**“Norfolk hosts Fair Housing Conference April 2016”**

The Norfolk Housing Development Corporation is hosting the first Northeast Nebraska Fair Housing Conference on April 7, 2016 at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. According to City of Norfolk Housing Director, Gary Hilkemann, it’s a unique opportunity for tenants, landlords, and anyone who works with housing to learn more about various fair housing topics.

“We have outstanding experts who will present at the conference with topics that relate to landlords and tenants who may have questions about their rights and for anyone who works with housing issues and wants to know the latest information about fair housing,” Hilkemann said.

Speakers will include Kitty Amaya, Acting Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in Omaha; Liliana Shannon, Staff Attorney with Legal Aid of Nebraska; and Gretchen Eure, Equal Opportunity Commission State of Nebraska Unit Director.

Topics for the conference include “Protected Classes”, “Legal Evictions”, “Criminal History”, “Companion Animals”, “Landlords/Tenants”, with a panel discussion on other fair housing guidelines and resources.

Hilkemann said the conference is a great opportunity for Realtors and attorneys to learn more about fair housing while also receiving continuing education. The Nebraska Real Estate Commission and the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrator’s Office have each approved the conference for six continuing education credits for attorneys and Realtors.

Space is limited to the first 100 registrants so those who would like to participate are encouraged to print, fill out and send the registration form found at ci.norfolk.ne.us/housing and fee as soon as possible to the Norfolk Housing Development Corporation, 110 North 4th Street, Norfolk NE. There are no refunds. For more information, contact Julie Drahota, Housing Program Manager, at 402-844-2080 or email jdrahota@ci.norfolk.ne.us.