

WI-CARH Rural Development Liaison Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Conference Call

Those on the conference call from Rural Development (RD) were Donna Huebner, Bob Hernandez, Dirk Williams, Lori Lewandowski, and Debbie Biga. Lauryn Enrico from the national office was also on the call. Russ Kaney, Russ Endres, Rebecca Giroux, Mark Stay, Denise Loveland, and Diane Hamm representing WI-CARH were on the conference call.

Lauryn Enrico, – Director, Production & Preservation Division from the national office discussed the MFH Future state and answer any questions. Please see attached for the Stakeholder announcement that went out regarding the MFH future state.

2020 Budget Effects on Programs: Please see attachment of the Stakeholder announcement.

MPR and 2020 Changes to Program: Wrapping up and still have 170 projects to go.

Voucher Update: There are two months remaining in Fiscal Year 2020. To ensure adequate RDVP funding for FY 2020 voucher renewals and other FY2020 voucher activities, the RD Voucher Program Office has been instructed to obligate funds based on the following priority: (1) Renewals with HAP expiration through September 30, 2020, (2) Change of Ownership, Moves through September 30, 2020, (3) Initial Lease Ups, (4) Renewals with HAP expiration after October 1, 2020, and (5) Other outstanding obligations.

USDA-RD Training for 2020/2021 and General Training Needs: Will try to do something virtual. WAHA has asked RD to do a session regarding the MFH future state. Donna is checking to see if WI-CARH members can register for this session.

Lease and Amendment Review Feedback: Kevin Martin has already started the lease. The goal is to have it to RD before the MFH changes go into effect.

Review Conference Program: The 2020 conference has been cancelled and will take place in 2021. The conference committee will be meeting about doing several sessions virtual.

Other Topics and General Discussion: WHEDA Update. There are several webinars on their website, and one pertains to the Rural Affordable Workforce Housing Initiative. There was also discussion about mobile home parks changing to cooperative housing.

Liaison Meetings for 2021: TBD

Multifamily Housing

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To continue to meet the increasing demand for safe and affordable multifamily rental housing in rural America, Multifamily Housing (MFH) Leadership has reorganized MFH programs into an integrated model with specialized teams.

This integration will allow MFH to establish streamlined business processes, provide consistent and predictable work for staff, and improve customer service to you. I am sending this note to provide **an overview** of the MFH Integration.

The transition to the integrated model will occur in two waves. Yesterday, July 6, 2020, the first wave launched in the National Office and the Northeast region (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia). The second wave will include the remaining states in the South, Midwest, and West regions and is scheduled to launch in early October 2020.

In the new model, all MFH staff will be aligned to 1 of 3 integrated divisions: Field Operations Division, Production & Preservation Division, and Asset Management Division. The table below outlines a brief description of each of these integrated divisions:

Overview of Future State Divisions	
Field Operations Division	The Field Operations division is organized regionally with teams delivering routine servicing and troubled asset servicing remaining in their current duty station in the field to maintain a local presence. This team will report through a regional structure up to divisional leaders.
Production & Preservation Division	The Production & Preservation division will process, underwrite, and close all multifamily direct, preservation, and guaranteed loan transactions. Each branch will support all the MFH programs, including 515, 538, Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization (MPR), prepayments, and preservation efforts. This division will also oversee Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) drafting and administration efforts for Farm Labor Housing, Housing Preservation Grants, MPR, technical assistance, and 515.
Asset Management Division	The Asset Management division will oversee portfolio risk and overall portfolio health, with regionally aligned servicing teams to support field operations and the use of the new risk-ranking effort.

In the National Office, we are pleased to announce the future state leadership team:

- Adam Hauptman – Assistant Deputy Administrator

- Lauryn Enrico – Director, Production & Preservation Division
- Jen Larson – Director, Asset Management Division

In the Northeast Region, Laurie Warzinski is our Acting Field Operations Division Director. In this role, Laurie will provide leadership for all Field Operations staff in the Northeast Region. Each servicing team in the NE Field Operations Division will be supervised by a team lead reporting to Laurie.

Thank you in advance for your support as we transition into our new integrated model. We are confident that the new organizational structure will better meet your needs and, in turn, the needs of rural America.

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- [Rural Development COVID-19 Response](#)

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- [Farm Labor Direct Loans & Grants](#)
- [Housing Preservation & Revitalization Demonstration Loans & Grants](#)
- [Housing Preservation Grants](#)
- [Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans](#)
- [Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Multi-Family Housing Rental Assistance](#)
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