

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013**

PHA STAFF	Title	On Call
Melissa Sanzaro	Special Projects Office	Y
Lisa Castellanos	Special Projects Office	Y
Paul Tavares	Interim Executive Director	Y
NON PHA STAFF	Title	Attended
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 office of Melissa Sanzaro on September 10, 2013 and was called to order at 11:35 a.m. There were six members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- Mrs. Tatalovich stated the FY 2010 CNI Planning Grantees submitted their final Transformation Plans and the FY 2011 Planning Grantees have submitted their Transformation Plan drafts. Mrs. Tatalovich also stated that September 13, 2013 (today) was the deadline for the FY 2013 CNI Implementation Grant applications.
- Mrs. Tatalovich informed call participants that the FY 2014 HUD budget details have not been released. With respect to the FY 2014 CNI Program budget, Mrs. Tatalovich re-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. The fiscal year begins on October 1, 2013 and updates will follow as they become available.
- Ms. Sanzaro stated the CNI Team received three proposals regarding the RFP for a CNI TA Consultant. The CNI Planning Team conducted three interviews with the applicants. The Team also participated in an evaluation meeting where each applicant was discussed at length and one of the three was chosen. EJP Consulting Group became the CNI TA Consultant as of August 2013.
- Ms. Sanzaro continued by stating that EJP would assist the Providence Team with the completion of the final Transformation Plan and the engagement of the Olneyville and Manton Heights residents & stakeholders.
- Mr. Ashford commented on the strength of the CNI Providence Team with respect to the PEOPLE and NEIGHBORHOOD components of the Transformation Plan, therefore he questioned how a TA Consultant could further the Team's proven successful strategies. Ms. Sanzaro responded by stating that although the Team has a clear understanding and extensive experience with the PEOPLE (PHA) and NEIGHBORHOOD (OHC) components, guidance is needed in the third component, HOUSING. Therefore, the Team felt the need for a TA Consultant who would provide direction and community engagement as well as properly align the three goals into a realistic format with measurable outcomes.

- Ms. Sanzaro continued by stating that the PHA's Special Projects Office prepared a CNI Interim Report in the form of a slideshow presentation that was reviewed during the August 22nd Board of Commissioners meeting. Meeting attendees included HUD representatives, Principal partners and Manton Heights Planning Committee members. In order to inform the Manton Heights residents that did not attend the Board meeting, 330 newsletters (third one distributed community-wide) were sent to each apartment.
- Mrs. Tatalovich stated that the HUD CNI Team will review the budget revision submitted in August and will provide feedback by the end of the week.

Closing Comments

The next conference call will take place Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.