

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2012**

PHA STAFF	Title	On Call
Stephen O'Rourke	Executive Director	Y
Lisa Castellanos	Special Projects	Y
NON PHA STAFF	Title	Attended
Frank Shea	Olneyville Housing Corporation	Y
Caroline Clayton	HUD-Washington, D.C.	Y
Maura O'Brien	HUD-Boston, MA	Y
William Morales	HUD-Providence, RI	Y

This meeting was held in the PHA's Board Room on March 28, 2012 and was called to order at 3:00 p.m. There were six members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- Mr. O'Rourke began the call by stating contracts have been executed with Brewster-Thornton and Meeting Street School. Social Venture Partners of Rhode Island (SVPRI) has been chosen to complete the work force and economic development study. The contract with SVPRI was sent to the organization and the contract is awaiting approval from the Board Chair. Mr. Shea stated SVPRI has, however, begun conducting their work.
- In anticipation of the FY2013 Implementation Grant application, Mr. O'Rourke stated the Principals agreed there is a need for a for-profit partner to join the Principals in applying. The following development firms were mentioned: Trinity, Corcoran and Winn, which conduct business in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and elsewhere. A meeting is scheduled with the Principals and Corcoran on March 29, 2012. Additionally, Mr. Larry Curtis, from Winn, is also interested in meeting with the Principals. A meeting will be scheduled for the upcoming week.
- Mr. O'Rourke stated the PHA is looking into whether a demolition of Manton Heights is possible. Mr. O'Rourke is aware there may be legal obligations to uphold since millions of dollars in ARRA funds were recently utilized to fund various projects at Manton Heights. The PHA intends to obtain a legal opinion from the HUD General Counsel.
- Mr. O'Rourke continued by saying that through the Section 32 Homeownership Program, pending HUD approval, the PHA will acquire 2-3 units from OHC. These units will be offered as rent-to-own properties to qualified public housing residents.
- Mr. Shea stated Meeting Street School will begin their focus group meetings soon. As progress is made, more updates will follow. Mr. Shea also stated that a decision to demolish the Riverside Mills building has been made. The cost of

renovating the building is too high and various hazards exist within the building because it has been vacant so long.

- Ms. Clayton updated the participants on the recent Senate hearing. Ms. Clayton stated that Senator Menendez was the only one to attend, therefore, the Senate appears disengaged with CNI.
- Ms. Clayton also stated the CNI conference in Washington has been approved and updates on the date and other details will follow.
- HUD received 35 applications for CNI, 30 for Planning Grants and 5 for Implementation Grants.
- The quarterly report is due April 15, 2012 and a CNI project Update is being updated by the PHA's Special Projects Office.

Closing Comments

The next conference call has not been scheduled.