

## **NEAHMA Conference**

#### **November 9, 2022**





What we do:

- Administer and oversee Section 8 PBCA program
  - Conduct Management and Occupancy Reviews (MORs)
  - Process annual rent adjustments
  - Handle tenant concerns
  - Process monthly voucher requisitions
  - Process Special Claims
  - Process payments for the 811 Program
  - Process contract renewals



What we do:

- Administer and oversee the Housing Choice Voucher program (HCVP)
- Administer and oversee the Continuum of Care (CoC) program
- Administer and oversee the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program









#### What we do:

- Monitor compliance of LIHTC program
- Conduct LIHTC file audits
- Conduct UPCS physical inspections
- Monitor ongoing compliance of HOME and other ancillary funding programs





What we do NOT do:

*Provide legal guidance to owner/agents. Provide legal guidance to applicants and/or tenants.* 

Dictate the details of the Owners' management plan.

Dictate preferences for an owners TSP.



#### Recommendations

Your management Plan details how the property will be managed and operated.

RIHousing will act as liaison between tenant/owner/agent as necessary.

Advise owner to contact their Legal support team for assistance.

Follow the HUD Handbook 4350.3

Document, document, document...







#### **Recommendations** (cont.)

Your TSP MUST detail how you will select tenants, including unit transfers and emergency situations under VAWA.

Pay attention to the Law and HUD regulations regarding VAWA,

Make sure you receive Fair Housing training that encompasses VAWA requirements.

HUD Notice 2017-05 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2013 – Additional Guidance for Multifamily Owners and Management Agents.







### **LIHTC File Review Findings**

#### Notes

- Not listed on all reports
- Serve as reminders for RIHousing staff

#### **Observations**

• Do not affect LIHTC compliance but corrective action should be taken going forward

#### **General Findings**

- Corrective action required
- Found in more than 2 files

#### **Specific Findings**

- Corrective action required
- An asterisk (\*) is used to identify items that won't disqualify the household

## **Common LIHTC File Findings**



Student status was not verified Verify each student with the educational institution



Income was verified incorrectly using a bank statement A self-certification is better than the chance of using net income



Income was verified incorrectly using pay stubs Collect a minimum of 2 full months source documentation



### **Common LIHTC File Findings**



# *The required lease addenda are signed without a lease*

Lease addenda are not standalone docs. If not signing a new lease, do not sign the addenda.



The application or questionnaire is incomplete Each question should be answered so you know what to verify



## **Physical Inspections**

- Asset Management is performing physical inspections
  - COVID waivers have expired
  - Extra precautions in the form of PPE
    - Gloves changed between unit inspections
    - Used gloves stored in self-contained bag
    - Masks worn in units
  - RIHousing Staff ask COVID-screening questions prior to entering units



Sites should now be performing their own unit inspections



### Physical Inspections (cont.)

#### Health & Safety Report

- Health and Safety findings only
- Life Threatening (LT) deficiencies must be corrected within 24 hours
- Non-Life Threatening (NLT) items must be addressed within 48 hours

#### **UPCS** Report

- Health & Safety items are listed as corrected; no further response needed
- Response due to RIHousing in 30 days
- Work orders must detail corrective action and should be signed as certification of work completed

## **Common Physical Inspection Findings**



#### Expired fire extinguishers

- If fire extinguishers are supplied to the units, they must be charged and not expired
- Percentages are used to calculate the deficiencies in common areas
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#### Missing or damaged fire alarms

Resident education may help upkeep



#### Emergency Exit Lighting

Backup batteries are necessary when power goes out

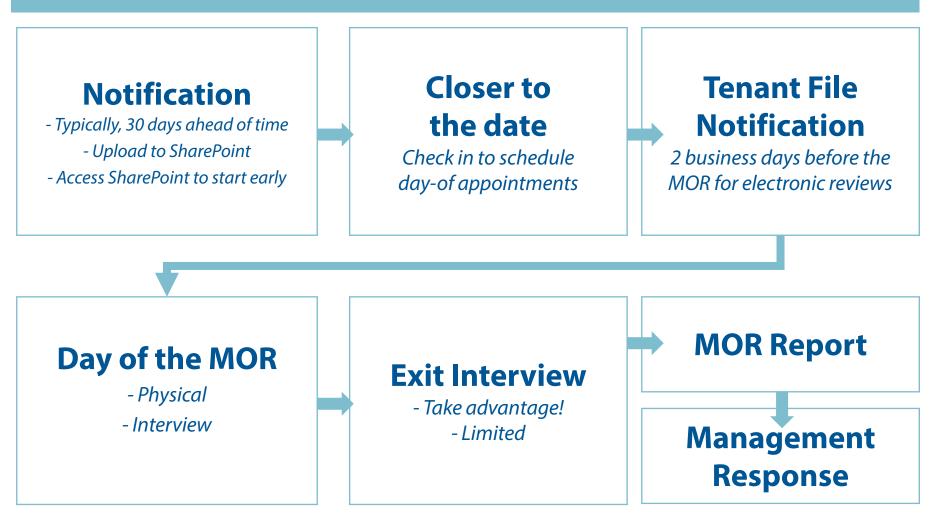


#### **Blocked Egress**

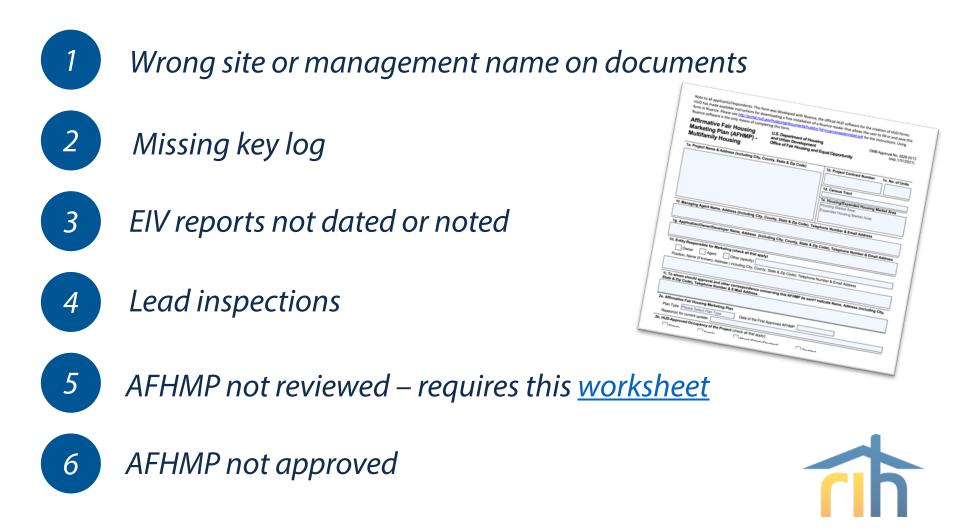
- In bedrooms where there is only one window, an air conditioner in the window is life-threatening
- Furniture blocking a room's only window prevents emergency egress



# Management and Occupancy Review (MOR) Process



## **MORs – Common Findings**



### MORs – Common Findings (cont.)









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