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**August 2025** 

#### **ACCREDITED COMMUNITY MANAGER COURSE #2**

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If you have taken the first step toward the professional designation of Accredited Community Manager, ACM®, by successfully completing the ACM 1 coursework offered by the Manufactured Housing Educational Institute, then it's time to complete that work by registering for the ACM 2 course coming up in the NYHA office from Oct 21-23, 2025.

While the ACM 1 course covered the basics of good property management and shared general information that is part of professionally managing a community, ACM 2 is the advanced section of the ACM designation.

A large part of the coursework focuses on the financial aspects of community operation. This includes creating a budget using professional terminology, understanding how to determine cash flow and profitability, learning how to analyze community financials and how to use financial analysis to benchmark and value a community.

Another part of the advanced course is a comprehensive discussion about types of insurance coverages, exposures, and loss prevention strategies. There's also a section on finding the right insurance agent. One section is devoted to taxes and assessments. You will learn about different types of taxes, assessments, tax adjustments, and tax abatements.

Moving outside of the office, ACM 2 takes a deep dive into the physical assets that current and potential residents see and how they perceive the community. You will learn how to identify assets and create a plan for managing physical assets, government requirements, recordkeeping, and maintaining a safe worksite. There is an entire

chapter devoted to the Operations Manual so you will know what it should include and how to use it to train employees in professional property management techniques by ensuring that policies and procedures are consistently and uniformly applied.

Finally, by combining everything taught in both courses, you will select 1 of 9 different areas in your community where improvement is needed, and follow a set format to create a proposal to improve your community.

Out-of-state people who belong to their home state Manufactured Housing Association can use promo code ACM2NYHA before noon on October 10<sup>th</sup> to get NYHA member rates.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- If you have successfully completed both ACM<sup>©</sup>
  101, 201 and 301, but have not completed your
  business plan, you will need to take Course 2,
  pass the test and complete the in-class project.
- If you have completed ACM<sup>©</sup> 101, 201 and 301, but have not completed your business plan, you can still submit your business plan to MHEI and then apply for the ACM<sup>©</sup> designation, if you prefer not to take an additional class.

#### **TO REGISTER:**

www.nyhousing.org/events/ accredited-community-managercourse-2

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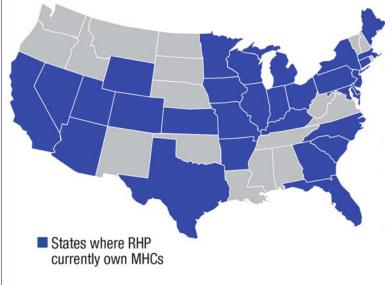
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## **NEWS & NOTES**

# HUD SECRETARY CHAMPIONS MANUFACTURED HOUSING AS KEY TO SOLVING U.S. HOUSING CRISIS

After delivering the keynote address at MHI's Congress & Expo, HUD Secretary Scott Turner toured two HUD Code single-family manufactured homes and a HUD Code accessory dwelling unit (ADU) that were built by Champion Homes, Inc. and displayed during the event. During the tour, Turner had the opportunity to see the homes' high-quality construction, durable materials and stylish design aesthetics.

After touring the homes, Turner spoke with MHI about the vital role of manufactured housing in addressing the significant housing deficit in the United States. He highlighted the creativity and thoughtful design in today's manufactured homes, noting features like porches, elegant hardware, and efficient layouts that cater to modern homeowner needs.

Turner pointed out that manufactured housing is essential for providing affordable options without sacrificing quality.

community needs "Every housing, and manufactured housing plays a huge role in that," he said. "From the affordability standpoint, from the quality standpoint, from the speed to market standpoint, from a cost saving standpoint, and from environmental standpoint, manufactured housing is very important— a huge part of the equation." His commitment to this sector underscores the broader goal of ensuring that all Americans have the freedom to choose where and how they live.

Turner said that manufactured housing will be a priority for HUD. "Our job is to work with industry leaders to support and expand the availability of manufactured homes." By collaborating with stakeholders such as MHI, he aims to remove bureaucratic barriers that often hinder housing opportunities. As Turner observed, the expertise

and dedication from those in the manufactured housing sector are crucial for making these options available to the American public, helping them achieve the dream of homeownership.

#### CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS ABOUT FINANCES IMPROVE

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York released the results of its June Survey of Consumer Expectations. The survey showed that overall, consumer expectations about their financial future have improved.

Inflation expectations declined slightly in June to 3.0% at the one-year-ahead horizon. Expectations remained steady at 3.0% and 2.6% when looking farther ahead to three and five years, respectively.

Households expressed greater optimism about their financial outlook over the next year, with more people anticipating an improvement in their financial situation.

The survey reported that people feel more secure in their employment, with the perceived likelihood of job loss year falling by 0.8 percentage points to 14.0%, marking the lowest level since December 2024.

Households reported that getting credit is easier compared to a year ago and their expectations about future credit availability also brightened. More survey results can be found on MHI's website: www.manufacturedhousing.org



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"We're not competitor obsesses, we're customer obsessed. We start with what the customer needs and we work backwards."

Do you know who said that?

If you guessed 'David Finney', I appreciate the sentiment, but you'd be wrong.; ) That was Jeff Bezos. And if we're talking about improving and elevating the customer experience, Amazon is one of the first companies that comes to mind. They've created an experience so good that it rarely requires an Amazon team member to interact with its customers. Customers can find, purchase and return products from Amazon so easily that they never have to speak to a real person.

I'm certainly not proposing that we remove people from the manufactured housing industry. I am, however, proposing that we endeavor to elevate the home-buying experience and remove as much friction from the experience as possible.

If you're not happy with where your sales are now, look at your experience. Where can it be improved? How can you make the customer more comfortable and happy? Where is the friction in your sales process that you can eliminate to make it easier for your buyers to purchase their new home?

As you think about where your experience can improve, here are 5 statistics that illustrate why a superior customer experience is essential.

80% of customers say the experience a company provides is just as important as its products or services. Buyers aren't just paying for a product—they're paying for an experience. If you're selling homes, how's the experience your customers are paying for?

65% of shoppers find a positive experience to be more influential than great advertising. You can have the best website, TikToks, and billboards in town, but if the experience is lacking, buyers will walk away. If you have great advertising, you have to make sure the experience delivers on the advertising's promise.

86% of buyers are willing to pay more for a great customer experience. The most profitable businesses are typically NOT the cheapest ones. Even if you compare businesses selling the same product, the most profitable are rarely the cheapest. Why? Because buyers are willing to pay more to be treated well. Walmart may sell the most groceries, but Publix (renowned for their great experience), has the best margins.

73% of customers will share a positive experience with six or more people. If you've ever been in sales, you know that the best leads are referrals, and referrals come from a great customer experience. If someone gets a great deal on product, they *might* tell someone about it. But if a buyer is really treated well, they will absolutely tell people about it. If you're looking for those golden leads, referrals, then you must have a great customer experience.

85% of consumers won't do business with a company if they're concerned about its security practices. Data security is more important than ever, especially for home buyers. If you have employees using personal email addresses, customer documents in plain view, sensitive info on personal devices, etc, you have security issues that make prospective customers lose trust in your business. Establishing data security can be time consuming, but it will improve your customer experience and lead to more sales.

If you'd like to have a conversation about where your marketing could improve, I'd love to help. Click the button below to schedule a FREE discovery call. This isn't a sneaky sales call, or a bait and switch maneuver. It's a simple call to see where you can improve your marketing. I'll look at the business with you, and let you know how I think you can improve your marketing. There is zero cost.

David will be speaking at our upcoming 75th Annual Convention, so if you want to learn about how your businesses can improve it's marketing and get more sales, make sure you take the time to attend his presentation and start a conversation!

#### **2025 COMING EVENTS**

Aug 5	Board Meeting	Syracuse, NY	1pm - 4pm
Aug 6	Summer Outing	Drumlin's	Syracuse, NY
Aug 12	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11am – 12pm
Aug 26	Continuing Ed	Remote	9am – 12pm
Sep 9	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11am – 12pm
Oct 15-16	75 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention	Del Lago Resort	Waterloo, NY
Oct 17	Continuing Ed	Del Lago Resort	9am - 12pm
Nov 11	Continuing Ed	Remote	9am - 12pm
Nov 11	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11am – 12pm
Nov 12	21B & Mechanics	Remote	9am – 4pm
Dec 9	Monthly Meet-Up	Remote	11am – 12pm



# 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Trade Show October 5-16, 2025

#### **MORE INFO COMING SOON!**

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#### **PLANNED TOPICS:**

**HUD Code Updates** - Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Ask the Attorneys**—including a Legislation Update; Dog Bite Court Case Summary, Fair housing; and Q&A.

**Economic Review/Outlook & Trend Analysis** - where are we headed?

Clarification for Rent Do's & Don'ts - How is RPL 233 interpreted?

**New Website: www.factorybuiltnewyork.com** - are you using the site to it's full potential?

NYS Code Updates and Training Course Update - what's coming in 2026?

**Installations** - best practices, tip and tricks to smooth the process

Marketing - what works best in this day and age?

#### **CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:**

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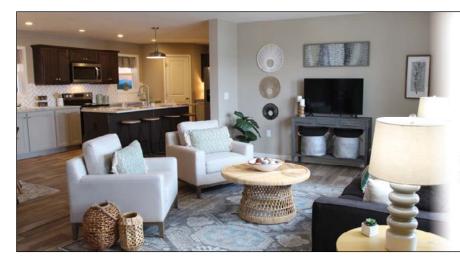


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