

(4) The number of complaints closed with relief and the number closed without relief; and

(5) Whether all the issues and bases were investigated adequately and appropriately disposed of.

(e) Consistently and affirmatively seek the elimination of all prohibited practices under its fair housing law. An assessment under this standard will include, but not be limited to:

(1) A discussion and confirmation of the law or ordinance administered by the agency;

(2) The identification of any amendments, court decisions or other rulings or documentation that may affect the agency's ability to carry out provisions of its fair housing law or ordinance;

(3) Identification of the education and outreach efforts of the agency; and

(4) Identification and discussion of any special requirements of the fair housing law or ordinance.

§ 115.204 Consequences of certification.

(a) Whenever a complaint received by the Assistant Secretary alleges violations of a state or local fair housing law or ordinance administered by an agency that has been certified as substantially equivalent, the complaint will be referred to the agency, and no further action shall be taken by the Assistant Secretary with respect to such complaint except as provided for by the Act, this part, 24 CFR part 103, subpart C, and any written agreements executed by the Agency and the Assistant Secretary.

(b) If HUD determines that a complaint has not been processed in a timely manner in accordance with the performance standards set forth in § 115.203, HUD may reactivate the complaint, conduct its own investigation and conciliation efforts, and make a determination consistent with 24 CFR part 103.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, whenever the Assistant Secretary has reason to believe that a complaint demonstrates a basis for the commencement of proceedings against any respondent under section 814(a) of the Act or for proceedings by any governmental licensing or supervisory authorities, the Assistant Secretary shall

transmit the information upon which such belief is based to the Attorney General, Federal financial regulatory agencies, other Federal agencies, or other appropriate governmental licensing or supervisory authorities.

§ 115.205 Technical assistance.

(a) The Assistant Secretary, through its FHEO Field Office, may provide technical assistance to the agencies. The agency may request such technical assistance or the FHEO Field Office may determine the necessity for technical assistance and require the agency's cooperation and participation.

(b) The Assistant Secretary, through FHEO Headquarters or Field staff, will require that the agency participate in training conferences and seminars that will enhance the agency's ability to process complaints alleging discriminatory housing practices.

§ 115.206 Request for certification.

(a) A request for certification under this subpart shall be filed with the Assistant Secretary by the State or local official having principal responsibility for administration of the State or local fair housing law. The request shall be supported by the following materials and information:

(1) The text of the jurisdiction's fair housing law, the law creating and empowering the agency, any regulations and directives issued under the law, and any formal opinions of the State Attorney General or the chief legal officer of the jurisdiction that pertain to the jurisdiction's fair housing law.

(2) Organizational information of the agency responsible for administering and enforcing the law.

(3) Funding and personnel made available to the agency for administration and enforcement of the fair housing law during the current operating year, and not less than the preceding three operating years (or such lesser number during which the law was in effect).

(4) If available, data demonstrating that the agency's current practices and past performance comply with the performance standards described in § 115.203.