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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: SDSD District and Unit Managers
Area Agency on Aging Directors
Disability Services Advisory Councils
Senior Services Advisory Councils

SUBJECT: Public comments for US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
(HUD) FY 2001-2006 Draft Strategic Plan

INFORMATION:

HUD recently posted their Draft Strategic Plan for FY 2001-2006 on their web site. This plan describes HUD's strategic goals for the next 6 years and how they plan to achieve those goals. HUD has established five strategic goals to direct their policies:

- C Increase the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing in American communities.
- C Ensure equal opportunity in all housing for all Americans.
- C Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals.
- C Improve the quality of life and economic vitality in American communities.
- C Ensure public trust in HUD.

This public comment period can be an important opportunity for senior and disability advocates to address issues of affordable housing. Goals and strategies identified by HUD will have a direct impact on how scarce affordable housing resources are allocated.

I encourage you to distribute this plan to staff, consumers and advocates in your community to make comments directly to HUD. The draft plan was released the end of July and HUD will be submitting the final plan to Congress sometime in September so you should not delay your comments. You can access the draft plan on HUD's web site at www.hud.gov. Once in the web site click on the heading for the FY 2001-2006 Draft Strategic Plan. If you do not have access to the Internet you may contact me to receive a copy of the plan by fax.

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