



December 16, 2021 News & Updates from the Chicago Rehab Network

UPDATES FROM CRN

Be a leader for affordable housing! The Empowerment Series Continues in January

The 2021-2022 Community Development and Empowerment Series continues next month with Single Family Housing Development taught by Teresa Prim, President of the Prim Lawrence Group and Linda Greene, Director of Neighborhood Housing Services Redevelopment Corporation. The process of developing single



family housing will be discussed both in terms of the technical skills involved, and in terms of maximizing production to meet community needs. Assembling the development team, acquiring property, securing financing, and marketing will be examined in detail. The class will be broken into four days: Wednesday January 19 2pm-5pm, Friday January 21 2pm-5pm, Wednesday January 26 2pm-5pm, and Friday January 28 2pm-4:30pm.

REGISTER

Join us in Welcoming Terrhonda Hudson

We are excited to announce an addition to our staff! Terrhonda Hudson joined CRN at the beginning of December to help build capacity and grow outreach across our programming. Terrhonda is the owner of Hudson Consulting LLC, which helps organizations extend their reach into communities by creating opportunities, leveraging resources, creating partnerships through events and community engagement, marketing, public relations, and all media outlets. Terrhonda has had the privilege of working closely with many communities' advocacy groups and organizations such as the Far South Chicago Coalition, Chicago Action Council and CPD 5th District Advisory Committee and other community-based organizations throughout the city.



She chairs the Housing Committee as an advisory board member of the Far South Chicago Coalition which has partnered with LISC to create the Quality-of-Life Plan for the south side of Chicago. Prior to owning Hudson Consulting LLC, Terrhonda worked at Mercy Housing Lakefront, who provides affordable housing at 52 properties across the Midwest region: Illinois, Indian and Wisconsin. During her four years as the Events and Volunteer Coordinator, Terrhonda planned events and managed volunteers for the entire region, supervising over 300 volunteers each year and planning the organization's two largest fundraising events. She has also worked with Chicago's LGBTQ community at Alexian Brothers Housing

and Health Alliance (Bonaventure House), which provides housing for individuals who were homeless and living with HIV/AIDS. Terrhonda's nonprofit experience has also included two terms as an AmeriCorps VISTA member with Habitat for Humanity Chicago South Suburbs and as a Resource Development Coordinator with SouthSTAR Services.

In additional to her professional experience, Terrhonda has a heart for the homeless population and the continued desire to help individuals and families who are in need through personal donations and volunteer service. She is a resident of the Roseland community along with her husband and son. Welcome aboard, Terrhonda!

Take the Appraisal Incident Survey

Did you receive a home appraisal during the purchase, sale, or refinancing of your home that came in much lower than you expected? Did you encounter outright or subtle discrimination in the process of your home appraisal? You are not alone. Many families across the country have faced similar experiences, resulting in the significant devaluation of homes and neighborhoods of color.

CRN's Appraisal Equity Task Force is committed to establishing leadership and policies to address decades of undervaluation that have hindered wealth attainment in communities of color. Historically-redlined communities in Chicago have been systemically denied access to insurance, fair financing, and banking services which, in concert with biased appraisals, have resulted in a loss of household and community wealth and spending power. Our work is addressing improvements to protect consumers, reform of the appraisal system, and reparations for impacted neighborhoods and residents. Learn more and take the survey.

Affordable Housing Fact Sheets Show Trends Around Chicago

Citywide Affordable Housing Fact Sheets are out now! Broken down by all 50 wards and all 77 community areas, CRN's Fact Sheets show changes in population, demographics, housing costs, and more throughout the city. Explore the Fact Sheets here.



NEWS & RESOURCES

Lightfoot and DOH Announce Largest Affordable Housing Investment in Chicago History

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and Chicago Department of Housing (DOH) Commissioner Marisa Novara joined City and community leaders to announce more than \$1 billion in affordable housing. DOH is more than doubling developments awarded and units built over the 2019 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) round: 11 developments, 1,083 units, and \$398 million in 2019 vs. 24 developments, 2,428 units, and \$1 billion in 2021. CRN congratulates Mayor Lightfoot and DOH on this step, as the range and scope of proposed developments demonstrates both the City's capacity and vision as well as the diversity of partners needed to make affordable housing for the foundation of an equitable city. Read more about the plan.

City Council Approves Affordable Development Near O'Hare

Despite opposition from 41st Ward Ald. Anthony Napolitano, City Council approved a Far Northwest Side 297-unit development that will include 20% affordable housing following a vote to advance the project by the Zoning Committee. Glenstar Properties first presented plans for the site at 8535 W. Higgins Road on the border of the city and Park Ridge in 2016. The move represented a rare decision not to defer to aldermanic prerogative and was passed by a 33-13 vote. Read more.



Applications Now Open For Nearly \$300 Million in Additional COVID-19 Emergency Assistance

The reopening of the Illinois Rental Payment will provide an additional \$297 million to renters and landlords in an effort to prevent evictions and keep families safe and secure while they regain their financial footing. It is the third major housing relief initiative in response to the pandemic in Illinois. Applications will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, at illinoishousinghelp.org. IHDA will begin processing applications as they are submitted, and money from this round will begin to be distributed to approved Illinoisans before the end of the calendar year. The

additional ILRPP funding is expected to assist more than 32,500 Illinois households.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program Deadline is This Week

Another round of Chicago's Emergency Rental Assistance Program will end at 11:59pm on Saturday, December 18. To be eligible, applicants must meet certain criteria, including experiencing a reduction in household income, incurring significant costs, and/or experiencing other financial hardship during the pandemic, being at risk of housing instability, and making below a certain income level. Find out more and apply.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Job Openings at POAH and Bickerdike

POAH is seeking a Chicago-based Project Manager to join its Real Estate Development team. With the oversight and support of one of POAH's senior development team members, project managers oversee two or more developments simultaneously, participating in project 'life' from acquisition to completion of construction and lease-up, including financial analysis, design and construction, and transfer of the completed project to the property management function. Find out more.

Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation is seeking someone to fill the role of Asset Manager II. The Asset Manager II plays a central role in asset management pertaining to the organization's real estate holdings, including budgeting, financial analysis, capital planning, property tax management, subsidy rental coordination and commercial facility management. They will work in conjunction with the Asset Management Director to keep apprised of and participate in as appropriate, the asset management of Bickerdike's real estate holdings. Find out more.

Claretian Associates and POAH Celebrate Opening of The Salud Center

The South Chicago SALUD Center is a joint development of Claretian Associates and Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH). In 2017, both organizations partnered to purchase the former South Chicago YMCA. This Saturday, help celebrate its opening--event details below:



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About CRN

For over 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.



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