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- ► The HACC conducts at least 2 landlord workshops every month.
 - Since February, 2012.
 - Voluntary workshops.
 - Average attendance: 12-15 individuals.
 - Attendees: New and current landlords, realtors, maintenance workers, management agents, municipal staff.
- Purpose.

To educate landlords on the HCV program and the HACC's process. As a result, two important things happen:

- Clients are housed sooner.
- Landlords are paid faster.



- Duration of workshops.
 - ▶ 1½ hours.
- Question and answer period.
 - Questions are welcome throughout the presentation.
 - ▶ Time is left at the end for additional questions.
 - Landlords with specific client questions are asked to discuss with the presenter after the workshop.
- Workshop topics.
 - Nuts and Bolts of the HCV Program.
 - ► HQS Inspections.



- Nuts and Bolts of the HCV Program.
 - ▶ The HCV program in general.
 - ► The HACC's HCV program.
 - ► The HACC's move process.
 - All steps from finding an HCV applicant to receiving HAP.
 - Miscellaneous Updates
 - Real Estate Tax Savings program.
 - Landlord portal.
 - Freeze on rent increases.
 - ▶ HACC process updates.
 - Fair Housing updates.



- ► HQS Inspections.
 - ► Five types of inspections.
 - The HACC's HQS inspection process.
 - Initial inspections.
 - Self-Certification procedures.
 - Repair timeframes.
 - Online review of inspection results.
 - Abatement procedures.
 - HQS Inspection requirements.
 - Review of the 52580 inspection checklist.
 - List of common fail items.
 - Bedroom requirements.
 - Lead Based Paint protocol.
 - Municipal inspection requirements.



ANNUAL LANDLORD SEMINAR

Landlord seminar.

- Once a year.
- All day event.
- Variety of topics and guest speakers.
- Offered light breakfast, afternoon snack and beverages.

Purpose.

- Educate landlords on the HCV Program.
- Give tools to be more effective landlords and property owners.
- Opportunity to engage a larger pool of landlords.



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- Agenda Items.
 - ► HACC's HCV program.
 - ► HQS inspections.
 - Public Health department.
 - Lead Based Paint Hazards.
 - Smoke Free Housing.
 - ► Sheriff's department.
 - Evictions.
 - ► HACC's mobility program.
 - ► A tenant screening company.
 - Real estate tax appeal firm.



ANNUAL LANDLORD SEMINAR

- Positive feedback.
 - Very informative.
 - Enjoyed the variety of topics.
 - Different speakers kept the seminar interesting.
 - Appreciated the HACC's efforts to assist landlords to be more educated on areas relating to homeownership.
 - All day event attracted more attendees.
- Negative feedback.
 - Attendees want more all day education events.



LANDLORD EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

CHALLENGES

- Avenue for criticism and complaints.
- Social stigma.
- Lack of staff.

BENEFITS

- Provide current information about the HCV program to the public.
- Showcase the benefits of the HCV program to overcome stigma.
- Avenue for landlords to communicate concerns about the program.
- Tool for PHAs to gather information.
- Opportunity to go over other important topics relating to homeownership.
- When a PHA consistently performs landlord outreach and education, the benefits far outweigh the challenges.

