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**National Affordable Housing Accreditation Awarded to
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Cleveland OH**

Philadelphia, PA, August 25, 2021 – The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board (AHAB) has awarded national affordable housing accreditation to Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) in Cleveland, Ohio. CMHA is the ninth affordable housing provider to become nationally accredited. CMHA was chartered in 1933 and is one of the largest housing authorities in the country, serving over 22,900 households in the Cuyahoga metropolitan area in northern Ohio.

CMHA underwent a rigorous peer review of documentation and interviews of staff, board members, residents and community members in June 2021. AHAB peer reviewers evaluated the organization on its conformance with 8 standards, 47 guidelines and 110 indicators; each one measuring how effectively the organization’s board, leadership and staff are meeting their mission of providing high quality affordable housing and supportive services. CEO Jeffery Patterson stated, “I am lucky to have a board, leadership team and staff, made up of individuals who are committed to the residents we serve. We all try our best to give it our all. We truly learned a great deal through this process.”

“The CMHA team is mission driven and committed to innovation. We were able to see this in their partnering for program development with other community stakeholders and the active participation of residents in CMHA’s policy making. The CMHA Police Department has been nationally accredited with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1983 and it’s obvious

they take national standards and best practices seriously.” said Diana McWilliams, President and CEO of the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board. “We were particularly impressed with the innovative and collaborative approach of the executive leadership team in implementing CMHA’s strategic plan,” stated J. Len Williams, AHAB board member, peer reviewer of CMHA and recently retired from the AHAB accredited Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia. Jenisa Story, Director of HR and Administrative Services for the AHAB accredited Housing Authority of Snohomish County, Washington was also a peer reviewer.

Established in 2013, the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board began rolling out the formal accreditation system in early 2018. Accreditation is awarded for a five-year period, encouraging accredited organizations to continuously improve and excel in providing safe, well managed, high quality affordable housing in their communities. Accreditation can result in improved management of housing, shared best practices around the country, and higher quality of life for residents.

The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board accepts accreditation registrations online at www.housingaccreditation.org.

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Founded in 2013, the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board seeks to continuously improve affordable housing for the public, by evaluating affordable housing organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe, well-managed, high quality affordable housing in their communities. The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board accredits affordable housing organizations across the country. An independent, nonprofit organization, the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board is the affordable housing industry standards-setting and accrediting body. Learn more about affordable housing accreditation at www.housingaccreditation.org.

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