



Agenda
Housing Advisory Commission Meeting
September 10, 2018

1. Introduction: Prairie State Legal Services' Fair Housing Project
2. Background of fair housing training
 - a. Analysis of Impediments recommendation
 - b. General structure: focus on local issues
3. Discussion of fair housing training topics
 - a. What constitutes a fair housing violation?
 - b. Comparisons of the local, state, and federal fair housing protections – pros and cons for potential victims
 - i. Protected classes
 - ii. Statute of limitations
 - iii. Complaint backlogs
 - c. Source of income protections
 - d. Best practices for Commissions
 - i. Gathering and evaluating evidence
 - ii. Basis of decisions: credibility & standards of proof
 - iii. Confidentiality
 - iv. Model processes (i.e. complaint review)
 - e. Common issues for housing providers
 - i. Reasonable accommodations & modifications for people with disabilities
 - ii. Occupancy standards
 - iii. Habitability issues & intersection with fair housing
 - iv. Neighbor on neighbor harassment
 - v. Denials for criminal records
 - f. Hot topics nationwide
 - i. Language access
 - ii. Affirmatively furthering fair housing (shift in federal policy?)
 - iii. Disparate impact liability (Supreme Court decision)
 - iv. Sexual harassment initiative (HUD & DOJ)
 - v. Recent court decisions
4. Discussion of local issues/additional topics based on HAC's experience & caseload