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To: CDA Housing Subcommittee and CDA Board
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Subject: Director's Monthly Report

Low Rent Public Housing (LRPH) – The goal established by HUD is 98%. The occupancy rate for February is 95.6%. The CDA has stopped giving out vouchers so more staff effort can go toward PH applications and no more vacancies from vouchers will occur. The occupancy rate should go up over the coming months.

Rapid Re-Housing- The CDA Board approved leasing to Meridian for the purposes of the Rapid Re-Housing program, housing homeless families enrolled in this program. There was an article in the State Journal (2/25/16) on this effort and a media event (2/27/16) with the Mayor, United Way and 100 volunteers who cleaned and painted the vacant apartments. All 3 local TV stations covered the event.

Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8- Total of 1733 Vouchers in use in February. Staff have determined that based on increasing subsidy levels, increasing rents and lower applicant incomes, that the CDA should not issue any additional vouchers, so the screening process has been stopped. Those invited to a briefing will continue on. Current projections show the CDA will spend its 2016 budget authority and some of its reserve.

Homeownership Program - 36 homes have been purchased, 32 remain in the program.

Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher – Placement is by referral from Dane County Human Services, 84 of 100 vouchers in use.

Veterans Assistance Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers – Placement is by referral from the VA. With this year's award 154 VASH vouchers are available, 125 are currently in use. The remainder of these vouchers have been issued.

The CDA received an award of 25 PBV VASH vouchers. CDA, CDBG, Dane County Human Services, VA and Heartland staff have been meeting to plan and coordinate lease up efforts. The opening of the Rethke project is May of 2016. Heartland staff will be housed in Housing Operations offices in March to begin outreach and leasing operations prior to the Rethke opening.

Discussion Item – See attached memo regarding preferences.