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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) – Occupancy for 2014 was 97%. The September 2015 occupancy rate was 95.8%; the goal established by HUD is 98%. Some of the new vouchers issued are going to public housing residents so the CDA will experience an increase in vacancies as some residents opt to use a voucher and leave public housing units.

Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 – Total of 1599 Vouchers in use in September.

Voucher issuance from the new wait list began in late March. Currently 120 people have been briefed on the program requirements and responsibilities, and been issued vouchers. Additional briefings are scheduled.

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, 79 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; 96 are currently in use. An additional 40 VASH vouchers have been issued (have a voucher but not yet leased up). VA has now focused efforts on helping vets find housing but this means referrals have declined.

HUD issued a notice that funds were available for more VASH Project Based vouchers. The CDA submitted an application for vouchers to be used at the new Supportive Housing Project at Rethke Avenue. A response to our request (either yes or no) should be received by the end of the year.

Resolutions – 4149 Authorizing the submission of the 2016 Annual plan to HUD – HUD requires the submission of an Annual Plan in the format outlined by HUD along with required certifications. The draft was sent out to the CDA Board in September. The draft was made available for review at each of the sites and the downtown offices, with notices posted at each site. It has also been posted on the CDA's website. A public hearing was held and the draft was reviewed by the Resident Advisory Board. The Annual Plan indicates to HUD that the CDA will continue to operate the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) programs. It also outlines other current program efforts and indicates other efforts we are exploring or will be initiating in 2016.

Information/Discussion items – Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standards for 2016.