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Lead Paint Regulations take effect March 15, 2001

Effective March 15, 2001, properties receiving Section 8 rental assistance will be subject to HUD's Lead Based Paint regulations. All properties built prior to 1960 where children age six and under reside or will reside will be affected.

If deteriorated paint is identified the landlord will be required to have the painted sur-

face stabilized. The unit must then pass a clearance test to determine that all lead dust has been properly removed.

Only individuals certified in Lead Safe Work Practices can perform the stabilization work. Clearance testing can only be performed by a state licensed Lead Inspector or Risk Assessor.

If a landlord or their maintenance personnel are not certified in safe work practices, they will need to hire an individual who is certified to perform stabilization work.

Charleston Housing is working to build our local capacity with regard to both paint stabilization workers and clearance testers.

31 Attend Safe Work Practices Training for Paint Stabilization

Thirty-one individuals attended lead paint training sponsored by Charleston Housing on Saturday, February 24, 2001.

An instructor with Industrial Training Company (ITC) conducted an eight hour class on the hazards of lead paint, its ef-

fects on the human body and how to safely conduct paint stabilization work.

This training is required by HUD before any can remove deteriorated paint from a property that will be receiving any type of federal rental assis-

tance.

A number of individuals attending the training were from the West Virginia Landlord Association. CH thanks the Association and its members for working to build our local lead paint capacity.

Lead Paint Training

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be conducting training sessions on Safe Work Practices for lead stabilization in our area. The dates are:

Monday, April 2, 2001 in Parkersburg, and

Thursday, April 5, 2001 in Charleston.

Charleston Housing is not aware of the time or location for either training. To register you can call 1-866-HUD-1012 or register on-line at www.leadlisting.org

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Debra Boyd to leave Charleston Housing

Debra A. Boyd, Director of Operations for Charleston Housing since 1998 has announced she will be leaving the agency in April 2001. Mrs. Boyd intends to spend time with her family before pursuing other career interests. During her tenure here at CH she made landlord relations a priority for staff. Her leadership will be missed at Charleston Housing and in the greater community.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY, A PROGRAM ON THE MOVE

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a program designed to help families move from public assistance to economic independence by connecting families with the resources to complete their goals to self-sufficiency. It started almost three years ago with 99 available slots, with the number of slots being reduced by each participant who successfully completes the program.

Though the number of participants has fluctuated, the program is now at 91 slots with 90 of those filled. Of the eight successful completions, five received monies that had been escrowed to a savings account on their behalf due to gradual increases in earned income from the date of the FSS contract. The other three successful participants found jobs with an income that allowed them to become immediately independent of housing and other public assistance.

Ray Marsh is the Director of Family Self-Sufficiency and Carol Marcum is the program coordinator.

Charleston Housing's Administrative offices will be closed on the following dates:

Presidents' Day Monday, February 19

Good Friday Friday, April 13