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Date: January 13, 2010
To: CDA Housing Subcommittee and CDA Board
From: Agustin Olvera, Housing Operations
Subject: January Director's Report/Monthly Report Narrative

Public Housing – The CDA finished 2008 with a 4.8% vacancy rate. For 2009 the vacancy rate was at 4.4% or 38 units, 10 of these are included in the vacancy count but being held offline for the Truax redevelopment and Romnes Offices (Mgt & Nurse).

Section 8 –

Additional funding was received from HUD to address the Housing Assistance Payment funding shortage that the CDA and many other Housing Authorities experienced. While the money has been received, significantly more than requested, we were told instructions from HUD would be forthcoming. We are awaiting HUD instructions.

Section 8 and Public Housing staff met with MPD Captains and Lieutenants on December 15th to familiarize them with our programs, answer their questions, and continue ongoing collaboration efforts. MPD asked questions, raised concerns about Project Based Section 8 developments that are not owned or managed by the CDA. They appreciated the visit and will call us directly with further questions and concerns.

Family Unification Voucher Program – Current program is going well, utilization is occurring at a faster rate than anticipated. Based on this experience, another grant request was submitted for 50 additional Vouchers under this program, again in cooperation/collaboration with Dane County Human Services and the Dane County Housing Authority who also requested 50.

Veterans Assistance Vouchers – Awaiting word from the VA staff who was to be hired, to begin implementation of this program.

Resolutions 2917– 26 – Various repavement contracts. Prices determined reasonable and awards recommended. One tie bid will be resolved per our Purchasing Policy "*Equal Bids. In the rare case when two or more low bids are equal in all respects, the award should be decided by drawing lots or other random means of selection.*"

Resolution 2927 – Authorization to request the deprogramming of Romnes apartment unit for use by Meriter Hospital in the provision of nurse care to CDA residents at Romnes.

Resolution 9329 – 31 – Authorization for Leases with Meriter Hospital at Brittingham, Parkside and Romnes Apartments for the provision of nurse care for CDA residents.