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# Out of the Money: Problem Solving for Troubled Loans

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## Part 1: Common Threads

What problems does asset management see repeatedly & how can they better be addressed in underwriting?



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### **Part 2:**

Where do the efforts of underwriting and asset management converge?

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# Corporate Credit Reviews & Changes in Ownership



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# False Alarms Triggered By Incorrect Data in Portal



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### False Alarms Triggered By Incorrect Data Submitted to Lean Portal

### At loan committee

- Low portfolio DSCR for existing HUD loans in the portal is flagged, resulting in:
  - Risk mitigation requirements
  - Additional time in processing while portal numbers are reconciled



### Post-closing

- Unnecessary action plans
  - Frustrates borrowers
  - Creates more work for underwriting and servicing teams

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### **Best Practices For Preventing False Alarms**



Providing instruction and advising to borrowers/operators who submit financial info directly to portal Financial analysis training for asset management and underwriting teams covering:

- PropCo/Opco structure impact to financial statements
- Line items that should be excluded
- Consideration of COVID Income



Creating internal lender monitoring processes that trigger the review of submitted financial data in response to tracked metrics

On new loans for existing borrowers, underwriting & asset mgmt. teams should collaborate to reconcile financials and portal data ahead of HUD submission



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### **Action Plans**

### Work schedule for the first 12 weeks of the season 77



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### **Action Plans**

### Opportunity for UW & AM collaboration because:

- Required lender narrative is underwriting-focused
- AM teams find it difficult to obtain plans from borrowers and operators
- Monitoring action plans is difficult for AM teams due to variance between them



## Why do borrowers and operators struggle with action plans?

- HUD forms are complicated and difficult
- Completing action plans takes away time from operating their properties
- Difficulty in articulating efforts they may have already begun implementing
- And in the worst case, they lack the capacity or capability to address the problem.

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# When Underwriting & Asset Management Efforts are Combined

- Trouble can be identified and headed-off to avoid bigger problems down the road
- Lenders can provide a better client experience
- The partnership between HUD and lenders is improved



Part 3:

How should lender teams approach problem-solving?

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### **Root Cause Analysis**

- Identifies the underlying problem and makes evaluating potential solutions easier
- Eliminates time wasted in pursuing solutions that only address symptoms of a larger problem
- Increases the odds of deciding on an effective solution that improves the situation

But how can we identify the root cause?

### The "Five Whys" Approach

- A problem-solving technique that helps to efficiently identify the root of a problem quickly
- Start by stating the problem to be solved and then ask "why" that happened.
- Typically, the answer to the first "why" should prompt another "why" and the answer to the second "why" will prompt another and so on until you reach an answer without a "why" to ask
- Most root causes can be determined in 5 iterations of "Why" questions.



### In Practice...

- It helps you be a better detective, but a detective still needs to be able to put pieces together to build a case (or in this instance, a plan of action)
- It is possible that a root cause is inconclusive, but 5 whys can still frame where you need to focus.
- It isn't always clear when to stop asking questions.
  - In these cases, consider whether the answer to the why looks like a symptom or a cause.
    - Symptom Example- An answer like
       "inadequate cash flow" provides no insight
       into how to address the problem
  - If answer looks like a symptom, continue digging
- There are often multiple root causes underlying risks. When you see compound answers to why questions, you may need to follow each separate root cause.

### Why is the facility's DSCR < 1.0?

- A: Revenue is inadequate to cover expenses
- A: Census is down at the facility, reducing revenue
- A: Census never recovered from COVID-19
- A: Several patients died when COVID first hit, and the community is reluctant to place residents back

A 5<sup>th</sup> "Why" could be useful (why did patients die...) but you have enough to conclude an action plan targeted towards building back the facility's reputation in the community might be appropriate





Part 4: Next Steps

**Problem Solving** in Action

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### **Good Action Plans:**

- Identify a root cause
- Are easily actionable for borrower or operator
- Require manageable monitoring effort by lender's servicing team

### **Developing a Plan**

### Lender review of action plan:

- Does the plan identify a credible root cause?
- Does the proposed action relate directly to that root cause?
  - Is the proposed plan of action one that would be acceptable to mitigate the same risk if it were encountered during the underwriting process?
- If not, provide guidance to borrower/operator to address



### Options for identifying plans that are easily actionable:

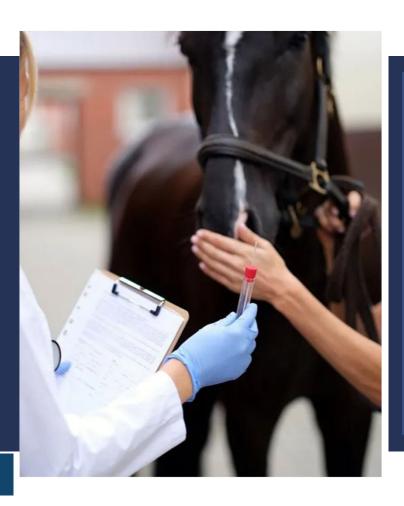
- Mirroring plans of correction already drafted and accepted for licensing purposes
- Pulling info from already-finalized marketing plans that are beginning to be implemented
- Pulling info from internal risk mitigation or QAPI meetings related to the root cause
- Pulling info from 3<sup>rd</sup> party risk assessment plans
- Providing detail to operator on action plans that the lender has seen in similar instances on other loans. \*

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### **Monitoring & Follow-up Considerations**

### **ORCF** Perspective:

- Action plans are tools to make sure HUD, Lender, and Participants are on the same page about what the risk is
- Plans need to include actionable, measurable steps to evaluate whether the risk is improving.
- Severity of risk & time needed for steps to have an impact should factor into the cadence of updates.
- Action Plans should facilitate communication between HUD and Lenders to prompt appropriate next steps if/when conditions deteriorate or new risks emerge.



### Lender Perspective:

- Does the follow-up timeline fit the risk?
  - If risk is considered moderate
    - Check-ins might be more spread out
  - If risk is considered high
    - Check-ins might need to be more frequent
- What is the lender process in place to manage the checkins?
- What would next steps be if improvement is not seen?

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## Questions?

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