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Utah Housing Coalition Introduces Our New Executive Director

Before moving to Utah in 1996, Janis was an investment banker in New York City for fifteen years, specializing in mortgage-backed securities and derivatives. She was responsible for structuring collateralized mortgage obligations and created several innovative structures in that market. Since 1999, Janis has been involved in anti-poverty public policy advocacy in Utah, first as a Board member and then as the Tax and Budget Policy Analyst for Utah Issues. She has considerable experience researching public policy issues and advocating for changes in public policy that would benefit low income Utahns. Janis received an MBA from The Wharton School in

finance in 1986 and a BA in economics and political science from Yale College in 1981. She is currently an adjunct professor in finance at Westminster College and a member of the Utah State Tax Review Commission. Janis is pleased to join the Utah Housing Coalition as Executive Director and looks forward to using her experience to further the Coalition's mission "To be the leader in housing issues and to promote the increase of accessible and affordable housing statewide."

We are excited to have her as part of our team and look forward to great things!!

Position Updates

Current Executive Board (see page 3) will remain the same for the upcoming fiscal year. Nominations and elections were concluded in April. We appreciate the current board and all their hard work and look forward to another year with them!! Join us for our June 2nd Meeting to re-install these officers and enjoy a lunch of networking.

Tara Rollins has accepted the position of Chair of the Utah Housing Matters Conference. Tara has served as the Treasurer of UHC for the past 4 years, VP for two years previous, and will continue this year as Treasurer as well as Chair the conference.

Utah Housing Matters Conference

The Utah Housing Matters Conference Committee has started planning for an exciting and informative conference again this year. The Conference will be held September 20 & 21, 2004 at the Homestead Resort in Midway, Utah.

We are pleased to welcome Charles Buki as our keynote speaker this year. Mr. Buki comes with a wealth of knowledge in the housing field as well as building our housing communities within our respective organizations. Workshops this year will include looking at the rental market in Utah, Identity Fraud/Theft, Census Information

Extraction, Presentation Skills, Reverse Mortgages, Advocacy Primer, QuickBooks for Non-Profits, Fair Housing & Accessibility Compliance and many, many more.

SPONSORS: Make sure to get your sponsorship confirmation sheets faxed or mailed back in by May 31, 2004 to be included in future pre-conference materials.

Check back often to our website for more exciting news and updates on the conference.

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NAHRO Conference Report

The NAHRO conference was held on April 14th through the 16th in St. George. The conference was well attended and provided a good opportunity to network with members of the affordable housing community. Workshops were offered on a range of subjects. Included were sessions on how to fill out applications for tax credits, Olene Walker Trust Fund loans, Section 8 updates, uses of CDBG funds, Public Housing Budgets, HMIS and Homelessness and Strategic Planning for PHA's, Healthy Homes, and FNMA's funding programs for Multifamily Housing.

Gordon Walker, the new Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (formerly DCED), spoke briefly and accepted an award for Governor Olene Walker, who was unable to attend, for her dedication to the issue of affordable housing. Ed Talbot, President of the Mountain Plains Regional NAHRO, spoke about

changes in the 2005 federal budget that will impact the amount of money available for Section 8 vouchers and its impact on Utah. Congress is concerned with cost containment and the President's budget includes a \$1.8 billion cut for Section 8 vouchers nationally. The reduction may be implemented in either a unit-based approach or a dollar based approach. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the impact on Utah will be either a reduction in approved vouchers of approximately 1300 in 2005 and almost 3000 by 2009 if the unit based approach is taken. If the approach of reducing dollars per voucher is taken, then voucher recipients could see an increase in their rent expense of \$690 in 2005 and a per year increase of \$1,856 in 2009. This is an important legislative issue and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janis Dubno, Executive Director of the Utah Housing Coalition (jdubno@xmission.com).

Executive Board

If you have anything you would like to share with our members, please contact one of us. Complete contact information can also be found on our website "Contact Us" page.

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Member Spotlight

Each newsletter we would like to spotlight one or two of our current members. These are selected at random, and this section is designed to let everyone know what everyone else is about and what we can accomplish together.



Adams Construction & Mgt. Co., Inc.

Adams Construction & Management Company, Inc., (ACMC) was formed in 1975 by David W. Adams. Since it's inception, ACMC has developed and constructed both Senior and Family multi-family housing units in Utah and Wyoming under both the HUD 221 (D) (4) Section 8 programs and IRS Section 42 programs.

Over the last 10 years, our focus has been developing and managing affordable housing in Southern Utah. We currently have 72 family housing units under construction in Hurricane and Washington, Utah that will be occupied starting this June, with completion scheduled in December.

CORRECTION: In our last newsletter, we incorrectly printed the SLNHS' mission statement. The correct one is as follows:

Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services builds on the strengths of neighborhoods, creating opportunities through housing, resident leadership, and youth and economic development. We work in partnership with our residents, government, and businesses to build and sustain neighborhoods of choice.

Call for Information/Events

Do you have an exciting event or important information you'd like to share with other Coalition members? Send an email to utahhc@xmission.com to be included on our website and/or in this quarterly newsletter.



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As a result of our strategic planning process, we have revised our meeting schedule to every other month.

The remainder of our 2004 schedule is as follows (along with other housing events):

- June 2, 2004 Annual Social/Officer Installation
 Washington Mutual 376 East 400 South 11:00 a.m.
- June 10 & 11, 2004 Utah Issues Poverty Conference
 UofU Olpin Student Union Bldg www.utahissues.org for more info
- August 4, 2004 UHC Monthly Meeting
 Washington Mutual 376 East 400 South 11:00 a.m.
- September 19-21, 2004 Annual Conference All day**
 Homestead Resort, Midway, UT
- October 6, 2004 UHC Monthly Meeting
 Washington Mutual 376 East 400 South 11:00 a.m.
- December 1, 2004 UHC Monthly Meeting Winter Social
 Washington Mutual 376 East 400 South 11:00 a.m.