August 2016 General Management Review Discussion Points:

On March 8, 2016, HUD released their final rule titled “Streamlining Administrative Regulations for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Multifamily Housing, and Community Planning and Development Programs.” Changes are effective April 7, 2016. Two key changes from the final rule:

- HUD has updated the rule regarding verification of Social Security numbers for children under the age of 6 years. Owners may accept and allow move-in of applicant households that include a family member under the age of 6 who cannot provide a Social Security Number (SSN), if the child was added to the household within the six months prior to move-in. The households will have 90 days and one additional 90-day extension to provide the SSN. This extension also applies to in-place households wishing to add a new family member under the age of 6 to the unit.

- Owners can streamline their verification options for households with fixed income (including SS, SSI, SSDI, pension plans, retirement benefit programs, etc.). Instead of obtaining third party verification for households with fixed incomes each year during recertifications, the owner may use a COLA or current rate of interest from a public source or tenant provided documentation. Every third year, the owner must obtain third party verification of all fixed income amounts. If COLA or current rate of interest information is not available, then owners must continue to obtain third party verification each year.

- HUD issued Housing Notice H 2016-05 on March 31, 2016. This notice addresses sanctions and the use of civil money penalties as tools to enforce the Department’s commitment to tenant participation. This notice restates requirements issued previously through Notice H 2014-12 and revises penalties for non-compliance. It also expands discussion of accessible meeting space and clarifies the role of HUD-initiated conciliation in resolving tenant complaints.

- HUD recently released a new version of HUD Form 92006 Supplement to Application for Federally Assisted Housing. This new form has an expiration date of 2/28/2019. A copy of HUD Form 92006 must be attached to application/pre-applications; you may not wait until move-in to obtain a copy of the form. Forms that have already been completed by applicants and residents do not need to be replaced. To access the form, visit http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud9 and scroll down to form HUD-92006.

- HUD released a new version of HUD Form 91067 Lease Addendum - Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005. This new lease addendum has an expiration date of 6/30/2017. If you are using a version of the HUD Form 91067 with an expiration date, the new expiration date of 6/30/2017 must be on any VAWA Addendums going forward. To access the form, visit http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud9 and scroll down to form HUD-91067.
Minnesota Housing is looking for owners with properties who will partner with us to create integrated, supportive housing options for people with disabilities through HUD’s Section 811 Rental Assistance Program. If you are interested, please ask your HMO for an 811 informational flyer.

Upcoming Events

August 10 – 12, 2016
The National Center for Housing Management Certified Occupancy Specialist (COS) Training
Minneapolis, MN
For more information and to register, visit http://www.nchm.org/Event-Info/id/COSMIMN081016.

September 14-16, 2016
Quadel’s Assisted Housing Manager Training
Duluth, MN
For more information and to register, visit http://mnnahro.org/2016_Quadel_Training.

October 25-26, 2016
Ross Business Development (RBD) HUD Management & Occupancy Challenge
St. Paul, MN
For more information and to register, visit http://www.rbdnow.com/hudmoc.htm.

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