August 2017 General Management Review Discussion Points:

- Beginning this fall, there will be two changes at Minnesota Housing:
  - Effective September 1, 2017, our new address will be:
    400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400
    Saint Paul, 55102-1109
  - New logo: In September, we'll begin using a new logo that is being implemented across all of Minnesota's state agencies.

- On November 16, 2016, HUD issued its final rule implementing housing protections authorized in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). One of the key elements of VAWA 2013’s housing protections implemented in the rule is the Emergency Transfer Plan which allows for survivors to move to another safe and available unit if they fear for their life and safety. **Emergency Transfer Plans must be developed and implemented by June 14, 2017**; the plans must establish recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Minnesota Housing monitoring of this requirement will begin with any audits performed after June 14, 2017.

- HUD will be transitioning from TRACS 202D to 203A. **IMPORTANT: TRACS Release 203A has been delayed to 2018.** It was previously scheduled for completion on October 31, 2017, but will now be implemented with this new timeline:
  - Feb. 1, 2018 Transition begins
  - May 31, 2018 Transition ends
  - June 1, 2018 TRACS 202D transactions will be rejected

  More information about TRACS 203A can be found on [https://t.e2ma.net/click/rpyxn/3arbec/blc1ae](https://t.e2ma.net/click/rpyxn/3arbec/blc1ae).

- There is a new Fair Housing resource guide that provides a data based tool, the Affirmative Marketing Toolkit that will assist customers in completing the majority of their Affordable Fair Housing Marketing Plan (HUD form 935.2A). This resource can be found at: [www.fairhousingmn.org/providers/toolkit](http://www.fairhousingmn.org/providers/toolkit).

- HUD has issued guidance on adopting a homeless admissions preference in multifamily properties that receive HUD project-based subsidies. To encourage property owners to adopt the preference, new resources are now available online. You can find homelessness assistance resources for Multifamily Housing owners and managers on HUD Exchange: [https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/multifamily-housing-owners-managers/#assisted-multifamily-housing-owners-and-managers](https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/multifamily-housing-owners-managers/#assisted-multifamily-housing-owners-and-managers)

**Upcoming 2017 Events:**

**NCHM - Certified Occupancy Specialist (COS) Training**
August 16-18, 2017 – Minneapolis
http://www.nchm.org/Event-Info/id/COSMIMN081617

MHA (Partnered with Quadel) - Assisted Housing Manager
November 14-16, 2017 – Twin Cities
http://www.mmha.com/EDUCATION

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