CITY OF MADISON INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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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 March 2015 occupancy rate was 97.7%; the goal established by HUD is 98%.

Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 – Total of 1572 Vouchers in use in March.

Wait List update. Over 7,500 applications for the lottery. 3,400 applications selected. 1720 applications received on line along with 200 paper applications. Applications are being ranked by preferences. Voucher issuance from the new wait list began in March.

Homeownership Program – 33 homes have been purchased.

Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher – Placement is by referral from Dane County Human Services; 71 of 100 vouchers in use.

Veterans Assistance Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers – Placement is by referral from the VA. 98 of 110 previous vouchers allocation in use. Award of 23 additional brought the total to 133. VA continues to work on outreach to make referrals. In March the CDA was offered an additional 21 VASH vouchers which will increase the total to 154 when awarded. The HUD Milwaukee office, CDA and VA staff will meet soon to discuss issues facing the VA in making referrals. CDA and HUD staff were in attendance at a regional forum regarding these same issues with VAs in other regions. The local VA has also had some staff turnover issues.

Information/Discussion: Information regarding the status of CDA's Project Based Voucher Program. Further discussion/review has been requested by the CDA Board to determine if any changes are recommended regarding the usage and priorities of PBV's. At the February meeting CDA staff, Matt Wachter presented his Housing Study findings. Committee members felt the Report was helpful and asked for the website address. The Committee asked staff for some additional information, regarding existing PBV projects, target populations, locations etc.