

# **Addressing Methamphetamine Issues in Tribal Housing**

## **Group Exercise One**

### **“To Test or Not to Test”**

#### **ASSUMPTION applicable to all exercises:**

**A.** Your TDHE has adopted a written policy that prohibits the use or possession of meth in any TDHE units.

**B.** Your meth policy has provisions that give the TDHE discretion whether or not to evict if the test reveals that meth is below a certain level, but also requires a mandatory lease termination if test results exceed a certain level.

**C.** Your meth policy requires testing of units during vacancy, but leaves it up to the TDHE when to perform a test on an occupied unit.

1. Your Occupancy Department Manager has just received a Police Report for Unit #66 from the previous weekend. The report states that the officers were sent to the Unit after receiving numerous calls about a house party. During the police visit, the officers detected a strong smell of marijuana. It is noted that underage drinking was also found. Five individuals were arrested during the visit, three for possession and use of marijuana, one for providing alcohol to minors, and another for an outstanding warrant.

2. You have just received a call from Wilma Brown Grass. She has told you that her ex-boyfriend, Fred Evening Star has been selling and using meth at his aunt's house. Evening Star's aunt, Betty Evening Star, is the head of household and has been a resident for over fifteen years. She currently has a household of 7, including her nephew Fred. She pays her rent regularly and almost always complies with her lease. You are aware that Fred has previously been in trouble with the police and may have even been to jail before. You also know from Facebook that Wilma and Fred just had a fight and broke up.

3. During a home visit to Unit #78, a member of your occupancy staff, observed drug paraphernalia lying on the top of the refrigerator. The head of household, a sweet grandmother named Sue Makes The Best Frybread, tells your staff that she does not know who the paraphernalia belongs to or how it got there. There are currently 3 people, all under the age of 21, listed as members of her household, but many members of her large extended family come and go from her home.

4. You have just evicted Mary Two Jacks from a low rent unit for meth contamination and other lease violations. Ms. Two Jacks has agreed to voluntarily vacate the unit. During the signing of a stipulated agreement, Ms. Two Jacks tells you that she smoked meth with other tenants, including Joe Green. She says they usually only smoked at Joe Green's unit. Joe's dad has been the Tribal Chairman for ten years and has always protected his son, no matter what the circumstances.