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Dear Sean,

Rachel suggested we send a recommendation from ASPE experts on the selection of Jeff Olivet as the USICH Executive Director. ASPE's Team Homelessness (led by Miranda and Tisa) reviewed his CV and qualifications, so we can provide you with this assessment to inform the Secretary's decision, due by COB tomorrow 1/11.

Recommended Action: Send an email expressing HHS approval of the selection of Jeff Olivet to serve as USICH's permanent Executive Director. As requested, emails should be directed to Marcy Thompson, USICH Director of Policy Initiatives (Marcy.Thompson@usich.gov) and HUD Senior Advisor Richard Cho (Richard.S.Cho@hud.gov)

Assessment: ASPE's Team Homelessness has not had direct experience with Jeff Olivet but reviewed his resume shared by Secretary Fudge on 1/10/22. Based solely on his resume, Olivet looks to be a strong nomination for a permanent executive director. HHS appreciates that he has subject matter expertise on mental health and trauma, health care improvement, HIV and substance use disorder. We anticipate that his work on anti-racism will be particularly well-received by the field and well-aligned with the Administration's focus on equity. We also note that Olivet has held a number of HHS-related positions including as the Project Director of SAMHSA's Homelessness Resource Center and as a case manager at a HRSA-funded Health Care for the Homeless Center.

We particularly appreciate Olivet's early career experience as a Family Case Manager, which provided on the ground experience as a homelessness provider working directly with people with lived experience. Finally, we note that he has experience translating evidence into practical application. In sum, we believe Olivet is a well-rounded selection who has expertise in research, policy, and coalition building – all strongly desired qualities in an executive director position.

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From: Secretary.Fudge <Secretary.Fudge@hud.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 3:11 PM
Cc: marcy.thompson@usich.gov; Cho, Richard Sae W <Richard.S.Cho@hud.gov>
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January 10, 2022

Dear USICH Council Members,

Happy New Year to you all. I look ahead with tremendous optimism to the progress that we will make together in 2022 to advance our shared goal of ending homelessness in America. Of course, we could not do this work without the support and coordination of the dedicated staff at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

As you know, since last spring, Anthony Love has been serving as the interim Executive Director of USICH on detail from the Department of Veterans Affairs. With his leadership, we have convened three Council meetings; launched our House America initiative, in which we are partnering with state and local leaders to move an unprecedented number of people from shelters and the streets into permanent homes; and made progress in developing a new federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness grounded in evidence-based practices like Housing First.

USICH's staff vacancies have been filled and the public's faith and confidence in USICH as an objective source of guidance and technical assistance has been restored. Please join me in thanking Anthony Love for his leadership and his service and Secretary McDonough for lending us Anthony's time and expertise.

Over the last few months, the White House Domestic Policy Council, Secretary McDonough, and I have been engaged in a national search for a permanent Executive Director for USICH. After an extensive search, selection, and vetting process, I am pleased to share with you today that we are advancing the nomination of Jeff Olivet to serve as USICH’s permanent Executive Director. As reflected in his resume (attached), Jeff brings to this role more than two decades of experience working to end homelessness and combat racial inequity in homelessness. His experience has spanned direct service as a street outreach worker and case manager to serving as CEO of the Center on Social Innovation to consulting both independently and as a founding member of Racial Equity Partners. Beyond what is reflected in his resume, Jeff also stood out among the highly competitive field of candidates we interviewed for his thoughtfulness in understanding and tackling the crisis of homelessness as a complex, multi-faceted issue—rooted in systemic racism and discrimination against people with disabilities—requiring an interdisciplinary and comprehensive approach centered on advancing equity and justice.

As per USICH’s governing statutes, Jeff’s formal selection as Executive Director requires that the Council appoint the Executive Director. While we are meeting as a full Council on February 3, we would like to have Jeff’s selection finalized as soon as possible. Therefore, I am asking each of you to please indicate your concurrence regarding Jeff’s selection via a response to this email.

I kindly ask you to provide a response indicating whether or not you approve of Jeff Olivet’s selection as Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness via an email to Marcy Thompson, USICH Director of Policy Initiatives (Marcy.Thompson@usich.gov) and HUD Senior Advisor Richard Cho (Richard.S.Cho@hud.gov) as soon as possible but no later than COB Tuesday, January 11. Please let Richard know if you would like any more information.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marcia L. Fudge
 Secretary, HUD
 Chair, USICH

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Protect the Public's Trust v. U.S. Department of HHS, 22-cv-03239

May 28, 2024

Morgan Yardis

Via email: foia@protectpublictrust.org

Dear Ms. Yardis:

This letter is the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) thirteenth interim response to your May 31, 2022, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request sought the following records:

1. All communications from January 20, 2021 through April 29, 2022 containing the term "anti-racism" or "antiracism" (not case-sensitive) to or from Secretary Xavier Becerra, Administrator of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, and Chief of Staff Sean McCluskie.
2. All communications, correspondence, messages or interactions from January 20, 2021 through April 29, 2022 between the Executive Secretariat and any of the officials mentioned above containing the term "anti-racism" or "antiracism" (not case-sensitive).

For this production, the Department processed 4 pages that had been sent to other departments for review. After a careful review of these pages, I have determined to release all four pages in full.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Alesia Y. Williams
Director FOIA Appeals and Litigation
FOI/Privacy Acts Division

Enclosure: 4 Pages