

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2012**

PHA STAFF	Title	On Call
Stephen O'Rourke	Executive Director	Y
Melissa Sanzaro	Special Projects	Y
Lisa Castellanos	Special Projects	Y
Richard Weinberg	Alternative Energy Projects	Y
NON PHA STAFF	Title	Attended
Frank Shea	Olneyville Housing Corp	Y
Caroline, Ron	HUD	Y

This meeting was held at the PHA's Board Room on February 1, 2012 and was called to order at 11:00 a.m. There were six members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- The HUD representative began the conference call with mentioning that HUD has not yet authorized the CNI Conference in Washington D.C. which may be in February 2012.
- Mr. O'Rourke inquired about the CNI's Implementation Grant eligibility requirement regarding PHAs with past/open Capital Fund Financing Project (CFFP) budgets being ineligible. HUD informed call members that this pertained specifically to PHAs with demolition projections in their CNI Implementation applications which would affect their CFFP budget (CFFP based on # of units).
- The PHA and OHC informed the HUD members of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) meeting at the Providence Biltmore on January 06, 2012. All Principal Partners attended the meeting which comprised a panel of experts (who visited the neighborhood the week before the meeting), stakeholder organizations, and the City of Providence's Mayor Taveras. The meeting presented short term and long term action plans for improvement in the Olneyville neighborhood including basic infrastructure, public works, and transportation. The Principals thought that the meeting brought focus to the Olneyville neighborhood.
- Principals engaged in the following meetings in January 2012: (1) OHC met with the owners of the Curtis Arms (key location). The owners (daughters of owners) expressed an unwillingness to become involved with CNI activities. (2) The PHA met with Michelle Brophy of the Centers of Supportive Housing (CSH) on January 31, 2012 in order to discuss the purpose of the Choice Initiatives. CSH is involved with state job development and was interested in the results of the upcoming Workforce and Economic Development study in Olneyville. (3) The PHA met with the owner of the Narragansett Creamery cheese company that is located at the mouth of Manton Heights development. The PHA described the CNI Transformation plans with them and asked what the creamery's long term plan entailed. The owner expressed that he planned to expand his business and

would be interested in becoming a resource for community training and employment opportunities.

- Principals updated HUD on the following items:
 1. The contract with the Meeting Street School was officially executed.
 2. The Manton Heights Needs Assessment results are available and will be posted to the CNI website within one week.
 3. The Request for Qualifications for Workforce and Economic Development responses were received from two agencies. The Principals will consider the two proposals and make a decision in the very near future.

Closing Comments

The next conference call has not been scheduled.