

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes; July 9, 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 the PHA Board Room on July 9, 2013 and was called to order at 11:30 a.m. There were seven members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- Mrs. Tatalovich stated the 2013 CNI Planning Grantee forum was a success. A summary of the forum is being created and will be distributed upon completion. Mrs. Tatalovich also stated that the forum had challenges in that there were numerous sessions scheduled simultaneously and attendees were not able to benefit from all sessions. The sessions were described as involved, enlightening and productive.
- With respect to the FY 2014 CNI Program budget, Mrs. Tatalovich stated the House of Representatives voted to eliminate the CNI Program and to rescind the FY 2013 funds. The Senate voted to reduce the FY 2014 budget to \$250M. The Administration requested \$400M. Updates will follow.
- Ms. Sanzaro informed call attendees that the Providence CNI Team had sent a CNI TA Consultant Request for Proposals (RFP 001-2013) to 7 firms. The deadline for the proposals submission is July 12, 2013. To date, only two agencies have expressed interest.
- Also, Ms. Sanzaro stated that GTECH has partnered with the PHA and will be providing Manton Heights with new computer equipment and will rehab the computer lab located in the community room. Updates on the Grand Opening scheduled for August 8, 2013 will follow.
- Ms. Hawkins stated that OHC is in the process of developing a scoring rubric for the TA Consultant.
- Ms. Hawkins asked questions, which Ms. Tatalovich answered regarding the FY 2013 CNI Implementation Grant NOFA. Mrs. Tatalovich confirmed that the Neighborhood component of the FY 2013 NOFA required a more in depth "neighborhood approach." The narrative section of the Neighborhood requires a stronger and detailed description of the overall needs of the community. Also, the Partnerships section requires more detail. Ms. Tatalovich stated that the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program allows CNI Implementation Grant applicants to use the CNI Implementation Grant NOFA to apply for a RAD/CNI joint award. Additionally, the NOFA overall is much clearer.

- In July, a new RAD notice was published highlighting a new initiative that was being used in order to outreach to PHAs and increase interest in the program with changes in participant eligibility and selection criteria.

Closing Comments

The next conference call will take place Tuesday, August, 13, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.