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“Good Attendance for First Fair Housing Conference in Norfolk”



Kitty Amaya, Housing and Urban Development Investigator, discusses fair housing issues with participants of the Northeast Nebraska Fair Housing Conference.

Over 100 people from 26 different communities attended the first ever Northeast Nebraska Fair Housing Conference on Thursday at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk.

Landlords, tenants, housing agency staff, attorneys, Realtors and others interested in fair housing issues attended the conference.

“We had top notch speakers who know fair housing inside and out so they were able to provide up-to-date information and answers to people who had questions about fair housing,” said Gary Hilkemann, Director of the Norfolk Housing Agency that organized the conference. Hilkemann is also

Director of the City of Norfolk Housing Division.

Topics at the conference included: “Protected Classes in Fair Housing”; “What Determines a Legal Eviction”; “Screening for Criminal History Under the Fair Housing Act”; “Companion Animals and Disabilities”; and “Landlord and Tenant Responsibilities Under the Fair Housing Act.”

Speakers at the conference were Kitty Amaya, Acting Director/Housing Investigator, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; Lilianna Shannon, Staff Attorney with the Legal Aid of Nebraska; and Gretchen Eure, State of Nebraska Unit Director of the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Continuing education credits were available to attorneys and Realtors attending the conference.

Hilkemann said plans are already underway for a fair housing conference to be held in 2017. For more information contact the Housing Division at 402.844.2080.