

2007 Fair Housing Month Activities

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KIM KENDRICK ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- **On April 1, in Washington, DC**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered Fair Housing Month greetings at 18th Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital, an event sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which includes 950 chapters throughout the U.S.
- **On April 1, in Washington, DC**, Talk-radio station, WARF-1350 AM from Akron, OH interviewed Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick by phone for a live broadcast. Ms. Kendrick explained what HUD does to combat housing discrimination and answered specific questions.
- **On April 2, in Philadelphia, PA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the main address during FHEO Region III's kickoff of Fair Housing Month.
- **On April 4, in Washington, DC**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick launched Fair Housing Month at HUD Headquarters. Nannette Bishop, a fair housing complainant, was the guest speaker, and local junior high school winners of this year's Fair Housing Month essay contest presented their winning essays.
- **On April 5, in Dayton, OH**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as the keynote speaker during the 2007 Annual Fair Housing Luncheon Celebration sponsored by the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center.
- **On April 9, in Chicago, IL**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the featured speaker during a daylong, two-part Fair Housing Month program sponsored by the Illinois Department of Human Rights.
- **On April 10, in Huntsville, AL**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker at a National Fair Housing Month Luncheon sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama from Birmingham, Alabama, a FHIP-funded agency, and the Huntsville Association of Realtors.
- **On April 12, in Tacoma, WA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker at a Fair Housing Month Conference, *Building the Foundation for Fair Housing*, cosponsored by the City of Tacoma and the Fair Housing Center of Washington. FHEO Region X Director Judith Keeler and Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Andrew Tarver of the Seattle office made workshop presentations.
- **On April 12 -13, in Oklahoma City, OK**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the keynote speech at the annual Fair Housing Month banquet sponsored by the FHIP-funded Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Greater Oklahoma City. HUD Acting Director William Fink of HUD's Oklahoma City office and FHEO Equal

Opportunity Specialist Patrick Banis of HUD's Fort Worth office conducted disability rights training for area landlords, property managers, and/or housing authority staff.

- **On April 13, in Oklahoma City, OK**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the keynote address at the Fair Housing Month Celebration sponsored by the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Greater Oklahoma City and cosponsored by the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission and HUD's Oklahoma City office.
- **On April 16, in Portland, OR**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as the keynote speaker at the Fair Housing Month luncheon sponsored by the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors. Prior to the luncheon, FHEO Region X staff conducted training for industry and advocacy representatives.
- **On April 18, in Savannah, GA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick keynoted the 11th Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the FHIP-funded Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council and SunTrust Bank.
- **On April 19, in Little Rock, AR**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as the keynote speaker at the 2007 Fair Housing Summit sponsored by the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission.
- **On April 19, in Houston, TX**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick and President Cheryl Pucci of the Texas Apartment Association (TAA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU states that TAA and HUD agree to join forces to reduce discrimination in rental housing in Texas, especially by educating TAA members and the industry about accessibility compliance. In addition, Ms. Kendrick gave her keynote Fair Housing Month address during the Education Conference and Lone Star Expo sponsored by the TAA. President George H.W. Bush spoke during this session as well. FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney and FHEO Director Sue Tarver of HUD's Houston office also participated.
- **On April 20, in Palm Springs, CA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered a Fair Housing Month keynote address at a conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County (CA).
- **On April 23, in Providence, RI**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick gave her Fair Housing Month keynote speech during New England Fair Housing Month, an event cosponsored by HUD's Providence office, the FHIP-funded Rhode Island Housing Network, the FHAP-funded Rhode Island Commission on Human Rights, and the Mortgage and Finance Corporation.
- **On April 24, in Cleveland, OH**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered her Fair Housing Month address during a conference coordinated and sponsored by the Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

- **On April 25, in Gary, IN**, the 3rd Annual Northwest Indiana Housing Conference Summit was convened to celebrate Fair Housing Month, and Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote luncheon speaker.
- **On April 26-27, in Jackson, MS**, Housing Education and Economic Development (HEED), a FHIP-funded agency, cosponsored the 18th Annual Fair Housing, Fair Lending Conference at which Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the special luncheon speaker. The conference offered workshops on fair lending and predatory lending, Housing Choice Vouchers for Homeownership, and other lending information. Continuing education credits were provided to eligible participants.
- **On April 27, in Nashville, TN**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the luncheon speaker at The Tennessee Fair Housing Matters Conference sponsored by the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, the Tennessee Fair Housing Council, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, and the Tennessee Human Rights Commission.
- **On April 30, in Houston, TX**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick keynoted the 6th Annual Fair Housing luncheon sponsored by the Greater Houston Fair Housing Center, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On May 1, in Lincoln, NE**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the keynote address at the 2007 Annual Fair Housing Conference organized by the City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. Besides delivering her address, Ms. Kendrick was honored during the conference's special evening dinner.
- **On May 2, in Syracuse, NY**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as keynote speaker at the Fair Housing Council of Central New York's Annual Luncheon honoring passage of the Fair Housing Act.

**CHERYL ZIEGLER,
GENERAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

- **On April 25, in Columbus, OH**, General Deputy Assistant Secretary Cheryl Ziegler was the luncheon speaker at an event sponsored by the Ohio Conference of Community Development.

**BRYAN GREENE,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ENFORCEMENT/PROGRAMS**

- **On April 18, in Spokane, WA**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was the keynote speaker at the Spokane Fair Housing Month Conference.
- **On April 19, in Longmont, CO**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene served as the keynote speaker at the *Finding Common Ground Fair Housing Conference*.
- **On April 26, in Buffalo, NY**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene delivered HUD's Fair Housing Month message at the 44th Annual Meeting and Dinner sponsored by Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) of Buffalo, a FHIP-funded agency.

**KAREN NEWTON,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OPERATIONS/MANAGEMENT**

- **On April 11, in Birmingham, AL,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management Karen Newton was the keynote speaker at the National Fair Housing Month Seminar and Luncheon sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama, a FHIP-funded agency. FHEO Director Ralph Logan of HUD's Birmingham office participated in a workshop focusing on predatory lending, reasonable accommodation/design and construction, fair housing in an increasingly diverse community, and dealing with client preferences.
- **On April 19-20, in El Paso, TX,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management Karen Newton served as the conference's keynote speaker at the 2007 Border Fair Housing and Economic Justice's Predatory Lending Summit sponsored by HUD, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, State National Bank, the Texas Workforce Commission-Civil Rights Division, and Fannie Mae. FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office gave a presentation, and FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Railyly McDaniel of HUD's Albuquerque office staffed FHEO's information booth.

**PAMELA WALSH, DIRECTOR
PROGRAM STANDARDS OFFICE**

- **On April 27, in Washington, DC,** FHEO Program Standards Director Pamela Walsh participated in the Housing and Development Law Institute's conference *How to Survive Tough Times in Affordable and Public Housing*.

**FHEO HEADQUARTERS
2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES**

- **On March 15, throughout the U.S.,** the April 2007 issue of *Good Housekeeping Magazine* was released featuring Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick in the article, "*You Can't Live Here...Unless You're White.*" Ms. Kendrick is cited discussing which ethnic groups are most likely to be discriminated against, the housing discrimination complaint process, civil penalties, and how many complaints HUD receives annually. *Good Housekeeping* has a national circulation of 4,609,209.
- **On March 27, in Washington, DC,** Tino Calabia of FHEO's Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Education at HUD Headquarters extended HUD's Fair Housing Month greetings to the federal Interagency Working Group associated with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Representatives of the White House and Federal agencies attended.
- **On March 30, in Washington, DC,** HUD released the *State of Fair Housing: the FY 2006 Annual Report on Fair Housing*. Helping to usher in Fair Housing Month, the report highlights HUD's fair housing accomplishments in FY 2006. It also describes trends in complaints filed with HUD or FHAP-funded state and local agencies. For example, 10,328 complaints were received in FY 2006, the highest number ever filed in a single year. For the second consecutive year, race and disability were virtually

As the most common bases of housing discrimination complaints – 40 percent alleged racial discrimination while nearly the same percentage alleged discrimination against persons with disabilities. The report also describes fair housing enforcement activities, including summaries of several cases that HUD and FHAP-funded agencies investigated and examples of successes in fighting housing discrimination. The report was sent to Members of Congress and is available to the public on request as well as online. Contact FHEO Acting Policy Director Pamela Walsh or Program Analyst Celia Bobisud for further information.

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- **On April 1, in Washington, DC**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was interviewed by phone from Akron, OH, for a live broadcast for talk-radio, WARF-1350 AM. Among other things, Ms. Kendrick explained what HUD does to combat housing discrimination and answered specific questions.
- **On April 3, in Washington, DC**, OGC Associate General Counsel for Program Enforcement John Herold and CPD Senior Affordable Housing Specialist Ginger Macomber introduced *Brick by Brick, a Civil Rights Story*, the documentary recently shown by PBS stations about housing and school segregation in Yonkers, NY. Active in the segregation suit against Yonkers, Mr. Herold and Ms. Macomber commented on the historic controversy. The Fair Housing Month showing was part of FHEO's Tuesday Speaker Series coordinated by Tino Calabia of FHEO Policy.
- **On April 4, in Washington, DC**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick launched Fair Housing Month at HUD Headquarters. Nannette Bishop, a complainant who prevailed in her case, was the guest speaker, and local junior high school winners of this year's Fair Housing Month essay contest presented their winning essays.
- **On April 5, in Washington, DC**, FHEO Field Office Director Steven Paikin of HUD's DC office conducted a Fair Housing Month workshop at the National Association of Black Veterans' Community Forum. He informed veterans about their protections under the Fair Housing Act, the fair housing complaint and investigation process, and predatory lending.
- **On April 10, in Washington, DC**, Secretary Alphonso Jackson opened an online interactive forum by noting that April marks the 39th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act. Questioners from the East Coast to the West asked about racial and ethnic discrimination, accessibility, homeownership, the recent upswing in foreclosures, and related matters. For some responses, the Secretary referred to the recently issued *State of Fair Housing, the FY2006 Annual Report* containing discrimination complaints filed with HUD and its federally funded partners.
- **On April 15, in Washington, DC and Throughout the U.S.**, the Sunday national supplement *Parade Magazine* featured *Have You Faced Housing Discrimination?*, a short article that explained housing discrimination based on an interview with Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick. Examples of discrimination ranged from refusing to provide an accessible parking space to a person with a disability to asking for sexual favors in lieu of rent. Ms. Kendrick also mentioned the HUD housing discrimination hotline and website.

- **On April 17, in Washington, DC,** Renae Campbell, Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, highlighted the provisions of the Fair Housing Act when the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity hosted the Interdepartmental External Civil Rights Association.
- **On April 27, in Washington, DC,** FHEO Program Standards Director Pamela Walsh participated in the Housing and Development Law Institute's conference *How to Survive Tough Times in Affordable and Public Housing*.
- **On May 15, in Washington, DC,** FHEO Outreach and Education Director Robert A. Walker reported that potentially hundreds of thousands of movie-goers, who went to theaters affiliated with the National Cinemedia chain, viewed the Fair Housing Month Public Service Announcements shown before each feature film. National Cinemedia's estimated final count of the number of theater-goers during four weeks of showings in New York State plus one week of showings in the rest of country was 1,946,603.

REGION I

FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On April 5, in Leomeister, MA,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Persis Brown of HUD's Boston office attended this year's annual Statewide Veterans Conference for staff and partners of federal and state agencies, providers of services for veterans, and private industry. The event was sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development. Information was available about programs vital to the delivery of services to the veterans who seek assistance at One-Stop Career Centers. The event also offered conferees the opportunity to network with other One-Stop Career Centers and business community representatives. Ms. Brown staffed a booth with information about discrimination and how to file complaints as well as about HUD's First Time Homeownership program.
- **On April 10, in Westbrook, ME,** FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Merryl Gibbs of HUD's Boston office was to speak at the fair housing seminar sponsored by Residential Initiatives For Maine, a nonprofit organized by Maine's local housing authorities. The event took place, but Ms. Gibbs had to be rescheduled for a later date.
- **On April 10, in Providence, RI,** FHEO Region I Director Marcella Brown attended a press conference to launch the fairhousingri.org website of Rhode Island Housing and the Housing Network of Rhode Island.
- **On April 17, in Berlin, CT,** FHEO Region I Director Marcella Brown was a panelist at a Homebuyers Seminar in Berlin. Home Sweet Home Realty sponsored the seminar to celebrate April as Fair Housing Month. The public event was geared to first-time homebuyers.
- **On April 19, in Torrington, CT,** FHEO Boston Program Compliance Branch Chief Merryl Gibbs spoke on disability discrimination issues during the Equal Opportunity in Housing Program presented by the Litchfield County Board of Realtors.

- **On April 19, in Providence, RI**, FHEO Education and Outreach Specialist Persis Brown of HUD's Boston office participated in Housing Network of Rhode Island's film showing of *Race: The Power of an Illusion* and a discussion of fair housing issues at the University of Rhode Island in Providence.
- **On April 23, in Providence, RI**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered her Fair Housing Month keynote speech during *New England Fair Housing Month*, an event cosponsored by HUD's Providence office, the FHIP-funded Rhode Island Housing Network, the FHAP-funded Rhode Island Commission on Human Rights, and the Mortgage and Finance Corporation.
- **On April 24, in Bedford, NH**, FHEO Program Center Branch Chief Merryll Gibbs of HUD's Boston office gave a Fair Housing Month presentation to the Granite State Managers Association.
- **On April 25, in Cambridge, MA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Mary Sales of HUD's Boston office emceed the Cambridge Human Rights Commission's 14th Annual Fair Housing Month Award and Reception event.
- **On April 26, in Boston, MA**, FHEO Education and Outreach Specialist Persis Brown took part in Fair Housing Month ceremonies sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston.
- **On April 26, in Boston, MA**, FHEO Region I Director Marcella Brown shared HUD's Fair Housing Month message at a housing event cosponsored by the City of Boston, entitled "Housing Boston 2012." The conference topics were addressed by national housing experts from across the country who discussed housing challenges and offered strategies to deal with the challenges.
- **On April 26, in Cromwell, CT**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Mary Sales disseminated fair housing material at the 25th Annual Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Association of Connecticut. The Connecticut Association of Realtors and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities cosponsored the event entitled *Fair Housing Challenges for the 21st Century*.

REGION II

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITES

- **On March 17, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Field Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office and Executive Director Scott Gehl of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, an agency funded by HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), videotaped a discussion of the 39th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and current fair housing issues. They provided information about what to do when one encounters bias, how persons with disabilities are protected by fair housing laws, and the like. The show aired more than 24 times throughout April Fair Housing Month on Time Warner cable, the Niagara County Cable Access Channel 20.
- **On March 29, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office delivered HUD's Fair Housing Month greetings when he spoke at a Fair Housing

Month Proclamation Ceremony on the steps of the Erie County Central Public Library. Several Western New York mayors and town supervisors took part.

- **From April 1-30, throughout Morris County, NJ**, Homeless Solutions, in conjunction with the Morris County Human Rights Commission, exhibited fair housing materials in 38 municipal libraries and 39 town halls. FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Brenda Edmondson of HUD's Newark office supplied the material to enable the two sponsors to commemorate Fair Housing Month and educate consumers about their fair housing rights.
- **On April 4, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office made the first of over 25 televised appearances based on a March 17th videotaped discussion of the 39th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and current fair housing issues. Mr. Pryshlak helped to provide information about what to do when one encounters bias, how persons with disabilities are protected by fair housing laws, and the like. The show appeared throughout April Fair Housing Month on Time Warner cable, the Niagara County Cable Access Channel 20.
- **On April 4, in New Brunswick, NJ**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Lena Mitchell of HUD's Newark office distributed fair housing materials and provided fair housing training for staff of the Middlesex County Department of Housing and Community Development.
- **On April 11, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO's Buffalo office, led by FHEO Center Director Andrij Pryshlak, and the Erie County Fair Housing Partnership sponsored a Fair Housing Month Showcase that included eight seminars and workshops.
- **On April 12, in New York, NY**, FHEO Region II Director Jay Golden addressed the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR), a FHAP-funded agency, at an open house at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library.
- **On April 12, in Newark, NJ**, FHEO Center Director Rolando Alvarado, Program Compliance Branch Chief Brenda Edmondson, and Equal Opportunity Specialists Lena Mitchell and Dinorah Velez of HUD's Newark office hosted a Fair Housing Month forum to provide fair housing information for disabled veterans. The forum was cosponsored by VA Homeless Services.
- **On April 13, in Schenectady, NY**, FHEO Region II Director Jay Golden gave the keynote address at a Fair Housing Month luncheon sponsored by the City of Schenectady's Office of Fair Housing.
- **On April 18, in Montclair, NJ**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Brenda Salas and Sheila Henderson of HUD's Newark office, in conjunction with New Jersey Citizen Action, a FHIP-funded agency, and the City of Newark's Department of Housing and Economic Development held a fair housing workshop for the congregation of Trinity Temple SDA Church.
- **On April 21, in Schenectady, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak and other staff of HUD's Buffalo Office, plus Equal Opportunity Specialist Raeesa Waheed from HUD's New York City Office, participated in the 8th Annual City of Schenectady Housing Fair. The New York State Division of Human Rights, a FHAP-funded agency,

cosponsored the event in conjunction with the Albany Housing Authority and the City of Albany's Fair Housing Office. On the steps of Schenectady's City Hall, Mayor Brian Stratton of Schenectady proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

- **On April 24, in Brooklyn, NY**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Maria Cestaro of HUD's New York office conducted an education and outreach event at the Brooklyn Veterans Administration Medical Center. Ms. Cestaro provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act with special focus on disability rights in terms of reasonable accommodations and modifications. Because many new construction projects have recently been undertaken in Brooklyn, literature on fair housing accessibility guidelines for new construction and reasonable accommodations was distributed as well as fair housing complaint forms.
- **On April 25, in Schenectady, NY**, representatives of the HUD FHEO Buffalo Office participated in fair housing landlord training at the Schenectady County Public Library.
- **On April 26, in Buffalo, NY**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene delivered HUD's Fair Housing Month message at the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting and Dinner sponsored by Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) of Buffalo, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On April 26, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Director Andrij Pryshlak of HUD's Buffalo office opened HUD's Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program at the Western NY Builder's Industry Day Regional Conference.
- **On April 26, in Buffalo, NY**, representatives of the HUD FHEO Buffalo Office participated in the United Way/Homefront Housing Fair.
- **On April 27, in Stony Brook, NY**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Francis Cheng of HUD's New York City office took part in a Fair Housing/Tenant's Rights Seminar at Stony Brook University and respond to questions from the public. The Long Island Housing Services, a FHIP-funded agency, hosted the seminar intended to inform students and landlords of their fair housing rights and responsibilities.
- **On April 27, in New Brunswick, NJ**, FHEO Region II Director Jay Golden and New York FHEO Center Director Jo-Ann Frey participated in a conference sponsored by the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights, a FHAP-funded agency, in conjunction with the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Dinorah Velez and Marilyn Boddy of HUD's Newark office provided information on the Federal fair housing law and address questions from the public.
- **On April 27, in Queens, NY**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Salome Johannes and Equal Opportunity Assistant Gladys Giles of HUD's New York office attended a Housing and Community Networking Fair sponsored by the New York Urban League and Jamaica YMCA Transitional Housing. They distributed fair housing literature and home buyer information and answer questions from the public.
- **On April 29, in Rego Park, NY**, FHEO Region II Director Jay Golden represented HUD in a Health Fair organized by Catholic Charities. Fair housing materials were distributed, and questions answered regarding the rights of persons with disabilities.

- **On May 2, in Syracuse, NY**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker at the Fair Housing Council of Central New York (FHCCNY) Annual Luncheon honoring passage of the Fair Housing Act.
- **On May 10, in Buffalo, NY**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Angela Woodson-Brice and Joe Butch and Equal Opportunity Assistant Priscilla Miles-Combs of HUD's Buffalo office led the FHEO team when FHEO's Buffalo office showed its annual free feature film in celebration of the Fair Housing Act. This year's film was *I Am Sam*, a drama that confronts stereotypes of persons with mental disabilities. It depicts a mentally challenged man who struggles with the court system in order to reclaim his daughter whom he has raised since infancy. Fair housing presentations and discussions led by FHEO staff and representatives of the Self Advocacy Association of Western NY both preceded the screening and concluded the program.

REGION III

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On April 2, in Philadelphia, PA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the main address during FHEO Region III's kickoff of Fair Housing Month.
- **On April 2, in Charleston, WV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carol Boster of HUD's Charleston office distributed *A Recipe for Fair Housing*, containing food recipes that she helped to solicit from throughout Region III. Each recipe appeared on a page with fair housing information on the facing page. Ms. Boster distributed the recipe book and provided fair housing information during an event organized by the FHAP-funded Charleston Human Rights Commission.
- **On April 3, in Philadelphia, PA**, FHEO Program Analyst Mary Jean Carabello of HUD's Philadelphia office participated in the annual 202/811 SuperNOFA meeting for those interested in competing for FHIP funding. FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Janet Scott, also of HUD's Philadelphia office, gave an overview of HUD's Section 3 Program.
- **On April 3, in Wilmington, DE**, HUD Director Diane Lello of HUD's Wilmington office attended the signing and issuance of fair housing proclamations by Governor Ruth Ann Minner and Wilmington Mayor James Baker.
- **On April 4, in Langley Park, MD**, FHEO Director Steven Paikin of HUD's District of Columbia office conducted training during a community clinic organized by HUD's DC office and the Howard University School of Law on how to file housing discrimination complaints.
- **On April 5, in Washington, DC**, FHEO Field Office Director Steven Paikin of HUD's District of Columbia office made Fair Housing Month presentation at the National Association of Black Veterans' Community Forum. He conducted a workshop to advise veterans about their protections under the Fair Housing Act, the fair housing complaint and investigation process, and predatory lending.
- **On April 10, in Newport News, VA**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves keyed the Fair Housing Conference sponsored by HUD and FHEO's offices in Richmond and the Office of Human Affairs, a FHIP-funded agency.

- **On April 10, in Dover, DE,** FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Debra McGhee of HUD's Baltimore office was a panelist on fair lending at Delaware's 14th Annual Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Delaware Division of Human Relations Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, and the Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On April 10, in Washington, DC,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Ernest Dawson and Carolyn Punter of HUD's Washington, DC office were panelists during a symposium sponsored by the District of Columbia's Office of Human Rights entitled *Disparate Impact in Fair Housing, Where Displacement Matters!*
- **On April 10, in Huntington, WV,** in recognition of Fair Housing Month, the Commissioners of the Huntington Human Relations Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, and FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office distributed 400 fair housing coloring books to the kindergarten and first grade classes in Huntington area schools. A letter with the coloring books requested that the children take the books home to share with their parents and others in the family.
- **On April 11, from Charleston, WV,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office reported that the Charleston Human Rights Commission and the Huntington Human Relations Commission – both FHAP funded agencies – have erected several Fair Housing Month billboards in their cities. The two cities are respectively the first and second biggest cities in the State.
- **On April 12, from Charleston, WV,** FPM Director Pete Minter of HUD's Charleston office reported that Fair Housing Month proclamations were issued by West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin, III and by Charleston Mayor Mary Danny Jones, Huntington Mayor Mark Felinton, Parkersburg Mayor Jimmy Columbo, and Martinsburg Mayor George Karos. These cities include the three largest in West Virginia -- Charleston (the Capital), Huntington, and Parkersburg.
- **On April 12, from Richmond, VA,** FHEO Director Ruth Winston of HUD's Richmond Office reported that Governor Timothy Kaine and the mayors of the cities of Christiansburg, Norfolk, Petersburg, and Portsmouth issued Fair Housing Month proclamations. In addition, Hercules Real Estate Services President Curt Carter has also signed a Fair Housing Month proclamation. Mr. Carter's firm operates in Virginia and also in parts of Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He informed Ms. Winston that his firm's associates will participate in seminars and other training opportunities in April and throughout the year to increase their awareness of fair housing issues.
- **On April 12, in Huntington, WV,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office met with the Section 8 supervisor of the Huntington Housing Authority to provide the supervisor with fair housing materials for sharing with the 1,078 recipients of Section 8 vouchers. Ms. Boster discussed distribution of the different fliers that deal separately with sexual harassment, disability rights, and race/ethnic discrimination.
- **On April 14, in Norristown, PA,** FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Janet Scott of HUD's Philadelphia office provided materials on fair housing compliance and

Section 3 opportunities during the Fair Housing Best Practices Workshop sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Montgomery County.

- **On April 16, in Philadelphia, PA**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves reported that April 16 was the final evening that the Philadelphia skyline would be lit by HUD's Fair Housing Month message as it scrolls around the top of the 28-story building of the Philadelphia Energy Company (PECO). Last year, PECO flashed HUD's message for the first time, and this year, PECO displayed it on the evenings of April 13, 14, 15, and 16. In bright letters that are 38 feet high, *Fair Housing: It's Not an Option, It's the Law* is scrolled around all four sides of the downtown skyscraper.
- **On April 17, in Lancaster, PA**, FHEO Center Director Elaina Spina of HUD's Philadelphia office discussed predatory lending and fair housing at the Predatory Lending Workshop on the program of the Lancaster County Human Relations Commission's Fair Housing Month celebration.
- **On April 17, in Parkville, MD**, HUD's Baltimore Offices of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO), Field Policy and Management (FPM), and Multi-Family Housing celebrated the Fair Housing Act's 39th anniversary. The program focused on *Fair Housing Issues in Occupancy, Tenant Relations, Disability Rights, Reasonable Accommodations, and Section 504*. FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves spoke about disability rights. Enforcement Branch Chief Debra McGhee and Compliance Branch Chief Rodney Camphor of HUD's Baltimore office were panelists discussing: 1) discrimination complaints, investigations, and resolution; and 2) compliance monitoring and enforcement.
- **On April 17, in Pittsburgh, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Phoebe Buchanan of HUD's Pittsburgh office led an FHEO delegation to observe Fair Housing Month at the Pittsburgh City Council Chambers. During the observance, City Council Housing Chairwoman Twanda Carlyle signed a Fair Housing Month proclamation on behalf of the City Council. In addition to FHEO staff, representatives of the local FHAP-funded Pittsburgh Human Relations Commission and the FHIP-funded Fair Housing Partnership joined with the City Council members for the signing ceremony.
- **On April 17, in Homestead, PA**, during a slam poetry program whose theme addresses the goals of desegregation and fair housing, FPM Operations Specialist Cynthia Haines of HUD's Pittsburgh office delivered an original performance poetry selection on the subject of ending segregation. FPM Director Cheryle Campbell, a former FHEO Director, also attended the evening event sponsored by the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh.
- **On April 17, in Huntington, WV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster of HUD's Charleston office conducted fair housing training for members of the Greater Huntington Landlord's Association. The Association had indicated interest in the protecting persons with disabilities, their rights to service/comfort/assistive animals, and other types of reasonable accommodations.
- **On April 17, in Baltimore, MD**, HUD's Baltimore office commemorated the 39th Anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act in collaboration with FPM, Multi-Family Housing, Public Housing, CPD and FHEO. Also represented were the Maryland Center for Veteran Education and Training (MCVET). Following the conference, Equal Opportunity Specialist Vonzell Cummings and Compliance Branch Chief Rodney Camphor, both Vietnam-Era Veterans, and other FHEO staff visited a

MCVET single-room occupancy building to advise the disabled veterans and homeless veterans there of their fair housing rights.

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- **On April 18, in Charleston, WV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster and HUD Director Pete Minter of HUD's Charleston office participated in a conference sponsored by the West Virginia Association of Housing Authorities. Mr. Minter welcomed the conferees, and Ms. Boster led a workshop on the Fair Housing Act with special focus on disability rights.
- **On April 18, in Pittsburgh, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Phoebe Buchanan and HUD Public Trust Officer Richard Payne of HUD's Pittsburgh office answered questions and distributed FHEO material during the *Fair Housing Workshop - Best Practices* event sponsored by the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Rights.
- **On April 24, 25, and 26, in Wilmington, Dover, and Lewes, DE**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Ronaldlyn Latham of HUD's Philadelphia Office served as a panelist at three identical events sponsored by the Delaware Community Reinvestment Action Council. The events are each entitled *Fair Lending/Fair Housing Public Forum* and targeted case managers, housing/financing providers, and community-based organizations.
- **On April 25, in Philadelphia, PA**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Wayman Rucker of HUD's Philadelphia office led a six-person delegation to a services event at the Veterans Administration.
- **On April 25, in Philadelphia, PA**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves spoke at the Spring Conference for FHA Lenders and Underwriters sponsored by HUD's Philadelphia Homeownership Center.
- **On April 25, in Emmitsburg, MD**, FHEO Program Center Branch Chief Rodney Camphor of HUD's Baltimore office led a five-person FHEO team that distributed FHEO material during the Annual Fair Housing Conference cosponsored by the Fredrick County and City Affordable Housing Council and the Frederick County Association of Realtors.
- **On April 26, in Philadelphia, PA**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves gave the opening remarks at a Fair Housing Workshop sponsored by FHEO, HUD's Field Policy and Management Office, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. During the Workshop, staff from the Philadelphia Enforcement Branch made a presentation on *Fair Housing-Know Your Rights* to military veterans and staff of the Veterans Administration Medical Center.
- **On April 26, in Richmond, VA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sylvia Berry of HUD's Richmond office provided information and distributed FHEO material during the Fair Housing Month Conference sponsored by the Virginia Fair Housing Office.

- **On April 26-27, in Pittsburgh, PA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Donna Chernoff of HUD's Pittsburgh office distributed fair housing literature and information at the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living Fair Housing Festival sponsored by the Center.
- **On April 27, in Wilmington, DE**, FHEO Region III Director Wanda Nieves of HUD's Philadelphia Office was the luncheon guest speaker during Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware's Annual Fair Housing Law Forum and Awards Luncheon.
- **On April 30, in Beckley, WV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carole Boster and HUD Director Pete Minter of HUD's Charleston office discussed the rights and responsibilities that are part of the Fair Housing Act during an event sponsored by the Beckley Human Rights Commission.
- **On April 30, in Charlottesville, VA**, FHEO Director Ruth A. Winston and Equal Opportunity Specialist Nicole Brown-Taylor of HUD's Richmond office participated in the Central Virginia Community Workforce Housing Forum sponsored by the Charlottesville Area Association of Realtors, the FHIP-funded Piedmont Housing Alliance, and the University of Virginia Department of Urban and Environmental Planning. Ms. Winston and Ms. Brown-Taylor shared fair housing material and provided information.
- **On May 6, in Langley Park, MD**, FHEO Director Steven Paikin and HUD Director Deborah Holston of HUD's Washington, DC office took part in the *Langley Park Community Clinic* cosponsored by the Office of Human Rights of the District of Columbia and HUD's own DC office.

REGION IV

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On March 26-28, in Franklin, TN**, FHEO Region IV Director James Sutton of HUD's Atlanta office was the keynote speaker at the Quad State Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Conference. The conference was established 15 years ago to bring together civil rights practitioners and advocates dedicated to housing equality, economic opportunity, diversity and inclusion, and civil rights. It is always held in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, or South Carolina. The Tennessee Human Rights Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, is this year's host.
- **On March 28, in Gainesville, FL** FHEO Program Analyst Rafiq Munir of the Economic Opportunity Division represented FHEO at the 16th Annual Small Business Conference & Reverse Trade Fair hosted by the University of Florida. After pointing out that Fair Housing Month begins in April, marking the 39th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, he led a workshop on HUD's Section 3 Program.
- **On March 28, in Jackson, MS**, FHEO Center Director Marilyn Moore-Lemons of HUD's Jackson office provided Fair Housing training at the 2007 Mississippi State Conference of the Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association, a nonprofit organization whose members are owners and managers of privately owned

government regulated housing, and whose purpose is to provide education, information services, networking opportunities and representation for its members.

- **On April 2, in Louisville, KY**, FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office took part in the "Don't Borrow Trouble" (DBT) campaign and National Fair Housing Month kick-off sponsored by the Metro Louisville DBT Coalition in conjunction with the Metro Louisville Government.
- **On April 2, in Jackson, MS**, the Mississippi Office of FHEO displayed the April 2007, 39th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Poster in the McCoy Federal Building. The poster was displayed throughout the month of April.
- **On April 3, in various cities throughout Mississippi**, nine governments, including the State of Mississippi, sent signed proclamations to FHEO in HUD's Jackson office declaring April 2007 as Fair Housing Month. Governor Haley Barbour and over 150 mayors had been requested to issue these proclamations.
- **On April 4, in Frankfort, KY**, FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office conducted the Annual Fair Housing training for the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) staff focusing on disability rights laws with special emphasis on reasonable accommodations and modifications.
- **On April 4, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Region IV Director James N. Sutton and Atlanta FHEO Center Director Brenda Sue Shavers hosted a Fair Housing Month event in the Atlanta HUD building that included games and activities to enhance and test attendees' knowledge of fair housing.
- **On April 5, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Debra Bouziden of HUD's Miami office conducted training on the Fair Housing Act and related matters at the request of the Florida Southeast Chapter of Registered Apartment Managers.
- **On April 7, in Birmingham, AL**, FHEO Director Ralph Logan of HUD's Birmingham office spoke about fair housing issues at a Fair Housing Month Homebuyers Education Seminar sponsored by the Birmingham Chapter of the National Urban League.
- **On April 9, in Baton Rouge, LA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Trudy Criddle of HUD's New Orleans office attended a reception and discussion sponsored by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and cosponsored by the National Equity Fund. It focused on the 2007-2008 commitment to provide more than \$100 million in grants, loans, and equity to help expand Louisiana's stock of affordable housing.
- **On April 10, in Huntsville, AL**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker at a National Fair Housing Month Luncheon sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama from Birmingham, Alabama, a FHIP-funded agency, and the Huntsville Association of Realtors.
- **On April 10, in Lexington, KY**, Louisville FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville was a speaker at the Annual Fair Housing Luncheon sponsored by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission, a Fair Housing Assistance Program grantee.

- **On April 11, in Jacksonville, FL**, FHEO Acting Director Nancy Rivera-Wright and Equal Opportunity Assistant Dianne Roberts, both of HUD's Jacksonville office, conducted a workshop on the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan approval process during the Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association's 2007 Florida State Meeting.
- **On April 11, in Birmingham, AL**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management Karen Newton was the keynote speaker at the National Fair Housing Month Seminar and Luncheon sponsored by the Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama, a FHIP-funded agency. FHEO Director Ralph Logan of HUD's Birmingham office participated in a workshop focusing on predatory lending, reasonable accommodation/design and construction, fair housing in an increasingly diverse community, and dealing with client preferences.
- **On April 11, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Center Director Brenda Sue Shavers of HUD's Atlanta office served as keynote speaker at a Fair Housing Month Program for the Fulton County Department of Housing and Community Development.
- **On April 12, in Greenville, SC**, FHEO Acting Director Pat Green of HUD's Columbia office was the keynote speaker for the Greater Greenville Human Relations Commission's Annual Fair Housing Luncheon.
- **On April 12, in Montgomery, AL**, FHEO Director Ralph Logan of HUD's Birmingham Office participated in a National Fair Housing Month Program sponsored by the Central Alabama Fair Housing Center of Montgomery.
- **On April 12, in Macon, GA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Dominique Slaughter and Kirk Ashmeade of HUD's Atlanta office conducted fair housing workshops at the 2007 Fair Housing Symposium organized by the City of Macon and the Macon Middle Georgia Housing Counseling Center.
- **On April 13, in Meridian, MS**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Naima Hull of HUD's Jackson office represented HUD at the Aviation Health and Safety Fair sponsored by the Meridian Naval Air Station. The Fair provided information to veterans returning from the Iraq war and to their families. Ms. Hull distributed material and respond to questions.
- **On April 14, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO's Region IV office will put on a Fair Housing Month program at the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church and Life Center to highlight Fair Housing Month, educate attendees about their fair housing rights, and to provide them with information on housing opportunities in the community.
- **On April 16, in Louisville, KY**, Louisville FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office participated in the "Don't Borrow Trouble" (DBT) campaign and Fair Housing Month observance sponsored by the Metro Louisville DBT Coalition in conjunction with the Metro Louisville Government. The DBT campaign is an education initiative aimed at stopping predatory lending practices. Administered by The Housing Partnership, Inc. of Louisville and the statewide Kentucky Housing Corporation, the campaign is supported by a coalition made up of nonprofit housing groups, government agencies, financial institutions, housing and homeownership counseling organizations, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac.

- **On April 17, in Lexington, KY,** FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office represented HUD at the Lexington Fair Housing Council and Kentucky Housing Corporation's Fair Housing and Diversity Training. The training was for housing providers and offered information on: understanding diversity and its importance in housing; an overview of the Fair Housing Act; and an overview of reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications requirements.
- **On April 18, in Jackson, MS,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Naima Hull of HUD's Jackson office joined CPD/Jackson staff to respond to fair housing questions from the public and housing providers at a Homeownership and Credit Fair sponsored by the Jackson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.
- **On April 18, in Jackson, MS,** Mississippi's FHEO Center in HUD's Jackson office presented a Fair Housing Program to the employees working in the Jackson field office. The Fair Housing Act of 1968, Title VI, Section 504, and current fair housing issues were discussed.
- **On April 18, in Columbia, SC,** FHEO Acting Director Pat Green of HUD's Columbia office offered fair housing comments at the Columbia City Council meeting. As a recipient of HUD funding, the City signs a Proclamation annually to commemorate April as Fair Housing Month. Ms. Green accepted the Proclamation on behalf of HUD.
- **On April 18, in Savannah, GA,** Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick keyed the 11th Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the FHIP-funded Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council and SunTrust Bank.
- **On April 19, in Chattanooga, TN,** FHEO Region IV Director James N. Sutton was the keynote speaker during a Fair Housing Month luncheon hosted by the City of Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Association of Realtors, and the Chattanooga Apartment Association.
- **On April 19, in Birmingham, AL,** FHEO Director Ralph Logan of HUD's Birmingham Office took part in a Fair Housing Month workshop hosted by the Jefferson County Assisted Housing Corporation.
- **On April 19, in Louisville, KY,** Louisville FHEO Center Director Vicki Ray of HUD's Louisville office joined in on the Metro Louisville "Don't Borrow Trouble" (DBT) Coalition's Neighborhood Blitz. Participants canvassed local businesses in the neighborhoods which had the largest number of foreclosures during a specified period of time. Informational flyers were distributed, while participants engaged residents in conversations about the dangers of predatory loans.
- **On April 20, in Knoxville, TN,** FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist H. David King of HUD's Knoxville office attended the Annual Knoxville Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Equality Coalition for Housing Opportunity, City of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee Human Rights Commission, and several other agencies.
- **On April 20, in Miami, FL,** FHEO Miami Center Director Candace M. Tapscott of HUD's Miami office spoke at workshops and a luncheon sponsored by HOPE, Inc.
- **On April 21, in Jacksonville, FL,** FPM Operations Specialist Elaine Spencer of HUD's Jacksonville office introduced the luncheon guest speaker at the City of Jacksonville's Annual Fair Housing Symposium and moderated a fair housing

workshop. The Mayor's Fair Housing Month proclamation was presented to City officials, representatives of non-profit organizations, and area residents.

- **On April 23, in Arecibo, PR**, FHEO Caribbean Director Diana Ortiz of HUD's San Juan office elaborated on HUD's Fair Housing Month theme, *Fair Housing: It's Not an Option, It's the Law*, during a fair housing workshop that she conducted for Puerto Rico Legal Services attorneys.
- **On April 23-25, in Birmingham, AL**, FHEO Director Ralph Logan and Equal Opportunity Specialist Carrie Saunders of HUD's Birmingham Field office served as technical resource advisers at the 25th Annual Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association (SAHMA) Conference.
- **On April 25, in Panama City, FL**, FHEO Acting Director Nancy Rivera-Wright of HUD's Jacksonville office conducted two fair housing training sessions during the Bay County Multi-Housing Association's National Fair Housing Month meeting.
- **On April 25, in Falls of Rough, KY**, Equal Opportunity Specialist Michele Roundtree of HUD's Louisville office led a fair housing workshop for Homeland, Inc., a multi-family housing management company.
- **On April 25, in Broward County, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kelsey Harlow of HUD's Miami office spoke at an event sponsored by the Broward County Housing Community Development Task Force.
- **On April 25, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kelsey Harlow of HUD's Miami Field office served as the Fair Housing Month speaker for an event sponsored by the Broward County Housing Community Development Task Force. Ms. Harlow discussed the topic *Equal Opportunity Partnerships: Being Pro-active and Compliant*.
- **On April 25-26, in Jacksonville, FL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sherry Norton of HUD's Jacksonville office led a workshop for public housing authorities in Northern Florida.
- **On April 26, in Columbia, SC**, FHEO Acting Director Pat Green of HUD's Columbia office took part in an event capping an Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest sponsored by the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council. The contest had involved students in a four-county area: Richland, Lexington, Fairfield and Newberry Counties.
- **On April 26, in Mobile, AL**, FHEO Director Ralph Logan of HUD's Birmingham Field office participated in a workshop, *Fair Housing Design and Construction & Accessibility Workshop*, in observance of Fair Housing Month.
- **On April 26, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Director Candace Tapscott of HUD's Miami office conducted training for recipients of HUD Multi-Family funding. Multi-Family and FPM staff of HUD's Miami office that cosponsored the training joined her.
- **On April 26, in Hinesville, GA**, Region IV FHEO Director James N. Sutton addressed the 1st Annual Fair Housing Luncheon sponsored by JC Vision and

Associates, Inc. for community leaders and representatives from the real estate and banking industries.

- **On April 26-27, in Memphis, TN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Richard Redmon of HUD's Memphis office will provide a fair housing update at the Seventh Annual Memphis Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Alliance of Greater Memphis, the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, the City of Memphis, Shelby County, and several other local partners and agencies.
- **On April 26-27, in Jackson, MS**, Housing Education and Economic Development (HEED), a FHIP-funded agency, cosponsored the 18th Annual Fair Housing, Fair Lending Conference at which Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the special luncheon speaker. The conference offered workshops on Fair Lending and Predatory Lending, Housing Choice Vouchers for Homeownership, and other lending information. Continuing education credits were provided to eligible participants.
- **On April 27, in Nashville, TN**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the luncheon speaker at The Tennessee Fair Housing Matters Conference sponsored by the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, the Tennessee Fair Housing Council, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, and the Tennessee Human Rights Commission.
- **On April 27, in Broward County, FL**, FHEO Director Candace M. Tapscott of HUD's Miami office gave an address at the Broward County Fair Housing Month Commemoration.
- **On April 27, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Director Candace M. Tapscott of HUD's Miami office reviewed the Section 3 requirements at the PIH/Miami Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) joint training on Section 3.
- **On April 28, in Columbia, SC**, FHEO Acting Director Pat Green of HUD's Columbia Office extended HUD's Fair Housing Month greetings at the Housing Fair organized by the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council.
- **On April 28, in Atlanta, GA**, FHEO Region IV took part in a Fair Housing Month program at the Greater Traveler's Rest Baptist Church to educate attendees about their fair housing rights and provide them with information on housing opportunities in the community. Presenters included FHEO Region IV Director James N. Sutton and representatives from other HUD program offices, the local FHAP-funded agency, and HUD-funded housing counseling agencies.
- **On May 3, in San Juan, PR**, FHEO Director Diana Ortiz of HUD's San Juan office conducted a Fair Housing Workshop sponsored by the Puerto Rico Homebuilders Association. The workshop focused on fair housing issues related to new private sector housing developments and concentrated on design and construction issues as well as prohibitions against suggesting racial preferences in advertisements.
- **On May 7, in Biloxi, MS**, FHIP's Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center hosted the 3rd Annual Fair Housing Conference at the Beau Rivage Casino Resort. Topics included: *Housing Accessibility, Housing Litigation, Trends in Fair Housing, the State of Public Housing, and Barriers to Affordable Housing.*

- **On May 7-8, in Miami, FL**, FHEO Center Director Candace M. Tapscott of HUD's Miami office provided a basic fair housing presentation on the first day of a two-day Statewide Conference entitled *Accessing Resources and Relationships to Build Better Communities*. Faith-based and nonprofit organizations were represented. On the second day, Ms. Tapscott gave a Section 3 Program presentation.

REGION V 2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On March 31, in Chicago, IL**, Equal Opportunity Specialist Rebecca Trujillo of HUD's Chicago office participated in an annual housing fair sponsored by the Spanish Coalition for Housing. FHEO's Chicago Center also launched its Fair Housing Month initiative one day prior to April by displaying Fair Housing Month posters and distributing fair housing information.
- **On April 3, in Chicago, IL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Herbert Ziegeldorf and Equal Opportunity Assistant John Robinson of HUD's Chicago office participated in a housing event sponsored by the Chicago Mayor's Office on People with Disabilities.
- **On April 4, in Southfield, MI**, FHEO Center Director Yvonne Poindexter of HUD's Detroit office attended the Annual Fair Housing Seminar and Luncheon sponsored by the South East Michigan Coalition for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and the Detroit Board of Realtors.
- **On April 5, in Dayton, OH**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as the keynote speaker during the 2007 Annual Fair Housing Luncheon Celebration sponsored by the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center.
- **On April 5, in Milwaukee, WI**, during a workshop sponsored by HUD's Multifamily Housing Division, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Sandra Rubin of HUD's Milwaukee office presented an overview of the Section 202/811 Housing Programs and provided information on FHEO's rating factors including site and neighborhood standards, promotion of housing choice, Section 3 utilization, and previous experience in housing and services to relevant populations.
- **On April 9, in Chicago, IL**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the featured speaker during a daylong, two-part Fair Housing Month program sponsored by the Illinois Department of Human Rights.
- **On April 12, in Minneapolis, MN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Lerdine Darden of HUD's Minneapolis office conducted a Fair Housing Month seminar for the staff of Central Community Housing Trust, an affordable housing provider serving the Twin Cities metropolitan area.
- **On April 13, in Carol Stream, IL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Judith Williams of HUD's Chicago office led a workshop for property managers and related staff of Banner Management. After an overview of the Fair Housing Act in recognition of Fair Housing Month, Ms. Williams discussed affirmative marketing, occupancy, wait-listing, transfers, reasonable accommodations, and other accessibility matters.

- **On April 17, in South Bend, IN**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Claudia Nichols of HUD's Chicago office conducted a workshop at the South Bend Human Rights Commission's *Human Rights Awareness Day, Recognition Luncheon, and Fair Housing Workshop*. Held prior to the luncheon, Ms. Nichols' workshop aimed at educating participants about local civil rights issues and focused on race relations, fair housing, and education. Awards were made in four areas: housing, employment, education, and disability. In addition, winners of a local essay contest for high school students were recognized, and three scholarships were awarded.
- **On April 19 in Harris, MI**, Equal Opportunity Specialist Phyllis Tarpley of HUD's Detroit office and Equal Opportunity Specialist Sue Scanlan of HUD's Milwaukee office gave a detailed presentation to the Upper Peninsula Housing Officials Annual Conference regarding reasonable accommodations.
- **On April 19-20, in Racine, WI**, Supervisory Attorney Advisor Lisa Danna-Brennan of HUD's Chicago office served as a presenter on the disability rights provisions of the Fair Housing Act during a statewide Fair Housing Month conference sponsored by the Wisconsin Fair Housing Network. Milwaukee Office FHEO staff Dan Stotmeister, Sandra Rubin, and Jamesetta McFarland had assisted the Network in its conference planning activities.
- **On April 19-20 in Chicago, IL**, FHEO Region V Director Barbara Knox and Attorney-Advisor Marilyn Brown were guest speakers at the John Marshall Law School event, *Training for New Human Rights Commissioners and Hearing Officers on Fair Housing Law*.
- **On April 20, in Minneapolis, MN**, the Minneapolis FHEO Field Office sponsored an information session on segregation in Minneapolis.
- **On April 21, in Rockford, IL**, FHEO Education and Outreach Specialist Bernadette Jones of HUD's Chicago office participated in the fair housing meeting sponsored by the Illinois Department of Human Rights.
- **On April 24, in Cleveland, OH**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered her Fair Housing Month address during a conference coordinated and sponsored by the Cleveland Marshall College of Law.
- **On April 24 in Hibbing, MN**, FHEO Director Jaime Pedraza of HUD's Minneapolis office conducted fair housing training during an event sponsored by the CDBG division of the Saint Louis County entitlement grantee for property owners, social workers, tenant advocates, and housing authority staff.
- **On April 25, in Gary, IN**, the 3rd Annual Northwest Indiana Housing Conference Summit was convened to celebrate Fair Housing Month. Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the luncheon keynote speaker.
- **On April 25, in Columbus, OH**, General Deputy Assistant Secretary Cheryl Ziegler was the featured luncheon speaker at an event sponsored by the Ohio Conference of Community Development.

- **On April 25, in Rochester, MN**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Shannon Louie of HUD's Minneapolis office conducted fair housing training for property owners of southeastern Minnesota. The session was tailored to the needs of the Paramark Management Company, a large property management firm.
- **On April 26, in Decatur, IL**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Judith Williams and Herbert Ziegeldorf of HUD's Chicago office conducted training on the Section 3 Program during the annual Maintenance and Management Clinic sponsored by the Decatur Illinois Association of Housing Authorities in collaboration with HUD's Office of Public Housing.
- **On April 26, in Cleveland, OH**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Frances Fort of HUD's Cleveland office participated in a seminar sponsored by the Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church, the purpose of which was to bring together business, education, health, and human services organizations under one roof to inform staffs and residents about resources and services.
- **On April 27, in Fort Wayne, IN**, Region V Attorney Advisor Marilyn Brown of HUD's Chicago office made a presentation at the April 2007 Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the Fort Wayne Metropolitan Human Relations Commission. Workshops focused on accessibility, advertising, and real estate transactions.
- **On April 28, in Detroit, MI**, FHEO Education and Outreach Specialist Bernadette Jones of HUD's Chicago office and FHEO Director Yvonne Poindexter of HUD's Detroit office appeared on a Detroit-area radio show, *The Senior Solution*. Broadcast over WGPR-FM, the hour program is sponsored by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. The Agency's president and CEO hosts the show whose listening audience primarily consists of those known as Early Baby Boomers, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers.
- **On May 3, from Chicago, IL**, FHEO Outreach and Education Specialist Bernadette Jones of HUD's Chicago office reported that proclamations were received from: the State of Illinois, Oak Park, Zion, Niles, Morton Grove, Skokie, Madison County, Naperville, Wauconda, Vernon Hills, Evanston, Park Ridge, Wilmette, and Antioch; also from: the State of Michigan, Oakland County, Royal Oak, Three Rivers, Farmington Hills, Orion Township, City of Berkeley, Battle Creek, Troy, Wixom, Flint, Grand Rapids, Holland, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, and Benton Harbor; also in Ohio from: Sandusky, Shaker Heights, and North Olmsted; and in Indiana from: Gary and Hammond. FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Daniel Stotmeister of HUD's Milwaukee office reported that Governor Jim Doyle signed a Fair Housing Month proclamation for the State of Wisconsin and that similar proclamations were issued by eight other jurisdictions including the City of Racine, Racine County, the City of Neenah, the City of Oshkosh, the Village of Mount Pleasant, the City of Fond du Lac, Langlade County, and the City of Antigo.

REGION VI

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On March 21, from Ft. Worth, TX**, FHEO Program Analyst Michael Brown reported that the City of Pine Bluff, AR will: 1) mark all outgoing correspondence with a stamp

declaring that "April Is Fair Housing Month"; 2) provide housing brochures to residents at all neighborhood meetings; and 3) telecast fair housing ads on Fox 16 (KLRT), Channel 38 (KASN), and University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff TV Station HBCU and broadcast Fair Housing public service announcements on a local radio station during the months of April, May, and June.

- **On April 1 and throughout April, in Fort Worth, TX**, the City of Ft. Worth's *Fort Worth for All Show* municipal channel system telecasted a taped 30-minute show with FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney providing basic information on the Fair Housing Act and related housing laws during an interview.
- **On April 5, in Houston, TX**, FHEO Field Office Director J. Sue Tarver of HUD's Houston participated in a focus group discussion on sub-prime lending at Texas Southern University.
- **On April 9, in Baton Rouge, LA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Trudy Criddle of HUD's New Orleans office attended the reception and discussion sponsored by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation and cosponsored by the National Equity Fund. The event's purpose was to give details on the 2007-2008 commitment to provide more than \$100 million in grants, loans, and equity to help expand Louisiana's stock of affordable housing. Ms. Criddle distributed HUD materials and responded to questions.
- **On April 9, in Houston, TX**, Houston FHEO Director J. Sue Tarver in HUD's Houston Office spoke on fair housing laws and regulations to minority veterans from all service branches at the Minority Veterans of Texas monthly meeting.
- **On April 11, in Fort Smith, AR**, Equal Opportunity Specialist Michael Mason of HUD's Little Rock office took part in fair housing training sponsored by the Crawford-Sebastian Homeownership Center.
- **On April 11, in Fort Worth, TX**, FHEO Center Director Thurman Miles of HUD's Ft. Worth office made a presentation to an *FHA Homeownership Roundtable Meeting on Predatory Lending* sponsored by HUD's Office of Field Policy and Management.
- **On April 11, from Ft. Worth, TX**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Michael Brown of HUD's Ft. Worth office reported that proclamations were issued by the City of Tyler, TX in Tyler County.
- **On April 11-12, in Hammond, LA**, Equal Opportunity Specialist Trudy Criddle of HUD's New Orleans office assisted in a local training program sponsored by HUD's New Orleans office and the City of Hammond focusing on capacity building.
- **On April 12, in North Little Rock, AR**, FHEO Acting Center Director Corine Taylor of HUD's Little Rock office participated in a panel discussion and provided Section 3 Program and fair housing literature at the Arkansas NAHRO Spring Conference.
- **On April 12, in San Antonio, TX**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Irene Mendiola of HUD's San Antonio office took part in an FY2007 202/811 grants application workshop hosted by HUD's Multi-Family Office. Ms. Mendiola provided participants with information about the FHEO application requirements for this year.

- **On April 12, in Searcy, AR**, Equal Opportunity Specialist Debra Freeman of HUD's Little Rock office participated in the Searcy Board of Realtors Fair Housing Luncheon.
- **On April 12 -13, in Oklahoma City, OK**, FHEO Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the keynote speech at the annual Fair Housing Month banquet sponsored by the FHIP-funded Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Greater Oklahoma City. HUD Acting Director William Fink of HUD's Oklahoma City office and FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Patrick Banis of HUD's Ft. Worth office conducted disability rights training for area landlords, property managers, and housing authority staff.
- **On April 12-13, in Corpus Christi, TX**, FHEO Region VI Director Gary Sweeney addressed the Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST program sessions at the Fair and Affordable Housing Seminar sponsored by the Coastal Bend Affordable Housing Committee.
- **On April 13, in Oklahoma City, OK**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered the keynote address at the Fair Housing Month Celebration sponsored by the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council of Greater Oklahoma City and cosponsored by the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission and HUD's Oklahoma City office.
- **On April 16, from Ft. Worth, TX**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Michael Brown of HUD's Ft. Worth office reported that Fair Housing Month proclamations were issued by the Arkansas cities of: Bentonville, Springdale, Texarkana, Fayetteville, Conway, Hot Springs, Jacksonville, Jonesboro, West Memphis, and Pine Bluff.
- **On April 16–18, in Ruidoso, NM**, at the annual National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials conference, FHEO Center Director Thurman Miles of HUD's Ft. Worth Office made a presentation on reasonable accommodations and modifications, and FHEO Field Office Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office, on HUD's Limited English Proficiency Guidance. HUD Region VI Director Cynthia Leon served as the conference's dinner speaker.
- **On April 17, in Fort Worth, TX**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Patrick Banis of HUD's Ft. Worth office took part in a disability informational meeting sponsored the City of Fort Worth. Mr. Banis' presentation covered design and construction requirements under Title VIII and Section 504.
- **On April 18, in Tulsa, OK**, the Tulsa Area Fair Housing Partnership – which includes about 25 nonprofit and government Partners first brought together by FPM Operations Specialist Lyn Larson of HUD's Tulsa office – organized a Freddie Mac-sponsored *Get the Facts* trainer of trainers event. *Get the Facts* is a program developed from Freddie Mac's research on myths about buying a home and homeownership and is designed as the first step in dispelling those myths. The program's graduates are later referred to help in homebuyer education classes. Tulsa Field Policy and Management staff began with a presentation on the importance of fair housing education and a salute to National Fair Housing Month.
- **On April 18, in Tulsa, OK**, a Tulsa Area Fair Housing Partnership panel gave a presentation during a program of the Tulsa Homebuilders Association that covered fair housing, the ADA, universal design, the concept of "visitability," and related topics. FPM Operations Specialist Lyn Larson of HUD's Tulsa office, the Partnership's founder, moderated the panel that included Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist Bill

Fink of HUD's Oklahoma City office and a representative of Ability Resources, an independent living resource center. The panel played a role in the Association's three-day training program, *The Home Sales Professional Workshop*. Homebuilders, Realtors, and other real estate professionals attended.

- **On April 18, from Ft. Worth, TX**, FHEO Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Michael Brown of HUD's Ft. Worth office reported that a Fair Housing Month proclamation was issued by Tulsa, OK Mayor Kathy Taylor.
- **On April 19, in Little Rock, AR**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick served as the keynote speaker at the 2007 Fair Housing Summit sponsored by the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission.
- **On April 19, in Houston, TX**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick and President Cheryl Pucci of the Texas Apartment Association (TAA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU states that TAA and HUD agree to join forces to reduce discrimination in rental housing in Texas, especially by educating TAA members and the industry about accessibility compliance. In addition, Ms. Kendrick gave her keynote Fair Housing Month address during the Education Conference and Lone Star Expo sponsored by the TAA. President George H.W. Bush spoke during this session as well. FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney and FHEO Director Sue Tarver of HUD's Houston office also participated.
- **On April 19, in Houston, TX**, FHEO's Houston Field Office and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law presented a Fair Housing Month celebration on the campus of Texas Southern University (TSU). FHEO Director Sue Tarver of HUD's Houston office provided comments about the Fair Housing Ad Campaign and why on-going outreach and education must continue.
- **On April 19, in Temple, TX**, HUD Region VI Director Cindy Leon served as the keynote speaker at the Fair Housing Luncheon sponsored by the Temple-Belton Board of Realtors.
- **On April 19, in Fort Worth, TX**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Dan Rodriguez of HUD's Ft. Worth office was interviewed by *Telemundo*, the Spanish language TV network. He touched on the protections of the Fair Housing Act and predatory lending problems. He also spotlighted the national fair housing 1-800 number, housing counseling, and FHA loans. *Telemundo* telecasted the interview on May 11 in the following markets: San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Phoenix, Tucson, San Jose, Fresno, Monterrey Bay, San Francisco, Oakland and Las Vegas.
- **On April 19, in Tulsa, OK**, the Tulsa Area Fair Housing Partnership – about 25 nonprofit and government Partners organized by FPM Operations Specialist Lyn Larson of HUD's Tulsa office – held a workshop for Public Housing and Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency clients, Multi-Family residents, and those of the Tulsa Mental Health Association's housing programs. The agenda included issuance of a National Fair Housing Month Proclamation by Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor, an overview of Fair Housing laws, an explanation of Oklahoma's Landlord Tenant law, the differences between fair housing and landlord tenant issues, a primer on how to avoid predatory lending, and a panel presentation on homeownership and free credit report checks.

- **On April 19-20, in El Paso, TX**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management Karen Newton served as the conference's keynote speaker at the 2007 Border Fair Housing and Economic Justice's Predatory Lending Summit sponsored by HUD, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, State National Bank, the Texas Workforce Commission-Civil Rights Division, and Fannie Mae. FHEO Director Elise McConnell of HUD's Albuquerque office reviewed the Fair Housing Act with a special focus on advertising. FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Raily McDaniel of HUD's Albuquerque office staffed FHEO's information booth.
- **On April 20, in Austin, TX**, FHEO Region VI Director Garry Sweeney and FHEO Center Director Thurman Miles of HUD's Houston office made presentations at the annual Fair Housing Conference sponsored by the City of Austin and the FHIP-funded Austin Tenants' Council. Representatives from HUD's Regional Office of General Counsel also took part in presentations. HUD Region VI Director Cynthia Leon served as the conference's luncheon speaker.
- **On April 21, in New Orleans, LA**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Jan Kearney-King of HUD's New Orleans office participated in an all-day seminar entitled *Know Your Housing Rights* put on by the Fair Housing Action Center. The event focused on tenants rights; fair housing and the prohibited bases of discrimination; predatory lending; and the Accessibility FIRST design and construction needs.
- **On April 21, in Houston, TX**, FHEO Director J. Sue Tarver and Equal Opportunity Specialist Ada Raglin of HUD's Houston office served as panelists at the Gulf Coast Community Services Association's *Fair Housing Symposium*. They provided updates and answered questions pertaining to housing discrimination.
- **On April 24, in Odessa, TX**, Region VI FHEO Director Garry Sweeney gave a Fair Housing Month presentation at the Annual Conference of the Texas National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.
- **On April 25, in New Orleans, LA**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Jan Kearney-King of HUD's New Orleans office conducted a homebuyer's training class at the invitation of the Neighborhood Development Foundation (NDF). Ms. Kearney-King spoke to first time homebuyers about fair housing rights, privileges, and responsibilities as homeowners and about the significance of Fair Housing Month.
- **On April 26, in Baton Rouge, LA**, Program Compliance Branch Chief Linda Gordon and Equal Opportunity Specialist William Everette of HUD's New Orleans office participated in the Urban Restoration's Sixth Annual Fair Housing Summit. FHEO Director Bernadette Tyus had been involved in planning for the Summit.
- **On April 30, in Houston, TX**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick keynoted the 6th Annual Fair Housing Luncheon sponsored by the Greater Houston Fair Housing Center, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On May 2, in Shreveport, LA**, Region VI FHEO Director Garry Sweeney addressed the Louisiana Federation of Housing Counselors 2007 Spring Training Conference. He discussed the Fair Housing Act and its applicability to lending and predatory lending practices.

- **On May 17, in Tulsa, OK**, FHEO Center Director Thurman Miles of HUD's Ft. Worth office conducted training for staff of the Tulsa World Newspaper and the Greater Tulsa Board of Realtors. Mr. Miles had been invited during Fair Housing Month, but was scheduled for May. His topics were on *Discriminatory Advertising* and *Discrimination in Residential Real Estate Related Transactions*.

REGION VII

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On March 14, in Lincoln, NE**, FHEO Director Betty Bottiger of HUD's Omaha office attended a Proclamation Signing Ceremony. Kicking off the Fair Housing season in advance, the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) submitted an *April Is Fair Housing Month* proclamation to the Governor's office for signing by Governor David Heineman. NEOC is funded by HUD's Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP).
- **On March 26, in Omaha, NE**, Acting HUD Field Office Director Clifton Jones and FHEO Field Director Betty Bottiger of HUD's Omaha office attended the City of Omaha's observance of Fair Housing Month. Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey of Omaha signed a fair housing month proclamation in the Omaha Legislative Chambers at a meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities.
- **On April 3, in St. Louis, MO**, FHEO Director Ed Wartts of HUD's St. Louis office participated in the first Fair Housing Month event organized by the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA).
- **On April 4, in St. Louis, MO**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Frank Montgomery of HUD's St. Louis office took part in a WGNU-AM radio talk show, *Let's Get Wealthy*. Hosted by representatives of Wells Fargo Mortgage Company and 100 Black Men, the show celebrated Fair Housing Month with special attention to minority homeownership.
- **On April 11, from Kansas City, KS**, FHEO Civil Rights Analyst Malcolm Barnett of HUD's Kansas City office reported that, as it did last year, the Human Rights Commission of Dubuque, IA, has erected three Fair Housing Month billboards scheduled to stand throughout April. Dubuque Human Rights Commission Executive Director Kelly Larson explained that each had a different theme (sexual harassment, race discrimination, and rights of persons with disabilities), that the total cost was \$1,200, and that each was located on heavily traveled roads in sections of Dubuque (total population of 60,000 residents) which differ from one another in urban characteristics.
- **On April 12, in Sioux City, IA**, the City's Fair Housing Month proclamation signed by Mayor Craig Berenstein was presented to FPM Operations Analyst Krista Bowersox of HUD's Des Moines office by the Sioux City Human Rights Fair Housing Coordinator. The presentation took place during the Sioux City Human Rights Commission Fair Housing Assistance Program entitled *Housing Matters!* Ms. Bowersox extended HUD's Fair Housing Month greetings and touched on HUD's fair housing work in Sioux City in terms of the partnership between HUD's Des Moines staff and those working in housing in Sioux City.

- **On April 13, in Omaha, NE**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Kitty A. Amaya of HUD's Omaha office conducted fair housing education and outreach at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha. The Veterans Hospital serves disabled veterans as well as those still in the military returning from overseas.
- **On April 16, in Dubuque, IA**, HUD Region VII Director Bruce Ray thanked Dubuque Mayor Roy Buol and the Dubuque City Council when he accepted the Fair Housing Month proclamation signed by the Mayor during the City Council's meeting. Mr. Ray also met with the Mayor, the City Manager and their staff to discuss HUD issues and concerns relative to Dubuque.
- **On April 17, from Omaha, NE**, FHEO Field Director Betty Bottiger of HUD's Omaha office reported that Fair Housing Month proclamations were issued by the mayors of Des Moines, Ames, and Cedar Rapids during City Council meetings in their respective cities.
- **On April 17, in Kansas City, KS**, FHEO Region VII Director Myrtle Wilson extended Fair Housing Month greetings at the Kansas City Community Development Block Grant program at City Hall.
- **On April 20, in Jefferson City, MO**, FHEO Region VI Director Myrtle Wilson participated in the awards ceremony for the State winners of the Missouri Fair Housing Month essay and poster contest. The contest was statewide and sponsored by the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.
- **On April 25, in Kansas City, KS**, FHEO Region VII Director Myrtle Wilson and FHEO staff hosted a conference featuring workshops on Limited English Proficiency, Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plans, and disability as it relates to the Fair Housing Act. They also supplied training materials to housing providers, advocates, and those that administer federally funded programs and activities.
- **On April 28, in Kansas City, KS**, FHEO Enforcement Branch Chief Michele Green and Equal Opportunity Specialist Robert Brand of HUD's Kansas City office were Fair Housing Month guests on the weekly radio talk show, *Real Talk With Dave*, hosted by Dave Pleskac, a real estate agent who also hosts a TV talk show about real estate.
- **On April 28, in Junction City, KS**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Natasha Watson of HUD's Kansas City office gave a presentation to the Junction City Human Relations Commission. She covered the Fair Housing Act, predatory lending, and accessibility requirements.
- **On April 30, in Urbandale, IA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Cynthia Ferrell of HUD's Des Moines office participated in *HUD Owners and Managers' Essentials Training* with the Multi-Family Program Division of HUD's Des Moines office. Ms. Farrell gave a Fair Housing Act overview, explained the Title VIII Complaint process, and distribute FHEO materials.
- **On May 1, in Lincoln, NE**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick keynoted the 2007 Annual Fair Housing Conference organized by the City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. Besides delivering her Fair Housing Month address, Ms. Kendrick was honored during the conference's special evening dinner.

REGION VIII

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **By April 1, in Casper, WY,** Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal, mayors throughout Wyoming, and Native American Tribal Councils in Wyoming had received *Fair Housing Month Tool Kits*. In 2007, because a state fair housing law is under consideration by the Wyoming State Legislature, a special tool kit including information on the Fair Housing Assistance Program was delivered to state legislators.
- **Starting April 1, in Casper, WY,** FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger in collaboration with HUD Wyoming State Office Director Chris Stearns arranged for Fair Housing Month posters to be displayed and fair housing brochures made available at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital and VA Medical Centers.
- **On April 3, in Ogden, UT,** FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger joined Equal Opportunity Specialist Michele Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office at the Ogden City Council for the signing ceremony of a Fair Housing Month Proclamation by Mayor Matthew Godfrey and representatives of the Fair Housing Issues Committee of the City of Ogden.
- **On April 4, in Provo, UT,** FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger joined Equal Opportunity Specialist Michele Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office at the Provo City Council for the signing of a Fair Housing Month Proclamation by Mayor Lewis Billings. Other proclamations were planned for the Utah cities of Layton, St. George, and Orem.
- **On April 4, in Denver, CO,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Norbert Montano of HUD's Denver office made the first of two live appearances to discuss the 39th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and fair housing issues on KRNV 1150-AM radio, a local Spanish-language talk radio/news station.
- **On April 4, in Colorado Springs, CO,** FHEO Regional VIII Director Evelyn Meininger, HUD Region VIII Director John Carson, and Deputy Regional Director John Dibella addressed local fair housing concerns during a congressional briefing at the Colorado Springs Office of Representative Douglas Lamborn.
- **On April 4, in Pueblo, CO,** in collaboration with FHEO Denver Regional Director Evelyn Meininger, HUD Regional Director John Carson and Deputy Regional Director John Dibella of HUD's Denver office participated in a congressional briefing at the Pueblo Office of Representative John Salazar.
- **On April 4, in Logan City, UT,** FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Michelle Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office addressed approximately 275 Realtors at the Cache/Richfield County Realtors Association meeting regarding FHEO's enforcement efforts and the partnership with the Utah Anti-Discrimination and Labor Division, a FHAP agency serving all of Utah.
- **On April 9, in Mandan, ND,** FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger, in collaboration with North Dakota State Director Joel Manske of HUD's Fargo office, addressed assisted housing providers and local government officials regarding FHEO-conducted compliance reviews and the provisions of Section 504.

- **On April 10, in Bismarck, ND**, FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger of HUD's Denver office discussed Section 504 and HUD's Limited English Proficiency Guidance at a workshop organized by the North and South Dakota National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).
- **On April 10, in Denver, CO**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Norbert Montano of HUD's Denver office made the second of two appearances to discuss the 39th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, the complaint intake and enforcement process, and current fair housing issues on KRNV 1150-AM radio, a local Spanish-language talk radio/news station.
- **On April 18, in Denver, CO**, FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger joined HUD Regional Director John Carson and Deputy Regional Director John Dibella of HUD's Denver office during a Congressional Briefing at Representative Diana DeGette's Denver office.
- **On April 18, in Centennial, CO**, FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger participated in a Congressional Briefing in Representative Thomas Tancredo's local office. HUD Region VIII Director John Carson and Deputy Regional Director John Dibella joined Ms. Meininger as she discussed the Fair Housing Act and other FHEO responsibilities, the filing of fair housing complaints, and the partnership with the Colorado Civil Rights Division, a FHAP-funded agency.
- **On April 18, in Missoula, MT**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Lynece Gaines of HUD's Denver office conducted fair housing training for the Montana Association of Realtors. Attorney Advisor Matt Mussetter, also of HUD's Denver office, joined her.
- **On April 18, in Centennial, CO**, FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger joined HUD Regional Director John Carson and Deputy Regional Director John Dibella, both of HUD's Denver office, during a Congressional Briefing at Representative Thomas Tancredo's local office.
- **On April 18-20, in Longmont, CO**, FHEO Region VIII Director Evelyn Meininger of HUD's Denver office attended the three-day *Finding Common Ground Fair Housing Conference* sponsored by the Colorado Civil Rights Division.
- **On April 19, in Longmont, CO**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene served as the keynote speaker at the *Finding Common Ground Fair Housing Conference*.
- **On April 24, in Bismarck, ND**, the Denver FHEO office in collaboration with the North Dakota State Office and Fair Housing of the Dakotas participated in a *Fundamentals of Fair Housing* workshop. The workshop focused on the Fair Housing Act, complaint filing, reasonable accommodations and updated case law.
- **On or about April 25, in Denver, CO**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Norbert Montano of HUD's Denver office took part in a discussion on current fair housing issues on KRNV 1150-AM, a local Spanish-language talk radio/news station.
- **On April 25, in Salt Lake City, UT**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Michelle Hutchins of HUD's Salt Lake City office participated in the Annual Fair Housing Conference that is part of the Utah Apartment Associations Trade Show and Education Conference.

- **On April 26, in Denver, CO**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Annette Fields of HUD's Denver office offered Fair Housing Month greetings during the *Annual Bring Your Child to Work Day* and the day's culmination of Region VIII's Fair Housing Month Essay Contest.
- **On April 27, in Colorado Springs, Co**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Dolores A. Conde and Tina M. Rupp of HUD's Denver office provided a general overview of the Fair Housing Act to staff of the Housing Authority of the City of Colorado Springs.
- **On April 28 in Lakewood, CO**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Norbert Montana, Nannette Locke, and Lynece Gaines of HUD's Denver office in conjunction with HUD's Office of Native American Programs shared HUD's Fair Housing Message during the Colorado Pow Wow. They also focused on the Section 184 Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing, the Fair Housing Act and how to file complaints.

REGION IX

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On March 14, from San Francisco, CA**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman launched a Fair Housing Month initiative by requesting more than 120 Veterans Centers and VA offices in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada to help to publicize housing discrimination information among the veterans they serve. Mr. Hauptman offered the outreach services of Region IX FHEO staff to VA clients and staff to educate them about fair housing rights and method for filing housing discrimination complaints.
- **On April 1 and throughout April, in Southern California**, newspapers expected to publish Fair Housing Month articles and notices. On March 25, the *Orange County Register* published its first article, "Council Celebrates April as Fair Housing Month," in that newspaper's series of articles.
- **On April 2, in Honolulu, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office carried HUD's Fair Housing Month message when he provided training for Hawaiian Properties, Ltd. The training was jointly conducted with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, a FHAP-funded agency.
- **On April 3, in San José, CA**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman was a special guest and speaker at the San Jose City Council meeting during which Mayor Chuck Reed signed a proclamation designating April 2007 as Fair Housing Month.
- **On April 4, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Region IX Director Chuck Hauptman joined HUD Region IX Director Richard Rainey in a live, Internet-based roundtable discussion sponsored by the California Disability Community Action Network (CDCAN) on issues related to affordable and accessible housing for people with disabilities, seniors, public housing and Section 8 and other HUD-related projects.
- **On April 4, in Honolulu, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office conducted fair housing training for housing providers. This training was held in conjunction with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, a FHIP-funded agency.

- **On April 5, in San Rafael, CA**, FHEO Region IX Director Chuck Hauptman served as a speaker during the Marin County Fair Housing poster contest award celebration sponsored by Fair Housing of Marin, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On April 5, in Honolulu, HI**, at the Hawaii State Capitol, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office represented HUD at the State of Hawaii's celebration of Fair Housing Month. Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle and Lieutenant Governor James R. Duke Aiona, Jr. issued a Fair Housing Month proclamation.
- **On April 5-30, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Region IX arranged for the 14 winning entries of the fair housing poster contests to be displayed throughout HUD's San Francisco Office. Fair Housing of Marin County, a FHIP-funded agency, organized the contest.
- **On April 11, in Phoenix, AZ**, FHEO Region IX Director Chuck Hauptman and FHEO Center Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office participated in the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership's 2007 Workshop, *Fair Housing in the Trenches*.
- **On April 12, in San Francisco, CA**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman made a presentation to Swords to Plowshares, a nonprofit organization that provides services to disabled veterans.
- **On April 12 in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Lead Equal Opportunity Specialist David Philipson of HUD's Sacramento office spoke at a regional briefing for prospective applicants for Section 202 or 811 funding under the 2007 SuperNOFA.
- **On April 12-13, in Honolulu, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office was a presenter at two separate Fair Housing Month Workshops sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Community Services. He provided an overview of fair housing laws with special focus on disability discrimination, reasonable accommodations and modifications, and familial status discrimination.
- **On April 13, in Palo Alto, CA**, FHEO Intake Branch Chief Paul E. Smith of HUD's San Francisco office moderated a workshop on reasonable accommodation requests at the Project Sentinel Annual Fair Housing Month Conference.
- **On April 16, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialists Linda Creel and Josie Cantero of HUD's San Francisco office answered questions from the public and distributed fair housing materials in Region IX's federal building.
- **On April 16, from Los Angeles, CA**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief David Acevedo shared with FHEO HQ digital copies of the new Fair Housing Month ads appearing in the *Los Angeles Times*. Mr. Acevedo and an LA Times representative co-chair the Southern California Fair Housing Advertising Task Force comprised of advertising and marketing professionals, fair housing advocates, and building and governmental officials. The Task Force's goal is to educate all housing-related industries, media groups, and the general public about federal and state Fair Housing Laws and guidelines to prevent housing discrimination. During Fair Housing Month 2007, the *LA Times* and *San Diego Union Tribune* ran four fair housing ads in their newspapers. Displaying HUD's Fair Housing message, *Fair Housing: It's Not an*

Option, It's the Law, the ads touched on various subjects including service animals, persons with accents, and African-American and Hispanic families. To coincide with April Fair Housing Month celebrations, the Taskforce debuted one of three five-minute DVDs, the first, on accessibility, the second, on sexual harassment, and the third, on familial status. The first video was viewed at the Annual Housing Rights Summit sponsored by the *LA Times*.

- **On April 16-30, in Metropolitan San Francisco**, FHEO Education and Outreach Specialists Josie Cantero and Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office held an essay contest for fifth graders of two Bay Area schools.
- **On April 17, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Program Compliance Branch Chief Jeff Jackson spoke at the Office of Housing Quarterly Industry Meeting.
- **On April 18, in Reno, NV**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Rosalind Yeater of HUD's San Francisco office provided fair housing training for the Northern Nevada Apartment Association.
- **On April 18, in San José, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Carol Joseph and Administrative Secretary Christina Gillette of HUD's San Francisco office staffed a Fair Housing Month information table, hosted by the City, at the City Hall's public information area.
- **On April 19, in Woodland, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office served as a presenter at a public fair housing training program cosponsored by the Yolo County Housing Authority, the City of Woodland, and the Fair Housing Hotline Project of Legal Services of Northern California.
- **On April 19, in Honolulu, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office was a presenter at training sponsored by the Honolulu Board of Realtors. The training provided Realtors, brokers, and other real estate professionals an overview of fair housing laws with special emphasis on familial status, disability and reasonable accommodations, and modifications.
- **On April 20, in Palm Springs, CA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick delivered a Fair Housing Month keynote address at a conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County (CA). FHEO Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office, Enforcement Branch Chief Ralph L. Douglass, and Equal Opportunity Specialists Jerry Cullinen, Hilda Andrade, and Yvonne Marte of HUD's Santa Ana office staffed a HUD booth to distribute fair housing materials and answer questions from the attendees.
- **On April 20, in Palm Springs, CA**, Enforcement Branch Chief Ralph Douglass and Equal Opportunity Specialists Jerry Cullinen and Yvonne Marté of the FHEO Santa Ana Office organized and staffed a fair housing display and information booth during the conference sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County.
- **On April 20, in Kahului, Maui, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office gave the fair housing perspective on *Dealing Fairly and Equally with Difficult Tenants* at a conference for landlords and tenants sponsored by the Department of Housing and Human Concerns for the County of Maui.

- **On April 23, in Auburn, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist David Philipson of HUD's San Francisco office made a presentation to staff of the Veterans Administration's Sierra Foothills Community Based Outpatient Clinic. The Clinic provides health care to veterans and has 18 doctors, nurses and other health care professionals. The purpose of Mr. Philipson's presentation was to train the Clinic staff so that they can advise their patients on their fair housing rights and how to file housing discrimination complaints.
- **On April 24, in Lihue, Kauai, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office served as a presenter at the Fair Housing Workshop sponsored by the Kauai County Housing Agency. The training provided an overview of the Fair Housing Act and related fair housing laws.
- **On April 24, in San Francisco, CA**, Region IX FHEO Director Chuck Hauptman participated in a ceremony at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in which a Fair Housing Month Award was presented to Shirley Carper by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Ms. Carper was the complainant in a case settled last year for \$1 million by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, a FHAP-funded agency.
- **On April 25, in Hilo, Hawaii**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office conducted training for the Hawaii Office of Housing and Community Development. Designed for real estate professionals, the training was held in conjunction with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On April 25, in Oceanside, CA**, FHEO Program Center Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office facilitated a round-table training session on *Fair Housing—the Regulatory Presumption of Compliance*. Mr. Quezada shared examples of how and when a HUD-funded grantee's presumption of compliance ends and requires FHEO to seek corrective measures or action from a grantee. Representatives from CDBG Entitlement Communities, Housing Authorities, the Fair Housing Resource Board, and non-profit fair housing organizations attended.
- **On April 26, in Fresno, CA**, FHEO Intake Branch Chief Paul Smith of HUD's San Francisco office spoke at a workshop on current developments in fair housing at the Fair Housing Council of Central California's Annual Fair Housing Month Conference.
- **On April 26, in Redding, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office served as a panelist at a fair housing training cosponsored by the Shasta Fair Housing Alliance, City of Redding, County of Shasta, and Fair Housing Hotline Project of Legal Services of Northern California.
- **On April 26, in Kona, HI**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Jelani Madaraka of HUD's Honolulu office conducted training for the Hawaii Office of Housing and Community Development. The training was designed for real estate professionals and jointly held with the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, a FHAP-funded agency, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, a FHIP-funded agency.
- **On April 27, in Los Angeles, CA**, FHEO Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office led a workshop for the Southern California Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) during its annual

conference in Palm Springs. The NAHRO Chapter requested that the workshop focus on the *Do's and Don'ts of Fair Housing for a Public Housing Authority*.

- **On May 3, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Region IX Director Chuck Hauptman and Intake Branch Chief Paul Smith of HUD's San Francisco office hosted a training session in conjunction with Protection & Advocacy, a legal aid group. In observance of Fair Housing Month, the training focused on improving the skills needed to handle the special challenges sometimes encountered by FHEO staff during interactions with clients affected by mental disabilities. The training was broadcast to FHEO offices region-wide.
- **On May 9, in Corona, CA**, FHEO Center Director David Quezada of HUD's Los Angeles office, together with support and representation from FPM staff of HUD's Santa Ana Office, conducted a "Housing Clinic" at the Veteran's Administration's Veteran Center. In response to an FHEO outreach campaign initiated at the outset of Region IX's Fair Housing Month activities, the Corona Veterans Center Manager reported to FHEO that veterans in Corona have experienced housing discrimination and that creditors have put some veterans in default, even when on active duty overseas. The clinic was to inform and assist veterans to better understand their fair housing rights as well as their related rights and responsibilities under the Soldier's Relief Act. During the clinic, information was distributed and one-on-one counseling was available to each veteran.
- **On May 10, from San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Equal Opportunity Specialist Josie Cantero of HUD's San Francisco office reported that Fair Housing Month proclamations had been issued in the California cities of Bakersfield, Burbank, Encinitas, Hawaiian Gardens, Paramount, and Vista.
- **On May 30, in San Francisco, CA**, FHEO Region IX Director Chuck Hauptman and Equal Opportunity Specialist Willard McClure of HUD's San Francisco office presented awards and certificates of appreciation to Gabrielle Santos, the winner, and Edward Guzman, the runner-up, and the other 12 students of Mr. Ryan Yee's fifth grade class at Monroe Elementary School who participated in the Fair Housing Month Essay Contest.

REGION X

2007 FAIR HOUSING MONTH ACTIVITIES

- **On April 9, from Boise, ID**, FPM Operations Specialist Brian Dale of HUD's Boise office reported that 16 Fair Housing proclamations had been issued either by the State of Idaho or its local jurisdictions and received by his office.
- **On April 12, in Tacoma, WA**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker at a Fair Housing Month Conference, *Building the Foundation for Fair Housing*, cosponsored by the City of Tacoma and the Fair Housing Center of Washington. FHEO Region X Director Judith Keeler and Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Andrew Tarver of the Seattle office made workshop presentations.
- **On April 16, in Portland, OR**, Assistant Secretary Kim Kendrick was the keynote speaker at the Fair Housing Month luncheon sponsored by the Portland Metropolitan

Association of Realtors. Prior to the luncheon, FHEO Region X staff conducted training for industry and advocacy representatives.

- **On April 18, in Spokane, WA**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Bryan Greene was the keynote speaker at the Spokane Fair Housing Month Conference.
- **On April 18, in Anchorage, AK**, FHEO Region X Director Judith Keeler conducted a session on fair housing and civil rights requirements for area providers of housing for the homeless on Section 504 requirements.
- **On April 19, in Anchorage, AK**, FHEO Region X Director Judith Keeler brought HUD's Fair Housing Month message to a Section 504 training workshop for local managers of multifamily affordable housing sponsored by the Washington Housing Management Association.
- **On April 20, in Anchorage, AK**, FHEO Region X Director Judith Keeler provided Section 504 training.
- **On April 25, in Pocatello, ID**, FHEO Region X Director Judith Keeler and Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist Andrew Tarver of HUD's Seattle office made presentations on affirmative fair housing marketing, reasonable accommodation, and lending and predatory lending during Pocatello's Fair Housing Month observance.
- **On May 2, from Boise, ID**, FPM Operations Specialist Brian Dale of HUD's Boise office reported that 78 Fair Housing Month proclamations had been collected from the State of Idaho and from jurisdictions within Idaho. Because of the length of the list, an electronic file is attached.