October 2017 General Management Review Discussion Points:

¶ As of September 2017, there are two big changes for Minnesota Housing:

1. **New address**: We moved! Our new address is now:
   
   400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400
   Saint Paul, 55102-1109

2. **New logo**: We began using a new logo that is being implemented across all of Minnesota’s state agencies

**Owner/Agents must update the third box on the form HUD-9887 to reflect the new address for Minnesota Housing**

¶ On August 23, HUD issued RHIIP Listserv 391 TRACS User Recertification Notification. This Listserv introduces a mandatory requirement to certify TRACS Users and TRACS Coordinators. Starting September 1, TRACS Coordinators will be required to certify all TRACS Users who continue to need access to TRACS data. It is mandatory that Coordinators certify all TRACS Users no later than December 31, 2017. Users who are not certified by December 31, 2017 will no longer have access to TRACS. Coordinators may review HUD’s Mandatory TRACS User Certification Instructions available on HUD’s web site at: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/trx/trxsum

¶ 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. **Please note the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) Release 2.0.3.A has been delayed to 2018** It was previously scheduled for completion on October 31, 2017, but will now be available according to this new timeline:

Feb. 1, 2018 Transition begins
May 31, 2018 Transition ends
June 1, 2018 TRACS Release 2.0.2.D Transactions will be rejected

More information about TRACS 203A can be found on HUD’s TRACS web page.

¶ 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.

¶ 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

Upcoming 2017 Events:

Ross Business Development - HUD Today 2017
Wednesday, October 11 – Thursday, October 12, 2017
https://www.rbdnow.com/class-training

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

To view past issues of MOR Hot Topics, visit http://bit.ly/1zOjQ6M.

Property Specific Management Review Discussion Points:

HMO Reminder: Please use MOR info report and/or iREMS printouts to confirm owner, management agent and MOR contact person (if different from owner and management agent) email addresses. Return to PBCA Housing Technician so she can complete O/A change process.