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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

For What It's Worth (FWIW) is a service for members of the Oklahoma Homebuyer Education Association. We welcome your responses or other information you would like to share with us. Send items to Tricia Auberle at HomebuyerEd@okacaa.org

Are you having problems meeting continuing education requirements? You can re-certify by Advanced Placement, a process whereby you study, retake the test, and then attend a one-day update class. We have the nucleus of a group but need more participants. The cost is \$130 for OHEA members. Email me at homebuyerred@okacaa.org for additional information or if you would like to enroll.

The Final Rule on HUD-certified counselors has been issued. The certification requirement is

- effective 3 years from when the certification test becomes available (so the clock has not started)
- applies to all organizations or entities that deliver housing counseling required under or provided in connection with 25 HUD programs (no HUD dollars, no requirement)
- requires HUD-certified counselors work for HUD-certified agencies
- when homebuyer education is provided for a program using HUD funds, it must be under the supervision of a HUD-certified counselor (Federal Home Loan Bank and USDA are not HUD funds)

The best summary of the rule, including a list of programs that require certified housing counselors, is at www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Other-HUD-Programs-Covered-Under-HUDs-Final-Rule-For-Housing-Counseling-Certification.pdf

Difficult Dialogues in Personal Finance: African Americans and Financial Literacy is a 3-part webinar being offered on February 14, February 28 and March 14 at 11:00 Central Time through The Counselor's Corner. Go to the website for registration and additional information: www.thecounselorscorner.net.

Katrina Washington, OHEA's President-Elect, was recently appointed to serve the unexpired portion of a three-year term on the Board of Directors at the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. She had previously served on the Community Development Advisory Council. Congratulations, Katrina.

Don't forget to pay your dues. Member services will cease and certifications will be suspended if dues are not received by March 30.

2017 Calendar of OHEA Events. *(Subject to funding and minimum participation requirements)*

April 24 – 28	OHEA Train the Trainer classroom session
May 10 – 11	Comprehensive Continuing Education
October 2 – 6	OHEA Train the Trainer classroom session
November 15	14 th Annual Homebuyer Education Conference
November 16	Comprehensive Continuing Education morning workshop

Events are held at the Oklahoma Weatherization Training Center, 605 Centennial Blvd., Edmond, Oklahoma 73013. Watch for details and registration forms in future issues.

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