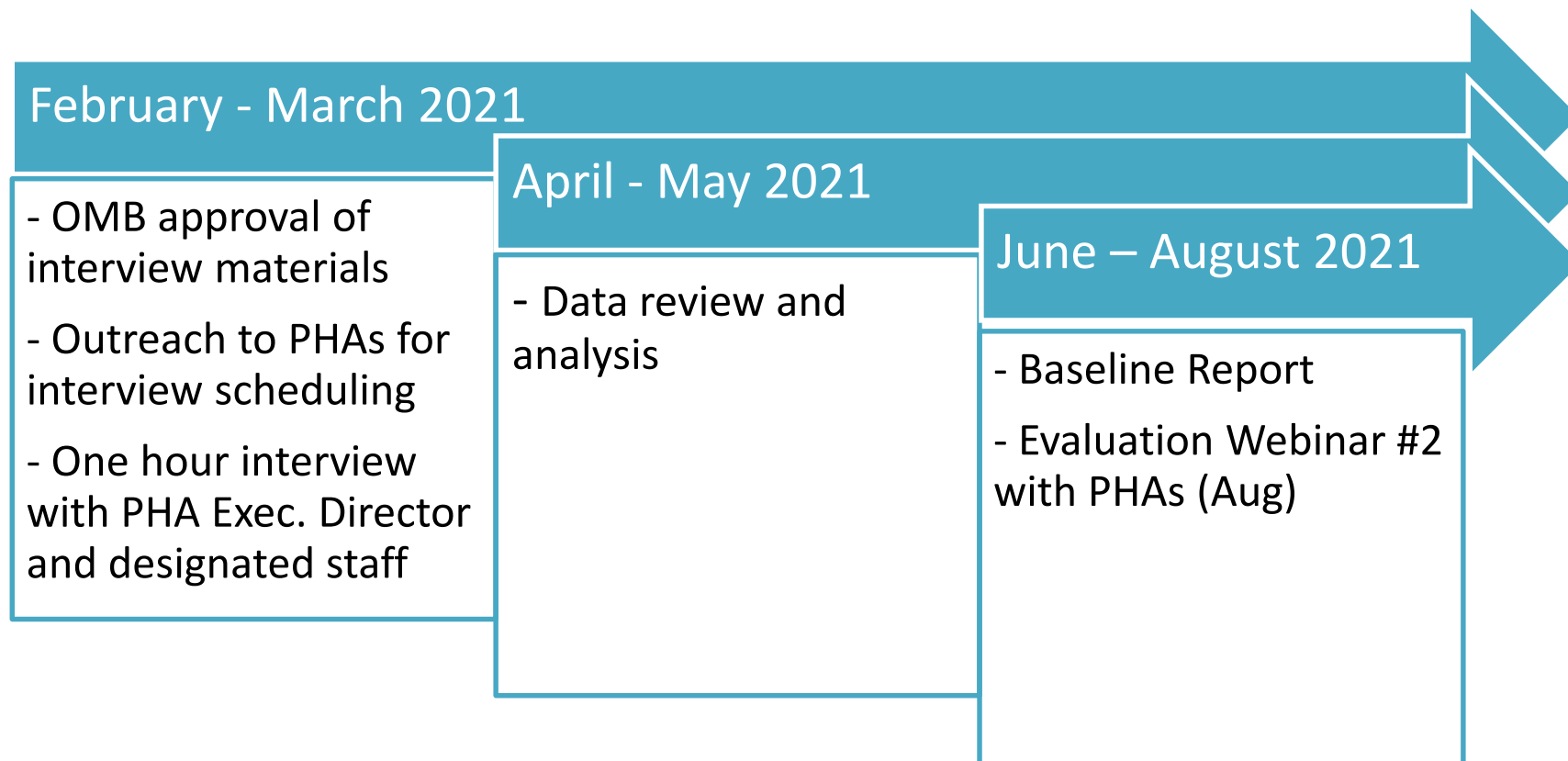
Participation in the Process Study



- You will be asked to participate in the following annual activities:

Activity	Timing (2021-2025)
Evaluation webinar Review of data collection activities for the year	January/February
Interviews 60 minutes with Exec. Director and other key staff	February-March
Annual report findings webinar Baseline report will cover motivations, planned uses of MTW flexibility, PHA descriptions, and tenant and community characteristics	August

Next Steps





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Update

Reimbursable Software Update Grants

- Each of the 31 Cohort 1 MTW agencies will be receiving reimbursable grant awards of up to \$25,000 to help defray the costs associated with upgrading IMS/PIC software to accommodate MTW flexibilities
- Funds will be available to the PHA for up to two years
- More details to be shared at the 3/24 webinar on *Transitioning Your PHA Data to PIC-NG*



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Poll

Poll Questions



- What types of data visualizations are you interested in seeing?
- What topics would you like to see covered in a peer learning webinar?



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Questions?

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