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HCS-9902 Instructions Quick Reference Guide updated:

The HUD Office of Housing Counseling has updated the HCS-9902 Instructions Quick Reference Guide. Updates include new screen shots on how to make agency changes, who to contact at the Office of Housing Counseling for technical advice, and the new enhancement look to the HUD-9902 activity report.

You can view the updated guide online at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC_HCSINST111312.PDF Please direct any questions to your HUD Point of Contact of housing.counseling@hud.gov

AND

Justice Department Settles Allegations of Disability Discrimination Against the City of St. Peters, Mo.:

The Justice Department announced today that the city of St. Peters, Mo. will pay \$80,000 and make changes to its zoning laws to settle a lawsuit alleging that the city violated the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when it denied a zoning request to operate a group home for four women with intellectual disabilities. The lawsuit is part of the Justice Department's continuing effort to enforce civil rights laws that require states and municipalities to end discrimination against, and unnecessary segregation of, persons with disabilities. Read the press release at: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2013/August/13-crt-876.html>

Housing Counselors can visit the Department of Justice Briefing room for more News about Fair Housing and Civil Rights: <http://www.justice.gov/briefing-room.html>

AND

Webinar: Helping Your Clients Find Location Affordability:

August 15, 2013 - Webinar: Helping Your Clients Find Location Affordability. Sponsored by HUD's Housing and Transportation Affordability Initiative. Affordable housing isn't

just about what a household pays in rent or for their mortgage. It's also about where they live and how that impacts their transportation costs. Counselors play a critical role in educating clients about the issues they need to consider when looking for a place to live. You know that housing costs are the highest budget item for most low- to moderate-income families; what you may not know is that transportation costs are a close second. This means transportation costs are rarely considered when a family is deciding where to live; yet, these costs play a crucial role in the affordability of a home. The Location Affordability Index (LAI) and My Transportation Cost Calculator (MTCC) provide counselors and their clients the information they need to make informed decisions about where to live by providing key data on combined housing and transportation costs in their neighborhoods. This Webinar will explain how combined housing and transportation costs impact your clients and how you can use HUD's new tools to help your clients find affordable housing. The webinar will demonstrate the LAI and MTCC and highlight other resources available on the Location Affordability Portal and feature practitioners using similar tools in their community. For more information, please contact Anna Cruz at (301) 828-1521 or email at: acruz@manhattanstrategy.com

Register online today at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8312928382755571712>

Bulk subscriptions:

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aaa@xyz.com

bbb@xyz.com

ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to:

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If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv

they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit:

<http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at:

<http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to:

<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on

"Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

HUD Housing Counseling: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

“The Bridge” is the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter; read archived issues on-line at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_bridge

Housing Counseling Listserv archive:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_msg

Events & Training Calendar:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster

Foreclosure Assistance:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

Freddie Mac Housing Professionals Resource

Center: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/>

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<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!