

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2012**

PHA STAFF	Title	On Call
Paul J. Tavares	Int. Executive Director	Y
Melissa Sanzaro	Special Projects	Y
Richard Weinberg	Asset Management	Y
Mark Oulette	Legal Counsel	Y
NON PHA STAFF	Title	Attended
Frank Shea	OHC Exec. Director	Y
Jennifer Hawkins	OHC Ass. Exec Director	Y
Caroline, William, Maura	HUD	Y

This meeting was held at the PHA's Board Room on November 13, 2012 and was called to order at 11:30 a.m. There were nine members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- The HUD representative began the conference call with an update on HUD's Choice Neighborhood Initiative Conference being held in Washington D.C. from November 28-29th, 2012. The attendees from the Providence team were discussed and HUD informed call members that the conference's Agenda/Program would be available soon.
- Ms. Clayton informed call members that the most recent round of CNI Planning Grant awardees across the nation were announced with RI's Woonsocket Housing Authority being one of them. In total, 47 Planning Grants have been awarded since the beginning of the CNI program. The newest round of CNI Implementation Grant awards have not been formally announced but HUD anticipates them to be awarded in January 2013.
- The conference call members briefly discussed the results of the nation's Presidential election. The country's fiscal climate is still wearing as the Continuing Resolution only guarantees funding of federal government's ongoing projects and activities such as salaries and vouchers.
- Melissa Sanzaro informed call members of the two resident meetings held at Manton Heights on October 19th and 23rd, 2012. The resident presence at both meetings was quite notable, both showing in excess of 110 resident attendees. There was discussion about the meetings' content and resident feedback from the residents with regards to both CNI and RAD Program. Melissa mentioned that the CNI group would like to do further research during the holidays for the best/most effective workshop/charette approaches for the upcoming Manton Heights' resident meetings (CNI planning) if the high attendance continues.
- Jennifer Hawkins informed call members that The American City Coalition (TACC) was hired to perform the Manton Heights Needs Assessment (there were more than 100 surveys completed) with one on one interview approach. In addition, TACC was hired to complete the next two Transformation Plan Drafts to HUD with the help of Utile Designs.

Closing Comments

The next conference call will take place Tuesday, December 11th, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.