



June 2017 General Management Review Discussion Points:

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. The transition will begin on August 1, 2017 and will end on October 31, 2017. If you have not transitioned to TRACS 203A by November 1, 2017, your TRACS files will not be received. The tracking of Repayment Agreements in TRACS 203A is an important change. Minnesota Housing TRACS data analysts will work with properties that have repayment agreements to reconcile them before the transition to TRACS 203A. Site and Minnesota Housing TRACS repayment agreement information must be reconciled before the transition to TRACS 203A begins. More information about TRACS 203A can be found at <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.

In an effort to monitor underutilization of subsidy in our Section 8 portfolios, Minnesota Housing will be contacting Owners/Agents when a property has been identified as having a 10% or higher vacancy rate. Minnesota Housing may request that the Owner/Agent provide the following: current advertising, a copy of the waiting list, rejected applicant information, unit turn information and documentation to show compliance with the property's Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. Please contact your Housing Management Officer if you have any questions.

The Federal Version of the Cyber Awareness Challenge that EIV coordinators and users were previously required to complete has been removed from the website. Going forward, you should complete the Cyber Awareness Challenge for **Department of Defense Employees**.

The new version can be found at <http://iase.disa.mil/eta/Pages/index.aspx>. From this website, choose 'CyberAwareness Challenge' (Version 4.0 updated in August 2016) then choose 'Start/Continue Cyber Awareness Challenge' under the Department of Defense Employees section.

A new Resident Rights and Responsibilities brochure is posted on HUD's web site at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_12162.pdf

The old version is also available on HUD's website and Owner/Agents may use either version until further notice from HUD. HUD will notify Owners/Agents by sending a RHIP listserv when the new version has been approved for GPO printing. In the meantime, Owners/Agents will need to print their own copies if using the newer version.

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>

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