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 October 2015 occupancy rate was 95.5%, 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 1641 Vouchers in use in October.

Voucher issuance from the new wait list began in late March. Currently136 people have been briefed on the program requirements and responsibilities, and been issued vouchers. Additional briefings for 15-17 are scheduled for December.

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, 82 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, 100 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 Ave. A response to our request (either yes or no) should be received by the end of the year.

Resolutions - none

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