

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Review of Federal Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency **Department of Housing and Urban Development** 2. Fiscal Year **2017**

3. Committee or SubCommittee **Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee** 3b. GSA Committee No. **2492**

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **No** 5. Current Charter **5/2/2016** 6. Expected Renewal Date **5/2/2018** 7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? **No** 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Termination Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year **Continue** 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? **No** 10b. Legislation Pending? **Not Applicable**

11. Establishment Authority **Authorized By Law**
 12. Specific Establishment Authority **The Dodd-Frank Act (Expand and Preserve Homeownership through Counseling Act, Public Law 111-203, ti** 13. Effective Date **7/21/2010** 14. Committee Type **Continuing** 14c. Presidential? **No**

15. Description of Committee **Other**

16a. Total Number of Reports **No Reports for this Fiscal Year.**

17a Open: **3** 17b. Closed: **0** 17c. Partially Closed: **0** Other Activities **0** 17d. Total **3**

Meeting Purposes and Dates

Convening of the first Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Meeting to introduce members and future agenda. 11/1/2016
11/1/2016

Convening of the second Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee meeting. Meeting focused on the Office of Housing Counseling awareness and visibility campaign. 2/8/2017
2/8/2017

Convening of the third Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee meeting. Meeting focused on: 1. Awareness and visibility of housing counseling; 2. Challenges in in Credit Reporting: Opportunities for Housing Counseling Agencies; 3. Integrating HUD Housing Counseling in the Mortgage Process. 5/15/2017
5/15/2017

	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year
18a(1) Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0	\$0
18a(2) Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0	\$0
18a(3) Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$61,283	\$37,292
18a(4) Personnel Pmts to Non-member Consultants	\$0	\$0
18b(1) Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$18,891	\$111,973
18b(2) Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0	\$0
18b(3) Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$14,720	\$15,360
18b(4) Travel and Per Diem to Non-Member Consultants	\$0	\$0
18c. Other (rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail etc.)	\$231,718	\$376,098
18d Total	\$326,612	\$540,723
19. Federal Staff Support Years	1.0	1.0

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee plans to accomplish its purpose through education programs and public service multimedia campaigns to promote Housing Counseling as outlined in Section 1443.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee shall be composed of not more than twelve (12) individuals, appointed by the Secretary. Membership of the committee shall equally represent the mortgage and real estate industry, including consumers and housing counseling agencies approved by the Secretary. HCFAC's membership will be fairly balanced to include a broad representation of geographic areas within the U.S 42 USC, Section 3533(g) 2012

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee meetings?

Approximate two in-person meetings and up to 5 telephonic meetings per fiscal year

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Mandated by The Dodd-Frank Act (Expand and Preserve Homeownership through Counseling Act, Public Law 111–203, title XIV, § 1441, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2163 (Act), 42 USC 3533(g)

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially close committee meetings?

Not Applicable

21. Remarks

There were cost incurred for three federal advisory meetings: two in person - November 1, 2016 and May 15, 2017 and one teleconference - February 8, 2017. The March 14, 2017 in person meeting was cancelled /postponed due to inclement weather; however, cost incurred for federal staff, advisory members that had arrived or in route to Washington, DC. The replacement meeting was May 15, 2017. The Estimated Other Cost based on a contract for support services (i.e. pre-meeting tasks, meeting tasks, travel, etc.)to the HCFAC is \$237,544.70. Per diem travel for four OHC staff members totaling \$14,269.78.

Designated Federal Officer: **Ms Virginia F Holman Housing Specialist**

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alam Afreen	6/1/2016	5/31/2019	Consumer	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Ayres Linda	6/1/2016	5/31/2017	Mortgage	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Becerra Alejandro	6/1/2016	5/31/2017	Real Estate	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Burns Meg	6/1/2016	5/31/2018	Consumer	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Garcia Jose	6/1/2016	5/31/2018	Mortgage	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Hicks Cassie	6/1/2016	5/31/2018	Real Estate	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Hunter Judy	6/1/2016	5/31/2019	Housing Counseling	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Marron Pamela	6/1/2016	5/31/2019	Mortgage	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Pepper Ellie	6/1/2016	5/31/2017	Consumer	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Redmond Terri	6/1/2016	5/31/2017	Housing Counseling	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Thomas E. J.	6/1/2016	5/31/2019	Real Estate	Special Government Employee (SGE)
Zeman Arthur	6/1/2016	5/31/2018	Housing Counseling	Special Government Employee (SGE)

Total Count of Committee Members

12

FACA Database

Federal Advisory Committee Act

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Please provide a narrative description of how the committee supports the agency's mission and its strategic plan.

The mission of the Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) is to provide individuals and families with the knowledge they need to obtain, sustain, and improve their housing. OHC will accomplish this mission by supporting a strong national network of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies and counselors. The Committee is to provide advice regarding the carrying out of the functions of the Office of Housing Counseling established pursuant to the authority of Section 4(g) of the HUD Act. To ensure input from stakeholders and other entities, the Committee will not be the sole source of advice to the Office of Housing Counseling.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee? Select all that apply.

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other. Please explain in comments.

Comments

consideration of the inclusion of housing counseling in the mortgage process.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

- None
- Unable to Determine
- < \$100,000
- \$100,001 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- >\$10,000,001

Comments

there were no programmatic cost savings as the Committee did not consider financial issues.

What is the approximate **Number** of recommendations produced by the committee for the life of the committee?

Comments

The Committee met on three times this fiscal year: 2 - in person meetings in Washington, DC and 1 - telephone conference meeting. While the Committee did not make any formal recommendations to OHC, they researched and discussed a variety of topics. These discussions will lead to future recommendations. The issues includes: A. Awareness and Visibility of Housing Counseling; B. Challenges in Credit Reporting Post-Crisis; and C. Integrating HUD Housing Counseling in the Mortgage Process. The committee targeted recommendations around and continued discussions on these three areas and planned to finalize recommendations over the summer when deliberations and decision-making were basically halted because terms of some members expired, and they were not reappointed. The Committee's work could not proceed without direction which they expected to receive following transition to HUD's new leadership. The committee fully expects to finalize and submit recommendations in FY2018.

What is the approximate **Percentage** of these recommendations that have been or will be **Fully** implemented by the agency?

 %

Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate **Percentage** of these recommendations that have been or will be **Partially** implemented by the agency?

 %

Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

If your answer is No or Not Applicable,

Please explain why your agency does not provide feedback.

If your answer is Yes,

How does the agency provide this feedback?

Feedback is provided during future meetings

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committees advice or recommendation? Select all that apply.

Reorganized priorities

- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulations
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other. Please explain in comments.

Comments

Committee actions increased priority for external policies, financial sustainability, and for awareness and visibility activities in the OHC 2018 Strategic Plan. As a result of Committee discussions, OHC provided funding for administrative contracts to support our work in sustainability (Falcon) and awareness and visibility (CMR).

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

- Yes No

If your answer is Yes,

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval?

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval?

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval?

Comments

Pursuant to the HUD Act, the Committee shall have no role in reviewing or awarding of housing counseling grants and procurement

How is access provided to the information for the Committee documentation? Select all that apply.

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other. Please explain in comments.

Comments

Not Applicable

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