



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Public Housing Notice 2012-21

To: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors

From: Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director for Public Housing & Rental Assistance

Subject: **LHA Staff and Board Member Contact Information**

Date: December 28, 2012

In January 2012, the Governor issued Executive Order 539, which established the Commission for Public Housing Sustainability and Reform. One of the Commission's charges was to develop recommendations which increased transparency and accountability across the state's public housing system to ensure that we are efficiently and effectively meeting the goal of housing for low-income households.

Since the June 2012 release of the Commission's final report, which contained its recommendations, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has systematically been implementing the administrative reforms the Commission proposed. One recommendation unanimously approved by the Commission, was to make contact information for key LHA employees more readily available to the public.

To that end, effective January 15, 2013, via administrative action, DHCD requires that all LHAs make publicly available the names and contact information for their respective Executive Directors, Commissioners, and where applicable, Assistant Executive Directors. This information should be posted in the business office for each LHA, on the LHA website, if any, and on the local community government website. The list should be updated within 30 days of any changes. The list of personnel should include a name, title(s), and either a phone number or email address, or both, for each individual. For the Commissioners, please also include the nature of their position – Governor or mayor appointee, elected, chairperson, etc.

Once you have posted your list, please email the information, or send a link to your website, to Juliana Gamble, Manager of Special Initiatives, juliana.gamble@ma.state.us. The subject line should be “[your town name] Contact Information.”

In response to this initiative, the DHCD has also posted names and contact information for our senior staff who deal with public housing on our website here:

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/housing/ph-manage/dphra-senior-staff-contact-listing.html>.