

NYCHA Advisory Group on Smoking and Health

In June 2017 NYCHA convened a group of residents and partners to help guide policy development and implementation strategies to reduce second-hand smoke exposure as the Authority prepares to implement HUD smoke-free housing requirements in 2018. Through the group NYCHA seeks to involve a diverse set of stakeholders in the exploration of solutions to address the problem of second-hand smoke exposure. The group will inform work to advance the NextGeneration NYCHA Sustainability Agenda commitment to create healthy indoor environments by reducing exposure to secondhand smoke and improving access to support for residents who smoke and want to quit.

The Advisory Group is facilitated by Elizabeth Hamby, Interim Director for Health Equity in All Policies at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Center for Health Equity. Ms. Hamby and her colleagues at the Center for Health Equity work closely with NYCHA to build health into NYCHA's vision of safe, clean, and connected communities and ensure DOHMH's health equity work is aligned with key opportunities within public housing communities.

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The Advisory Group will issue recommendations in early 2018.

