

6.0	<p>PHA Plan Update</p> <p>(a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission: There have been no significant changes to the PHA Plan elements since our last Annual Plan submission.</p> <p>(b) Identify the specific location(s) where the public may obtain copies of the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. For a complete list of PHA Plan elements, see Section 6.0 of the instructions. The public may view the 5-Year and Annual Plan during normal business hours at the office of the Ladysmith Housing Authority located at 705 E. 4th St. S., Ladysmith, WI 54848.</p> <p>The following documents are also available for review: 1. Admissions and Occupancy Policy; 2. Financial Resources; 3. Rent Determination Policies; 4. Policies and Procedures regarding the rules, standards of the governing maintenance and management of LHA properties including the Lease Agreement as well as the Pest Control and Smoking Policy; 5. The LHA Grievance Procedures; 6. Designated Housing for Elderly/Disabled; 7. Community Service; 8. Safety and Crime Prevention; 9. Pet Policy; 10. Civil Rights Certification; 11. Audits for most recent and past fiscal years; 12. Asset Management; 13. Violence Against Women Act Policy</p>
7.0	<p>Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers. <i>Include statements related to these programs as applicable.</i> Not applicable to the LHA</p>
8.0	<p>Capital Improvements. Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable.</p>
8.1	<p>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. As part of the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i>, form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing. See Attachment WI111a01</p>
8.2	<p>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan. As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i>, form HUD-50075.2, and subsequent annual updates (on a rolling basis, e.g., drop current year, and add latest year for a five year period). Large capital items must be included in the Five-Year Action Plan. See Attachment WI111a02</p>
8.3	<p>Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP). <input type="checkbox"/> Check if the PHA proposes to use any portion of its Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements.</p>

9.0	<p>Housing Needs. Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location.</p> <p>The Ladysmith Housing Authority is located in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. This is a small rural community. The City of Ladysmith has a population of approximately 4000. The City is the county seat of Rusk County which has a population of approximately 15000. One of the significant facts about the area is that it is one of the poorest counties in the state of Wisconsin based on per capita income. Rusk County also typically has one of the highest unemployment rates in the State. On Labor Day 2002 Ladysmith was struck by an F3 tornado. This storm severely damaged or destroyed much of the downtown area and a large residential area as well. As a result of the storm, the community lost approximately 40 rental units that catered to lower income families and individuals. There was also some job loss due to some businesses that did not come back after the storm. The storm exacerbated the already economically depressed situation. The storm had a significant impact on the declining population trend in the area. Young people and families with children have been and continue to leave the area for better job opportunities. As a result the local school districts are also facing declining enrollment. The resulting smaller property tax base has placed a significant tax burden on local property owners and on the school districts trying to provide a quality education for its children with not enough funds. Several school districts in the area are in the process of consolidation and some smaller rural schools have even closed. Based on these facts, there is a significant number of families that are moving out of the area to seek better paying jobs and less of a property tax burden. As a result, the population in Ladysmith and Rusk County tends to be older. This reflects directly on the housing situation. The families with children that remain tend to fall into the low, very low and extremely low income category. The Ladysmith Housing Authority is one of four agencies in the area that provides low income PIH family housing. We have 20 family units consisting of 8 two bedroom, 6 three bedroom, 4 four bedroom and 2 five bedroom units. All of the LHA units are located within the city limits of Ladysmith. Greenwood Apartments in Ladysmith also have family units but they are 2 bedroom units so can only serve smaller families. The Rusk County Housing Authority manages 15 housing vouchers but the vouchers are part of a federal grant and the program is only scheduled to run for 2 years. The Bruce Housing Authority in Bruce, Wisconsin has 45 units, 5 of which are for families. Privately owned rental properties are available in the community but fair market rent rates tend to make many of those units unaffordable for many families.</p> <p>There is a very small minority population in the City of Ladysmith. In the past the LHA has served 2 families who identify themselves as African American. The LHA currently serves 2 families who identify themselves as Hispanic.</p> <p>The situation for elderly and disabled low income individuals and couples is somewhat brighter. In addition to the 20 units the LHA have that are designated for elderly/disabled, the Rusk County Housing Authority manages units in Ladysmith and several other small communities in the county. The Bruce Housing Authority in Bruce, Wisconsin has 40 units available. There are also 2 assisted living facilities in Ladysmith as well as 2 Nursing Homes. However, one of the Nursing Homes is facing financial difficulties and will quite possibly close in the near future, displacing about 50 of its residents.</p> <p>It is evident that the housing need lies in serving families in the area. The Ladysmith Housing Authority does not have the financial ability to build or purchase additional family rental properties and as a result the waiting list for families is fairly long and the time that families need to wait for assistance can be as long as 3 years. While the housing situation for elderly and disabled persons is somewhat better, the aging of the population will make the future of low income housing for this group an even greater priority for the Ladysmith Housing Authority and other agencies.</p>
9.1	<p>Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. Note: Small, Section 8 only, and High Performing PHAs complete only for Annual Plan submission with the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>The Ladysmith Housing Authority provides information to applicants regarding waiting list time. It is difficult to develop a strategy to assist those on the waiting list due to the limited resources available to the LHA. The LHA does provide information to applicants regarding other options available to them such as applying with Indianhead Community Action Agency for a voucher and with Greenwood Apartments. In addition, the LHA provides information regarding first time home buyer programs to those applicants with appropriate income. The real estate market is such in the area that sometimes home ownership is an option for those applicants who qualify for assistance with down payments and other low interest programs currently offered through FHA, the VA and other government agencies.</p>
10.0	<p>Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.</p> <p>(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. Provide a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>The Ladysmith Housing Authority has used its available Capital Funds to renovate and modernize its units as identified in its most recent Needs Assessment and Energy Audit. Some of the improvements include new Energy Star furnaces in all family units in the past 3 years, new roofs on all units, Energy Star hot water heaters in all family units, increased insulation in the attics of all family units and insulation in the attic area of its elderly/disabled apartment building. The LHA has also installed new carpeting and a new boiler system in its elderly/disabled apartment building. These physical improvements help the LHA to continue to provide quality housing for its tenants. The LHA's involvement in community activities as described in section 5.2 highlight the efforts of the LHA to continually improve the quality of life for its tenants and the community as a whole.</p> <p>(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification"</p> <p>The Ladysmith Housing Authority has not significantly amended, deviated or modified its goals and objectives in the past 5 years.</p>

11.0	<p>Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-50075), PHAs must submit the following documents. Items (a) through (g) may be submitted with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures, but electronic submission is encouraged. Items (h) through (i) must be attached electronically with the PHA Plan. Note: Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Form HUD-50077, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i> (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights)(b) Form HUD-50070, <i>Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)(c) Form HUD-50071, <i>Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)(d) Form SF-LLL, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)(e) Form SF-LLL-A, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)(f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. Comments received from the RAB must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.(g) Challenged Elements(h) Form HUD-50075.1, <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)(i) Form HUD-50075.2, <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
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This information collection is authorized by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which added a new section 5A to the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended, which introduced 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans. The 5-Year and Annual PHA plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission and strategies for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families. This form is to be used by all PHA types for submission of the 5-Year and Annual Plans to HUD. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 12.68 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. HUD may not collect this information, and respondents are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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Instructions form HUD-50075

Applicability. This form is to be used by all Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2008 for the submission of their 5-Year and Annual Plan in accordance with 24 CFR Part 903. The previous version may be used only through April 30, 2008.

1.0 PHA Information

Include the full PHA name, PHA code, PHA type, and PHA Fiscal Year Beginning (MM/YYYY).

2.0 Inventory

Under each program, enter the number of Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Public Housing (PH) and Section 8 units (HCV).

3.0 Submission Type

Indicate whether this submission is for an Annual and Five Year Plan, Annual Plan only, or 5-Year Plan only.

4.0 PHA Consortia

Check box if submitting a Joint PHA Plan and complete the table.

5.0 Five-Year Plan

Identify the PHA's Mission, Goals and/or Objectives (24 CFR 903.6). Complete only at 5-Year update.

5.1 Mission. A statement of the mission of the public housing agency for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families in the jurisdiction of the PHA during the years covered under the plan.

5.2 Goals and Objectives. Identify quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.

6.0 PHA Plan Update. In addition to the items captured in the Plan template, PHAs must have the elements listed below readily available to the public. Additionally, a PHA must:

- (a) Identify specifically which plan elements have been revised since the PHA's prior plan submission.
- (b) Identify where the 5-Year and Annual Plan may be obtained by the public. At a minimum, PHAs must post PHA Plans, including updates, at each Asset Management Project (AMP) and main office or central office of the PHA. PHAs are strongly encouraged to post complete PHA Plans on its official website. PHAs are also encouraged to provide each resident council a copy of its 5-Year and Annual Plan.

PHA Plan Elements. (24 CFR 903.7)

1. **Eligibility, Selection and Admissions Policies, including Deconcentration and Wait List Procedures.** Describe the PHA's policies that govern resident or tenant eligibility, selection and admission including admission preferences for both public housing and HCV and unit assignment policies for public housing; and procedures for maintaining waiting lists for admission to public housing and address any site-based waiting lists.

2. **Financial Resources.** A statement of financial resources, including a listing by general categories, of the PHA's anticipated resources, such as PHA Operating, Capital and other anticipated Federal resources available to the PHA, as well as tenant rents and other income available to support public housing or tenant-based assistance. The statement also should include the non-Federal sources of funds supporting each Federal program, and state the planned use for the resources.
3. **Rent Determination.** A statement of the policies of the PHA governing rents charged for public housing and HCV dwelling units.
4. **Operation and Management.** A statement of the rules, standards, and policies of the PHA governing maintenance management of housing owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency (which shall include measures necessary for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation, including cockroaches), and management of the PHA and programs of the PHA.
5. **Grievance Procedures.** A description of the grievance and informal hearing and review procedures that the PHA makes available to its residents and applicants.
6. **Designated Housing for Elderly and Disabled Families.** With respect to public housing projects owned, assisted, or operated by the PHA, describe any projects (or portions thereof), in the upcoming fiscal year, that the PHA has designated or will apply for designation for occupancy by elderly and disabled families. The description shall include the following information: **1)** development name and number; **2)** designation type; **3)** application status; **4)** date the designation was approved, submitted, or planned for submission, and; **5)** the number of units affected.
7. **Community Service and Self-Sufficiency.** A description of: **(1)** Any programs relating to services and amenities provided or offered to assisted families; **(2)** Any policies or programs of the PHA for the enhancement of the economic and social self-sufficiency of assisted families, including programs under Section 3 and FSS; **(3)** How the PHA will comply with the requirements of community service and treatment of income changes resulting from welfare program requirements. **(Note: applies to only public housing).**
8. **Safety and Crime Prevention.** For public housing only, describe the PHA's plan for safety and crime prevention to ensure the safety of the public housing residents. The statement must include: (i) A description of the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents; (ii) A description of any crime prevention activities conducted or to be conducted by the PHA; and (iii) A description of the coordination between the PHA and the appropriate police precincts for carrying out crime prevention measures and activities.

9. **Pets.** A statement describing the PHAs policies and requirements pertaining to the ownership of pets in public housing.
10. **Civil Rights Certification.** A PHA will be considered in compliance with the Civil Rights and AFFH Certification if: it can document that it examines its programs and proposed programs to identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs; addresses those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available; works with the local jurisdiction to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing; and assures that the annual plan is consistent with any applicable Consolidated Plan for its jurisdiction.
11. **Fiscal Year Audit.** The results of the most recent fiscal year audit for the PHA.
12. **Asset Management.** A statement of how the agency will carry out its asset management functions with respect to the public housing inventory of the agency, including how the agency will plan for the long-term operating, capital investment, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition, and other needs for such inventory.
13. **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).** A description of: 1) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by an agency, either directly or in partnership with other service providers, to child or adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; 2) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a PHA that helps child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to obtain or maintain housing; and 3) Any activities, services, or programs provided or offered by a public housing agency to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or to enhance victim safety in assisted families.

7.0 Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers

- (a) **Hope VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development.** 1) A description of any housing (including project number (if known) and unit count) for which the PHA will apply for HOPE VI or Mixed Finance Modernization or Development; and 2) A timetable for the submission of applications or proposals. The application and approval process for Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/hope6/index.cfm>
- (b) **Demolition and/or Disposition.** With respect to public housing projects owned by the PHA and subject to ACCs under the Act: (1) A description of any housing (including project number and unit numbers [or addresses]), and the number of affected units along with their sizes and accessibility features) for which the PHA will apply or is currently pending for demolition or disposition; and (2) A timetable for the demolition or disposition. The application and approval process for demolition and/or disposition is a separate process. See guidance on HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/demo_dispo/index.cfm
Note: This statement must be submitted to the extent that approved and/or pending demolition and/or disposition has changed.
- (c) **Conversion of Public Housing.** With respect to public housing owned by a PHA: 1) A description of any building or buildings (including project number and unit count) that the PHA is required to convert to tenant-based assistance or

that the public housing agency plans to voluntarily convert; 2) An analysis of the projects or buildings required to be converted; and 3) A statement of the amount of assistance received under this chapter to be used for rental assistance or other housing assistance in connection with such conversion. See guidance on HUD's website at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/centers/sac/conversion.cfm>

- (d) **Homeownership.** A description of any homeownership (including project number and unit count) administered by the agency or for which the PHA has applied or will apply for approval.
- (e) **Project-based Vouchers.** If the PHA wishes to use the project-based voucher program, a statement of the projected number of project-based units and general locations and how project basing would be consistent with its PHA Plan.

8.0 Capital Improvements. This section provides information on a PHA's Capital Fund Program. With respect to public housing projects owned, assisted, or operated by the public housing agency, a plan describing the capital improvements necessary to ensure long-term physical and social viability of the projects must be completed along with the required forms. Items identified in 8.1 through 8.3, must be signed where directed and transmitted electronically along with the PHA's Annual Plan submission.

8.1 Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. PHAs must complete the *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report* (form HUD-50075.1), for each Capital Fund Program (CFP) to be undertaken with the current year's CFP funds or with CFFP proceeds. Additionally, the form shall be used for the following purposes:

- (a) To submit the initial budget for a new grant or CFFP;
- (b) To report on the Performance and Evaluation Report progress on any open grants previously funded or CFFP; and
- (c) To record a budget revision on a previously approved open grant or CFFP, e.g., additions or deletions of work items, modification of budgeted amounts that have been undertaken since the submission of the last Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually.

Additionally, PHAs shall complete the Performance and Evaluation Report section (see footnote 2) of the *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation* (form HUD-50075.1), at the following times:

1. At the end of the program year; until the program is completed or all funds are expended;
2. When revisions to the Annual Statement are made, which do not require prior HUD approval, (e.g., expenditures for emergency work, revisions resulting from the PHAs application of fungibility); and
3. Upon completion or termination of the activities funded in a specific capital fund program year.

8.2 Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

PHAs must submit the *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan* (form HUD-50075.2) for the entire PHA portfolio for the first year of participation in the CFP and annual update thereafter to eliminate the previous year and to add a new fifth year (rolling basis) so that the form always covers the present five-year period beginning with the current year.

8.3 Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP). Separate, written HUD approval is required if the PHA proposes to pledge any

portion of its CFP/RHF funds to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements. The PHA must identify in its Annual and 5-year capital plans the amount of the annual payments required to service the debt. The PHA must also submit an annual statement detailing the use of the CFFP proceeds. See guidance on HUD's website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/cffp.cfm>

9.0 Housing Needs. Provide a statement of the housing needs of families residing in the jurisdiction served by the PHA and the means by which the PHA intends, to the maximum extent practicable, to address those needs. **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).**

9.1 Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).**

10.0 Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information requested by HUD:

- (a) **Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals.** PHAs must include (i) a statement of the PHAs progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan; (ii) the basic criteria the PHA will use for determining a significant amendment from its 5-year Plan; and a significant amendment or modification to its 5-Year Plan and Annual Plan. **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan).**
- (b) **Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification.** PHA must provide the definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification". **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually; Small and High Performers complete only for Annual Plan submitted with the 5-Year Plan.)**

- (c) PHAs must include or reference any applicable memorandum of agreement with HUD or any plan to improve performance. **(Note: Standard and Troubled PHAs complete annually).**

11.0 Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In order to be a complete package, PHAs must submit items (a) through (g), with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures. Items (h) and (i) shall be submitted electronically as an attachment to the PHA Plan.

- (a) Form HUD-50077, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations*
- (b) Form HUD-50070, *Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)*
- (c) Form HUD-50071, *Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)*
- (d) Form SF-LLL, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)*
- (e) Form SF-LLL-A, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)*
- (f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments.
- (g) Challenged Elements. Include any element(s) of the PHA Plan that is challenged.
- (h) Form HUD-50075.1, *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report (Must be attached electronically for PHAs receiving CFP grants only)*. See instructions in 8.1.
- (i) Form HUD-50075.2, *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan (Must be attached electronically for PHAs receiving CFP grants only)*. See instructions in 8.2.

LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY - WI111 - WI111ao3

REMEDIES TO DEFICIENCIES IN THE 5 YEAR AND ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY.

DEFICIENCY 1: MISSING HUD FORM 50077CR – CIVIL RIGHTS CERTIFICATION.

REMEDY: SIGNED AND COMPLETED HUD FORM HAS BEEN MAILED BY USPS TO YOUR OFFICE.

DEFICIENCY 2: RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS ON THE 2010 FIVE YEAR PLAN.

REMEDY: SUBMIT REPORT ON STATUS OF LHA RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD AND RAB COMMENTS TO 5 YEAR AND ANNUAL PLAN.

THE LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS:

CLEO KERN, JEAN DOUGHTY, JACKIE AND AL GEST, JERILYNN QUALL, JANET OTTO, SHIRLEY AND DAVID LARSON, ALICE MITSCHKA AND JANET BOUZARD.

THE RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETS THE LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR A MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT AND A POT LUCK LUNCH. THE DECEMBER MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009 DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS. PRIOR TO THE MEETING THE MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO STOP IN THE LHA OFFICE TO REVIEW THE 5 YEAR AND ANNUAL PLAN. MEMBERS WERE ALSO INVITED TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE PLAN FOR REVIEW. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FROM ANY RA MEMBER REGARDING THE 5 YEAR AND ANNUAL PLAN AT THE DECEMBER 2009 MEETING. THE LHA E.D. CONTINUES TO MEET WITH THE RA BOARD ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF CURRENT LHA ACTIVITIES AND INVITES INPUT ON A REGULAR BASIS.

**DEFICIENCY 3: MISSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)
ANNUAL REPORT.**

REMEDY: SUBMIT LHA VAWA ANNUAL REPORT.

THE LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY ADOPTED THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT BY BOARD RESOLUTION (186-7-2007) ON JULY 26, 2007. THE LHA THEN UPDATED ITS APPLICATION PROCESS TO INCLUDE THE OPTION OF PERSONS TO CLAIM VAWA STATUS WHEN APPLYING FOR HOUSING. IF AN APPLICANT CLAIMS SAID STATUS, THE LHA INFORMS THE APPLICANT OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER VAWA. IN ADDITION, THE LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TIME OUT FAMILY ABUSE SHELTER – A FIVE COUNTY SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAT IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN. SINCE THE ADOPTION OF VAWA, THE LHA HAS SUCCESSFULLY ASSISTED ONE FAMILY REFERRED FOR HOUSING BY THE TIME OUT SHELTER. THE FAMILY WAS PLACED IN AN LHA UNIT AND CONTINUES TO BE SERVED BY THE LHA WITH SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE LADYSMITH HOUSING AUTHORITY ALSO WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTANCE WITH FIRST MONTH'S RENT AND SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR APPLICANTS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE SAFE HOUSING. THE LHA HAS HAD 2 SUCH REFERRAL IN THE PAST YEAR.

SUBMITTED BY:

JUDY OPSAL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR