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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 April was 95.5%. The CDA has stopped giving out vouchers so no more vacancies from vouchers will occur. However, while it was anticipated that staff could shift efforts to processing public housing applications, one of the staff who did this work took another position in the city. This has slowed down efforts to get to the 98% occupancy.

Rapid Re-Housing – A number of families have moved in and the cleaning and painting of the remaining units took place in April.

Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 – Total Voucher utilization is 1731. It should be noted that this year the CDA has served the highest number of families in its history. The CDA has pursued additional funding and has been able to maximize the assistance provided. This has pushed the CDA close to the edge of overspending, which is of course of concern, and is being closely monitored by staff. Again staff wish to note that HUD annual funding for assistance is based on the previous year's assistance expenditures.

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, 85 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, 131 are currently in use. The balance, (23) of these vouchers, have been issued.

The CDA received an award of 25 PBV VASH vouchers. Heartland staff, working out of Housing offices, are performing outreach and processing applications. Group of new residents applications are scheduled and being processed by the VA, the CDA and Heartland on the same days. The Certificate of Occupancy is anticipated the end May. The grand opening ceremony is anticipated mid June.

Resolution(s) - 4185 – Revising the Payment standard for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

Informational Item – See Memo on Energy Improvements and Performance

Discussion Item – See Memo on No Smoking Policy change in Public Housing