

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2013**

PHA STAFF	Title	On Call
Melissa Sanzaro	Special Projects Office	Y
Lisa Castellanos	Special Projects Office	Y
NON PHA STAFF	Title	Attended
Frank Shea	OHC-Exec. Director	Y
Jennifer Hawkins	OHC-Ass. Exec Director	Y
Caroline Clayton Tatalovich	HUD-Washington, D.C.	Y
Ron Ashford	HUD-Washington, D.C.	Y
Maura O'Brien	HUD-Boston, MA	Y

This meeting was held in Melissa Sanzaro's Office on May 14, 2013 and was called to order at 11:30 a.m. There were seven members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- Mr. Shea began the conference call by stating that OHC is in the process of completing a 40 unit foreclosure project in Olneyville. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for May 17th at 2pm.
- Mrs. Clayton Tatalovich stated that the 2013 CNI Conference would take place, in conjunction with the United Neighborhood Centers of America (ONCA) Neighborhood Revitalization Conference, from June 26th – June 28th. She also stated that Planning Grant funds can be used for travel. Additionally, HUD is not offering any additional financial assistance to awardees to attend the conference.
- Mrs. Clayton Tatalovich did not have any updates on the release date of the 2013 CNI Implementation Grant NOFA.
- Ms. Sanzaro informed call attendees of the Manton Heights Resident Meetings that took place in April and May 2013. She reviewed the April 19th Planning Committee Meeting that was hosted in order to update residents on the status of the Planning Grant progress. There were 19 residents in attendance as well as the PHA's Interim Executive Director, the PHA's Board Chair, Manton Heights and SPO staff. The information was presented in a slideshow format and the meeting agenda included: a Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program update, review of the results of the MH Needs Assessment, a break for lunch, review and update on the CNI Transformation Plan and a presentation on the four CNI subcommittees. At the end of the meeting, ten residents were recruited to join the subcommittees. Residents also shared many comments, including a request for future subcommittee meetings to be held at Manton Heights.
- Ms. Sanzaro continued by stating that as a result of the questions posed during the April 19th meeting, an additional meeting for the recruited residents was held on May 7th. The goal of the meeting was to review the definition and goals of the subcommittees and to reconfirm the importance of resident participation in the planning process.

- Both the Social Services and Education Subcommittees hosted meetings on May 8th in order to introduce partners and residents and to begin planning how each subcommittee will reach its goals.
- Mrs. Clayton Tatalovich informed attendees that if the Providence CNI Team would like to request an extension on the final Transformation Plan deadline, they would have to do so in writing and in a timely manner. Ms. Sanzaro will be creating the document and submitting it to HUD for review as soon as possible.
- Ms. Hawkins stated that OHC hired EJP Consulting to complete a thorough review of the Providence CNI Team's Transformation Plan and to offer recommendations on how to improve it. On Thursday, May 16th, OHC and the PHA will meet with Gayle Epps, from EJP, in order to review the Transformation Plan suggestions and to discuss Gayle's proposal on how the Providence Team can best prepare itself for a 2013 CNI Implementation Grant application. Updates will follow.
- Mr. Shea informed call attendees that the City of Providence has won the \$5 million grand prize in Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge. The city has an idea about how to improve the vocabularies of preschool-age children throughout the city by measuring and rapidly increasing the number of words spoken in their households. Meeting Street is an active member in the initiative and Meeting Street's current programs are being used as part of the demonstration.
- Mr. Ashford requested that OHC write an article on the Bloomberg Award and its ties with the Olneyville neighborhood that can be included in the next HUD CNI Newsletter.
- Ms. Hawkins stated that OHC, Meeting Street and RI Housing held a meeting in order to discuss OHC's application for tax credits. RI Housing suggested that OHC complete an application in fall 2013.
- Ms. Hawkins also informed attendees that OHC has been chosen to advance into the second round of applicants for the MET Life Community Grant. OHC applied with the Providence Police Department and the goal is to use the funds for crime hotspot remediation, i.e. Manton Heights. The second round of applications is due by the end of May 2013. Updates will follow.
- Mrs. Clayton Tatalovich requested that the Providence CNI Team update their leveraging funds document and send the document to her.

Closing Comments

The next conference call will take place Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.