

**Providence Housing Authority
CNI: HUD Conference Call Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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
Frank Shea	OHC-Exec. Director	Y
Jennifer Hawkins	OHC-Ass. Exec Director	Y

This meeting was held in the office of Melissa Sanzaro on November 12, 2013 and was called to order at 11:40 a.m. There were eight members on the conference call.

Conference Call Highlights:

- Mrs. Tatalovich informed call participants that the FY 2014 HUD budget details have not been released. Updates will follow.
- Mrs. Tatalovich informed call participants that a summary on the Cleveland CNI convening which took place in September 2013 will be sent to CNI Teams as it becomes available.
- The HUD CNI Team is making efforts to complete the Technical Assistance Plan for the remainder of the fiscal year. Once the plan is finalized, the information will be distributed.
- Mrs. Tatalovich also stated that the next CNI Conference is being planned for June 2014. The details of the conference will be released closer to June. Additionally, it was stated, that if CNI Teams are seeking updates from HUD, most updates can be located in the monthly CNI Newsletter.
- Call participants were informed that Mrs. Tatalovich has received the Budget Revision and Grant Extension requests. The Consultant Project Timeline was also received by the HUD office. The review process of the requests was underway and the final decisions will be emailed to the Providence Team as soon as possible.
- Ms. Sanzaro stated that, in October 2013, the Providence Team released an RFO for a Housing Developer on the Choice website as well as the NAHRO E-Procurement site. The document was sent to over 1,000 agencies and to date, 24 demonstrated interests in applying and of those 24; three agencies stated they might apply.
- Ms. Sanzaro also stated that on November 14, 2013, a Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Manton Heights. The conference will serve as an opportunity for interested parties to pose questions and participate in a walking tour of Manton Heights and a bus tour of the Olneyville neighborhood. Ms. Sanzaro informed members of HUD of the two additional meetings that will also take place on November 14, 2013 at Manton Heights, a Planning Committee and a strategy meeting with EJP around the PEOPLE subcommittee.

- The PHA has made significant updates to the ChoiceOlneyville site including the upload of the Housing developer RFQ. Ms. Sanzaro invited call attendees to the website for further information on the Providence Team recent accomplishments.
- Also, the Providence Team is working diligently with Norman Benoit, in order to answer the Bond questions that were presented at previous meetings. Updates will follow.
- The next Manton Heights Planning Committee meeting will take place on November 14, 2013. The attendees will be updated on the Housing Developer RFQ, will have the opportunity to meet the TA Consultant, EJP, will receive updates on the next steps for the subcommittees and will be informed on the details of the newly acquired BYRNE Grant.
- A PEOPLE strategy subcommittee next steps meeting will also take place on November 14, 2013. Attendees will review the draft of the PEOPLE plan and will discuss the best way to further engage the residents of Manton Heights.
- Mr. Shea informed call attendees that OHC, RI LISC and partners were awarded a \$600K BYRNE Grant, which is a Promise Zones Initiative Grant that targets impoverished communities to create jobs, increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment and reduce violent crime. A portion of the monies will be used to re-establish the Youth Police Initiative (YPI) at the PHA. The program is a community-based intervention strategy intended to bring about positive changes in the relationship between local at-risk youth and the police officers. Mr. Ashford requested additional information on this initiative and the information will be emailed to him as soon as possible.
- OHC also submitted an application to RI Housing requesting tax credits and bond financing for the agency's 40 unit redevelopment project in Olneyville. It was stated that half of the redeveloped units would be used a relocation housing for Manton Heights residents through the CNI Project. Updates will follow.
- Similar to the September 2013, 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.

Closing Comments

The next conference call will take place Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.