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SECTION 8 PROGRAM UPDATES

Things have been quiet at HUD and OHCS, but this will not last for long. OHCS continues the transition that began almost two years ago. The HUD Contract Administration Section is now in the newly formed Housing Stabilization Division, with Claire Seguin as the Assistant Director. Claire came to OHCS from a non-profit organization; and before that, she was an entrepreneur.

The United States Supreme Court denied HUD's petition to hear the Project-Based Contract Administration (PBCA) appeal. This means that HUD will re-bid the PBCA contract under the procurement rules as directed by the United States Court of Appeals. We are awaiting HUD to make an announcement regarding timelines for the re-bid and the start of the new contracts. Stay tuned for further developments.

HUD is continuing their transformation, with the Portland office preparing to transition the Oregon portfolio to either San Francisco CA or Denver CO next year. The transition will be completed by September 30, 2016.

REMINDER: HUD PROPOSED NEW RULE – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013: IMPLEMENTATION IN HUD HOUSING PROGRAMS

There are some provisions in the VAWA 2013 that are not self-implementing so the rule process must be commenced. The reauthorization of VAWA 2013 expands the VAWA protections to all HUD programs and not just to the ones specified in VAWA 2005. It also specifies sexual assault in the list of protections.

HUD is soliciting comments on specific issues and welcomes additional issues that may be identified by commenters. The proposed rule is rather lengthy, but we encourage owners and management agents to review it and make comments. *Comments are due to HUD on June 1, 2015.*

SPECIAL CLAIM TIP # 7 – PREVIOUSLY BILLED DAMAGES

Damages billed during tenancy that remain unpaid at move-out are claimed under Unpaid Rent – not as Damages. [Special Claim Guide Chapter 5, Section 5-2, D, 4, a (3)] Include a copy of the tenant ledger as proof of the charges.

FAIR HOUSING IN OREGON

Please see the informational website at

<http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/pages/equal-access-to-housing-in-oregon.aspx>

HUD REGION X WEBSITES

The HUD Region X website has lots of good information that pertains to Oregon affordable housing owners. There have been many updates since the last OHCS memo was sent. To keep up on the latest information, click the links below:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/shared/working/r10/mf/whatsnew>

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/shared/working/r10/mf/xmfhsgmanageinfo>

INDUSTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Many training opportunities can be found online by using one of the search engines. Examples include, but are not limited to, Oregon AHMA Boot Camps and Conference, Quadel Consulting, and NCHM.
- The following link will take you to a Calendar of Events on the HUD RHIIP website (go to RHIIP Support and Training at the bottom of the page):
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip

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