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Getting to the **Oleans** of the Matter

A Behind the Scenes Look at Lender & ORCF Loan Committees





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- The purpose of the Lenders Loan Committee is to identify and evaluate potential risks associated with the loan, including credit, market, physical and operational risk.
  - Lenders consider factors such as the borrower's credit worthiness, the project's feasibility, the loan amount, physical or environmental issues and compliance with HUD's requirements.
  - What risks will HUD identify, and have they been mitigated?



- The purpose of the ORCF Loan Committee is to:
  - Confirm that the project meets program requirements
  - Mitigate potential risks associated with the loan
  - Gain multiple perspectives
  - Assure file is documented for audit purposes

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# Overview

- Evaluation of Borrower
- Evaluation of Transaction
- Transaction Mitigation
- Loan Committee Review
- Loan Committee Insight



# **Evaluation of the Borrower**

# Evaluation of Borrower: Lender Perspective

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- What is the potential business multiplier factor (i.e. future business)?
- Is the borrower a good credit risk?
- Does the borrower have good industry experience?
- Is there reason to believe that the borrower will be an ethical business partner?
- Does the borrower have ownership experience with the same type of facility and/or in the same market?
- Has the borrower been involved in any other HUD insured transactions?

# **Evaluation of Borrower: ORCF Perspective**

- Creditworthiness
- "Reputational Risk"
- Other Government stakeholders
- How long have the borrower/operator principals been in the industry?
  - 3+ years
  - What types of facilities (SNF, ALF, MC...)
  - Do they operate similar facilities in similar markets with similar reimbursement environments?
  - What is the overall quality of care track record?
    - Star Ratings, G+ Tags, Penalties, PLI Claims, etc.

# **Evaluation of Borrower: ORCF Perspective**

- <u>Key Principal's</u> Experience with HUD Transactions:
  - Projects with our Risk Mitigation Branch?
  - SFF/SFF Candidates?
  - Delinquencies/Defaults?
  - Star Ratings
  - DSCR's
  - Flags in the APPS System?

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# **Evaluation of the Transaction**

### Evaluation of Transaction: Lender Perspective

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#### • Tiered Approach to transaction risk

- Tier 1- Project Evaluation
- Tier 2- Portfolio Evaluation
- Tier 3- Sponsor Evaluation





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# **Tier 1- Project Evaluation**

- Are we able to make a good case for doing this deal on its face?
  - i.e. Does the project performance stand on its own?
  - If not, Tier 2 evaluation is needed
- What is the purpose of the loan?
- Does it provide means for the facility to improve operations?
- Are there any major physical improvements needed?



# **Tier 2- Portfolio Evaluation**

- If the risk is financial in nature, does a master lease or limited guaranty structure mitigate the risk?
- Does the performance in the rest of the portfolio suggest that participants are likely to turn performance around in the near term?
- If there is no portfolio lease structure or if the DSC analysis does not mitigate the risk, Tier 3 evaluation is needed

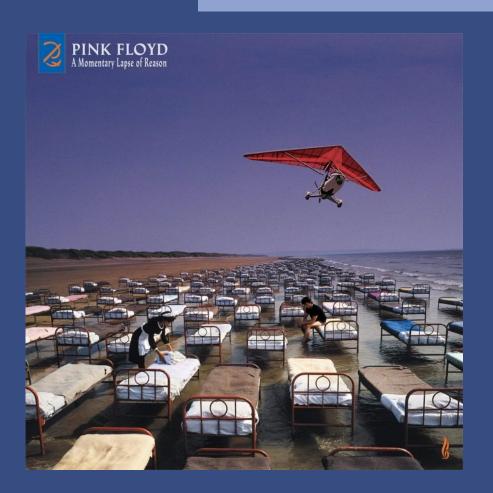


# **Tier 3- Borrower Evaluation**

- Are there factors present to suggest that the borrower could continue to service the debt in tough times?
- Does their previous HUD or lender servicing experience speak to their credit worthiness?
- Is there evidence to suggest a reluctance to walk away from a property?
- If Tier 3 does not provide enough mitigation, consider additional measures

# Evaluation of Transaction: ORCF Perspective

- Strength of Borrower and Operator
  - Experience/Reputation
  - Financial Capacity
  - Tenure at Facility
  - Turnaround experience
- Financial Statistics:
  - 1.45+ DSCR
  - LTV
  - Underwritten/Appraised NOI relative to historic operations
  - Financial trends
  - Shifts in Operations (Census Mix, Occupancy, Expenses...)
  - Operating Margins
- Debt payoff
- Quality of Care Levels & History



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# Transaction Mitigation

# Transaction Mitigation: Lender Perspective

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- Could the property be added to a master lease or LGSA structure?
  - Assumption is that the project was not already required to be in a master lease
- Would a debt service escrow mitigate the risk?
  - Possibly
    - For short term performance issues
    - To incentivize improvement in some way (i.e. tie up borrower cash in an effort to drive change)
  - Possibly Not
    - For projects suffering from more than a shortterm performance issue we've only bought some additional time.
    - Once the escrow runs out, the question will still be "Is the sponsor willing to walk away from the property?"
- Is there a 3<sup>rd</sup> party Risk Management Plan that would mitigate operational risk?

### Transaction Mitigation: ORCF Perspective

- Debt Service Escrow
- Loan Resizing
- Quality of Care
  - One-Time Risk Assessment (prefer submitted with application)
  - Ongoing Third-Party Risk Program
  - Debt Service Escrow
- Participant Adjustment Experience, Reputational Risk

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# Loan Committee Review



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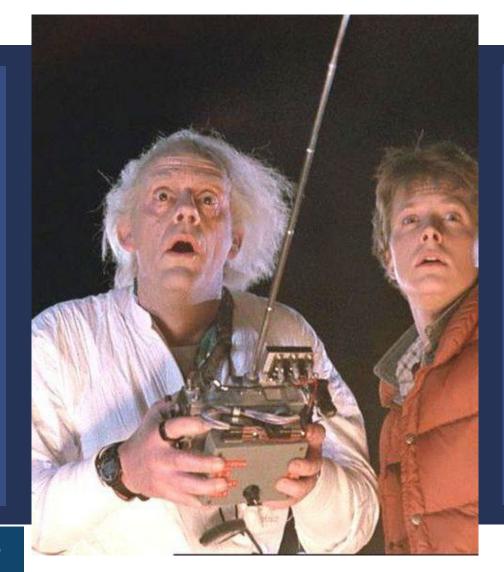
# Loan Committee Review: Lender Perspective

- Loan Committee Submission Order of Review
  - Decision Circuit
  - Existing Debt
  - Risks & Strengths
  - Special Conditions
  - Remaining Narrative

### Loan Committee Reviews (Lender Perspective)

#### Decision Circuit

- Valuation is #1 reason deals die, so I review to make sure appraised value is wellsupported and that any flags in the DC have been welljustified and appropriately mitigated
- Is historical bad debt at the property reasonable?
  - If significantly below market, then has a review of the AR Schedule of Aging been conducted to confirm that income has not been overstated for the purposes of increasing the valuation?



#### **Existing Debt**

- Is the write-up well written and is the classification of debt accurately and clearly described?
- If any debt is less than 2 yrs old, were we able to confirm it was project-related?
- If any of the debt was non-project related (i.e. equity recapture), have we limited the HUD loan to the appropriate LTV?
  - Have we presented a convincing argument for 2 yrs of stabilized operations?
- Has a review of the borrower balance sheet and UCC filings confirmed all borrower debt has been considered?

### Loan Committee Reviews (Lender Perspective)

#### Risks & Strengths

- Have we detailed a complete list of risks?
  - Have we mitigated our risks as a lender?
  - Have we met our HUD disclosure requirements?
  - Have we also made an effort to be a good lending partner with HUD by accurately noting risks we identified during underwriting & explaining how we considered & mitigated those risks?
- When viewed as a whole, do the risk mitigants & strengths make a strong case that the deal should be done?

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# Find the Grandma in this pic



#### **Special Conditions**

- Conduct a word search for "special condition" in narrative & compare results with the SCs listed at the end of the narrative to verify that every time we noted the need for a SC, it has been added to the list.
- Review rest of narrative and add any additional SC recommendations to the list.





## Loan Committee Review: Lender Perspective

- The following factors need to be reviewed and explained in LC. LC members need to have a comfort level in every point below.
  - Financial Statistics DSCR, LTV, Value per bed (in line with comps?), Occupancy, Cap rate, Interest rate are these achievable?
  - Borrower, Operator, and Principals strength what is their prior experience?
  - Occupancy / Census trends
  - Financial Performance Is the NOI stable or trending upwards? Is Staffing an issue?
  - Debt make sure this follows the debt seasoning rules / matrix
  - Quality of care what is the star rating and improvement plans?

### ALL AGING ROCK STARS AND ACTORS LOOKS LIKE HER

### Loan Committee Review: Lender Perspective

- The following factors need to be reviewed and explained in LC. LC members need to have a comfort level in every point below.
  - Sources and Uses review of the numbers
  - Strengths / Risks and mitigants have the risks been properly identified and mitigated?
  - Market, PCNA or ESA issues
  - Recent purchase Are there enough factors to support this application and relevant turnaround examples?
  - HUD's Portfolio: will this asset ultimately be a good addition to HUDs portfolio?



# Loan Committee Review: ORCF Perspective

- Financial Metrics:
  - Historic vs. underwritten NOI Trend/Comparison
  - DSCR, LTV, Value per Bed/Loan Amount per Bed
  - Staffing relation to NOI/operating margin and quality of care
- Debt: Age, Project Related, IOI debt, Allocation
- Quality of Care Subject & Overall/Other Facilities
- Participant Experience Demonstrated experience owning/operating similar facilities for 3+ years

#### 223f Risk Spectrum



#### **Required Mitigant for** Quick Turn-Around Projects:

· Verify Operator has ample Turn-around Experience

Additional Potential Mitigants for High-Risk Projects:

- Debt Service Reserve Escrow
- Low LTV

years.

- Strong track record with HUD over 5-10
- Master Lease/LGSA with other stable projects.
- Maintaining significant borrower equity in the Project.

# Loan Committee Review: **ORCF** Perspective

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Big Picture Look at Type of Transaction & Associated Risk Level

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- Refinance with Stable Performance?
- Recent Purchase Quick Turnaround (RPQT) Relevant turnaround examples?
- RPQT100% Taking out ~100% of purchase price?
- Limited Debt Seasoning Stable operating • history?
- Helpful if Lenders address in the Transaction Overview Section of the Lender's Narrative





### Meet your Loan Committee



# Meet the Olicatory of the ORCF Loan Committee



Margaritaville

#### **Gary Sever**



Don't Go Breaking My Heart (Duet with Rachel)

#### Susan Gosselin



**Under Pressure** 

#### Eduardo Mattei



Mr. Brightside

#### Jen Buhlman



**Dream On** 

Philip Head



Hit Me With Your Best Shot

#### John Hartung



The Gambler

**Angela Collier** 

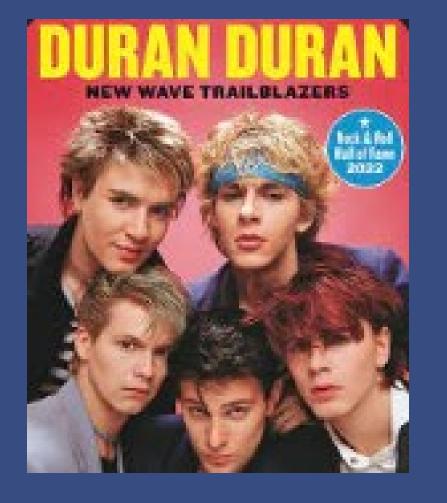


**Walking On Sunshine** 

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# Loan Committee Insight



# Loan Committee Insight: Lender Perspective

- Most important goal is to present a well-supported case for a deal
  - Comments should be focused on identifying and mitigating risks
  - Comments should additionally be focused on confirming that known concerns for HUD are noted, well explained, and mitigated appropriately
- Secondary goal is for comments to encourage future critical thinking for underwriters when they encounter similar deal dynamics. It takes lots of practice to be able to evaluate & mitigate risk appropriately!

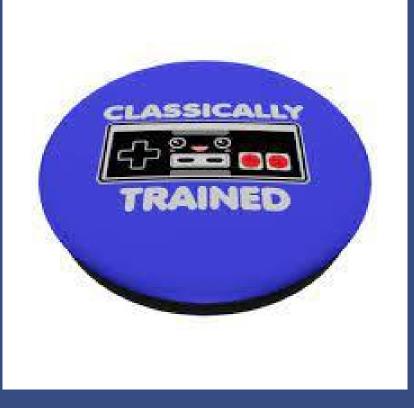
Texting in the 80s

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# Loan Committee Insight: Lender Perspective

- Does this application provide benefits to the facility?
  - Are they investing in the facility itself?
- Do the financial statistics look good?
- Have all the risks been mitigated?
- Are there any physical or environmental issues that require remediation?
- Agreed It takes lots of practice to be able to evaluate & mitigate risk appropriately!





# Loan Committee Insight: ORCF Perspective

- Impact on HUD's Portfolio: Consideration is given to how the loan fits into HUD's overall loan portfolio.
- Financial Metrics how do they hold together?
- Debt long-term, recent IOI debt, allocation?
- Participant Experience " who are the people" & operating "brand name"?
- Quality of Care quality ratings for an owner/operator larger portfolio
- Performance of Other FHA-insured troubled indicator, DSCR's, star ratings. Have participants been good business partners?
- State risk
- Rural locations

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# Risks / Mitigants



#### **Oversupply:**

There is currently a slight oversupply in the market of -61 beds with the market reporting an average weighted occupancy of 82.8%.



#### **Recent Purchase:**

The facility was just purchased on May 11, 2023, as part of a two-facility portfolio. The purchase involved two 75-bed AL/MC facilities located in Anystate.

On the date of the purchase, an IOI operator took over the license, putting a third party management agent in charge of operations.





#### Historical Operations have less than 1.45 DSCR

Trailing twelve operations at the facility average 1.25 DSCR.

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#### Low Star Rating

The facility currently has a onestar rating due to their receipt of 2 IJ tags over the previous two years.







# Focus on Quality of Care risk





#### **Risk Profile #1 Quality of Care**

#### Small portfolio

Purchased >2 years ago

**Refi taking out 100% of purchase price** 

**IOI debt being paid off** 

**RPQT – Recent Purchase Quick Turn-Around** 

Projects had lower end star ratings at purchase and many fell even lower first year of new owner/operator





#### **Risk Profile #2 Quality of Care**

Two small portfolios of new business with owner/operator groups who have existing HUD-insured portfolios

The star ratings for the existing HUD-insured portfolios averaged 1-star and included some SFF-C facilities or facilities that had recently graduated from SFF-D

Lenders for both portfolios were told that no new business for these owner/operators would be processed until there was tangible evidence indicating QofC was improving (which is a difficult ask in the "noisy" CMS environment right now)

# Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall.

When it rang, I'd pick it up without knowing who was calling. Amazing I'm still alive HEALTHCARE MORTGAGEE ADVISORY COUNCIL Financing Seniors Housing for America

#### **Risk Profile #3 Rural Market**

Project in smaller rural market

Metrics are slowly rebounding post-COVID

**Contract staffing had been used since the pandemic** 





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