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THA Moves to Site-Based Application Process

(Tulsa, OK) – The Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa (THA) announced today that the agency will close its Public Housing waiting list, undergo a complete purge of that list, and introduce a new site-based application portal within the next 60 days. Upon completion of the purging of the centralized waitlist application portal, THA will permanently retire this system.

The proposed changes will roll out in the following three phases:

- The first phase, which will consist of closing THA's existing Public Housing centralized waiting list, will go into effect at 12:01 am on Friday, August 18, 2017
- The second phase will begin on Friday, September 29, 2017, when THA's current centralized waiting list system undergoes a complete purge and a new, site-based application portal is initiated
- The third, and final, phase of this project will take place on Monday, October 2, 2017, when the new site-based waitlist portal goes live

For Matthew Letzig, Chief Operating Officer for THA, moving to a site-based application portal gives applicants power over where they are placed for housing.

"Our new site-based application system was designed by HUD to empower Public Housing applicants by giving them a choice in where they end-up living," continued Letzig. "By allowing each applicant to apply to the specific THA property that they want to reside at we can streamline the placement process and help to decrease the turnover rates at our properties."

Once reopened, new applications for Public Housing will only be accepted online and applicants will be allowed to choose the property (or properties) that they would like to reside at and apply directly to that property. Each property will maintain its own waiting list.

THA will have staff on hand at each of their properties to assist individuals needing help completing their online applications. Applicants needing assistance should go to the office at their choice property for assistance. Currently, THA owns and manages 13 Public Housing Properties (2,260 units) within the Tulsa city limits. For more information about THA or to view a complete listing of our properties, visit our website at www.tulsahousing.org.

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