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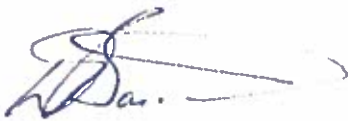
The Government of Saskatchewan (GoS) has implemented a new policy requiring all members of government boards and agencies (including housing authority board members) to complete criminal record checks. Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) is notifying existing housing authority board members of this requirement and will be working with them to complete their criminal record checks in the next few months.

Going forward, this new policy will affect the housing authority board member nomination and appointment processes. First, when you recruit volunteers for the board, please let them know they will be required to complete a criminal record check as part of the selection process. Anyone who chooses not to complete the criminal record check cannot serve on the board. Second, nomination is not a guarantee of appointment, so please keep all information about your nominees confidential until SHC's HA Coordinator confirms their appointment. Also, do not disclose their names to the housing authority before their appointment is confirmed.

As you continue to oversee the housing authority board nomination process, remember your community is best served by board members with diverse professional backgrounds and identities. The nomination process is an opportunity to recruit new members with fresh ideas and perspectives, and the appointment process should result in a balance of legal, accounting, health, social services, property management, and/or community leadership experience on your housing authority's board.

In closing, thank you for the work you do on behalf of Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and your housing authority. I appreciate the time and effort it takes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lennette Hazelwanter, SHC's HA Coordinator, at 306-933-8102 or 1-866-245-5758 (toll free).

Sincerely,



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