



January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year Manitoba Non Profit Housing Providers

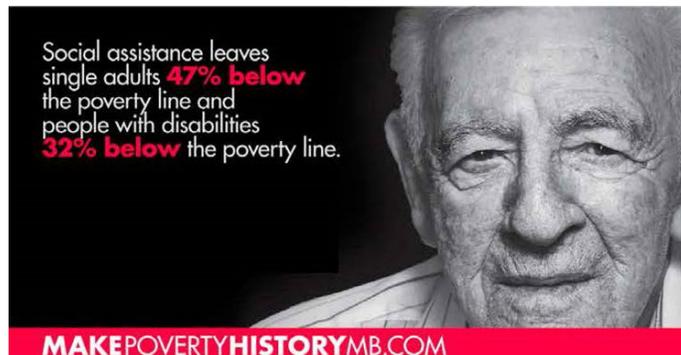
The Board and staff of MNPHA want to extend their appreciation for your support over the past year and look forward to assisting our members and promoting non-profit housing for Manitobans throughout the coming year.

The 2016 MNPHA Conference in November was excellent! It was great to see and speak with many of you! Your support and participation are valuable and foundational to the success of MNPHA. Thank you.

MNPHA is working on a schedule of training and networking opportunities for 2017 and these will be available to you in the very near future. It is particularly exciting that MNPHA will be offering workshops in Brandon and Thompson in April. We heard you say that you wanted training available closer to home and so we are planning to bring MNPHA to you! We will be in Brandon from April 6 to 8 and in Thompson from April 20 to 22. Save the dates now and watch your email for details in the next few weeks.

Make Poverty History - Manitoba Rally January 6

To mark the end of the 12 Days of Christmas, a rally is being held on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature on Friday, January 6 from 12:15 - 1:00 PM.



Participants are being asked to bring one of the following items that will be distributed to families in need.

Cutlery

Toilet Paper

Deodorant

Tampons and Pads

Socks

Chapstick

Bus Tickets

Razors

Every day over the 12 days of Christmas (December 25 to January 5), Manitobans on EIA have been sending Premier Brian Pallister video messages about what they would like for Christmas. Make Poverty History Manitoba is reminding the Premier that all Manitobans on EIA want for Christmas is to meet their basic needs year round. The money they get on EIA is not enough to cover even basic necessities like toilet paper, bus tickets or cutlery. Each video tells a powerful message, in which participants tell Pallister about basic needs they cannot afford and explain what it is like to survive on an EIA income.

[Watch the video series.](#)



Red Tape Reduction - Your Suggestions Needed

The Province has created a Red Tape Reduction Task Force for non-profit agencies in Manitoba and MNPFA has been invited to provide input.

MNPFA Executive Director Rhonda Lorch will be attending a meeting with MLA Janice Morley-Lecomte on **February 1**.

Participants are being asked to look at their own agencies and identify areas where there is red tape. The information will then be compiled and presented to Minister Friesen and his department for further revision.

The Task Force describes Red tape as 'excessive regulation or rigid conformity to formal rules that is considered redundant or bureaucratic and hinders or prevents action or decision-making.'

Please forward any suggestions or comments you would like Rhonda to relay to the task force. You can reach her [email](#) or by phone at 204-797-6746 or toll-free at 1-844-799-6746.

Professional Property Managers - RTB Workshop Series

The Professional Property Managers Association (PPMA) in cooperation with the Residential Tenancies Branch (RTB) is offering a series of eight workshops on a variety of issues related to property management.

Location: Masonic Temple, 420 Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg
When: Friday mornings beginning January 13

The sessions are open to non-PPMA members at a cost of \$10 per session. Advance registration is required at least three days in advance of a given workshop.

[Click HERE to access](#) a list of workshop dates and topics as well as information on how to register.

Mayors' Forum

Representatives from six Manitoba municipalities participated in the Mayors' Forum held at the recent Building Partnerships Conference. From comments heard at the conference as well as from the feedback survey conducted, the event was well received.



Bailey Hildebrand-Russel, an intern with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives attended the session and has compiled a summary of the discussion.

"Cities and towns across the province" she says "are learning to work with their individual economic climates to deal with housing needs."

[Read the full report here.](#)

EOA Update

It was also inspiring to see so many of you attend the EOA workshops in September and October 2016. We welcome your feedback and in the near future you will see a survey come to your inbox. We would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to fill it out and send it back. We want to know how to best serve non-profit housing providers in Manitoba!

Now, let's talk about what services MNPFA can offer to you as you approach the expiry of your operating agreement. Donna Whyte Watts, Social Housing Consultant has been engaged by MNPFA to work with housing providers (boards and staff) as a guide in navigating and planning for EOA. Let her 30 years of experience in social housing and navigating change help you plan and prepare for your EOA!

Donna is available to speak with and meet with boards and staff to discuss questions or concerns you may have about your organization's EOA, to help you plan and navigate the process and to link you to resources and information. She is currently scheduling onsite appointments for the months of January and February 2017. Let your organization be in the schedule! Her contact information - Mobile: 204-489-9024 Email: eoamnpfa.com

Donna has prepared a document - **Pillars, Considerations and Steps**. It is an overview of key points and considerations that come into play with the end of an operating agreement. You can find it on the [MNPFA website](#). When Donna meets with you onsite, she will review the document with you and it will serve as part of your guide to EOA.

There are also other valuable [resources](#) posted on the MNPFA website that were part

of Donna's presentation on Tools and Resources to Support Planning for End of Operating Agreement at the Conference in November. You are encouraged to stop in and take a look.

Once again, here's how to contact Donna:

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[Text Link](#)

Build Your Housing Knowledge with On-line Course from Chartered Institute of Housing

CIH offers a range of courses that cover the many aspects of managing and operating housing in Canada.

Courses are available for those just starting their professional housing career and/or working front-line positions as well as more experienced housing professionals in senior leadership positions.

For more information, visit the [CIH website](#).

