“I came to this work to be a voice in the wilderness for those who are lost, those who are sick, and those who want to make a change.”

**BROTHER ALBERT HUBERT: OUTREACH WORKER FOR MEN OF COLOR HEALTH AWARENESS (MOCHA) LIVE WELL SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT ADVOCATE AGE: 64**

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**POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITIES:**

- Limit the use of CORIs in housing application decisions to only mandatory HUD guidelines once eligibility is determined
- Establish formal partnerships between housing providers and reentry, behavioral health, and homelessness reduction provider orgs
- Allow mitigating circumstances to be submitted before denial
- Create explicit criteria for denial that is available publicly
- Make aggregated documentation of denials with reasons for denial publicly available
- Permit family members to house people with a CORI except mandatory HUD guidelines

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* CORI = CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (IN MASSACHUSETTS)