

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Summit

Please join us in welcoming Clyde Elkins and Todd Covert to HCVP. Clyde joins us as a Certification Specialist II. He previously worked in our Housing Placement department and has experience as a business analyst. Todd Covert is our newest Inspection Scheduler. Todd has a background in banking, customer service and sales. Dunel Howard accepted a Certification Specialist I position. She previously worked as an Inspection Scheduler and is going to school for a Master's Degree in Business.



Dunel Howard, Clyde Elkins and Todd Covert

- **Weather deferred inspections will take place on Monday, June 4th. You will be receiving reminder letters in May. Please make sure work has been completed prior to June 4th.**
- **Reminder: Effective January 1, 2018, carbon monoxide detectors are mandatory in all units with gas fired appliance, furnaces, hot water tanks inside the residence or an attached garage. Upon inspection, failure to have a CO2 detector outside the sleeping areas will result in a 24 hour fail.**



Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Mission Statement

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority is a developer of people, property, and community providing quality housing options and investing in partnerships to enhance opportunities for eligible individuals and families.

AMHA offices will be closed:

Monday, May 28th

Wednesday, July 4th

Monday, September 3rd

Upcoming Important Dates

Quarterly Landlord Meetings

June 11th

September 10th

December 10th

Quarterly meetings start promptly at 11:30 am and run until approximately 1:00 pm

Annual Landlord Meeting

October 15th 11:00 – 1:00

Landlord meetings will be held at 100 W. Cedar St, Akron, OH 44307. Please contact Kathy Patton at 330-376-9366 to schedule.

UPCS-V

AMHA is excited to announce that we will begin participation in the UPCS-V Demonstration in May, 2018.

The Uniform Physical Condition Standards for Vouchers (UPCS-V) is the new updated inspection standard for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and combines the consistency and objectivity of UPCS inspections with the focus on the condition of individual housing units of HQS inspections. UPCS-V is based on UPCS protocol and definitions (with the “V” signifying “Voucher”) with additions of unique items from the HQS inspection.

The primary goals of UPCS-V are to:

- **Ensure health and safety of tenants.**
- **Align standards more closely with other HUD programs.**
- **Provide insight to the condition of assisted housing.**
- **Enhance HUD’s oversight abilities.**

UPCS-V will use a deficiency driven protocol, rather than going through a static checklist. Deficiencies may be further classified as life threatening (LT) or emergency (E).

Deficiencies are recorded at different levels (1-3) of severity but only the deficiencies that will directly impact habitability will fail the inspection. Any items that do not “fail” merely become part of the Unit Condition Index. The only items outside of the unit that fails the inspection are those that directly and negatively affect the tenant.

What can you do to prepare for UPCS-V? Check the Landlord Portal for updated information. If you have not registered to use the landlord portal, please contact AMHA Inspections Department for your registration Key.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL KATHY PATTON AT 330-376-9366

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