# FUNDAMENTALS OF REAL ESTATE MARKETING

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Keys to success in business

### **REAL ESTATE MARKETING**

- Marketing is made up of four activities that when they are balanced lead to a successful transaction. According to Grover (2007), real estate marketing "balances a mix of activities that serves two functions: First function results in both attracting prospects to agents and creating a sale that meets the personal needs of prospects. The Second function, may not result in a sale, but increases the reputation of the agent or agency"
- (Chris Grover, 2007, Sales and Marketing 101 for Real Estate Professionals, p. 5 ).

### **REAL ESTATE MARKETING**

To be successful in real estate, an agent must be able to deliver what the customers wants/needs.

### 4 Ps of Marketing:

- Product
- Price of the product, property or services
- Place
- Promotion

### PROMOTION

#### **Promotion consists of 4 activities:**

- Publicity
- Advertising
- Sales Promotion
- Personal selling

### UTILITY IN MARKETING

How a product or service is useful to the customer

Greater utility means greater value, even without a price increase Five types of utility: 1. Place

- 2. Form
- 3. Time
- 4. Possession

#### 5. Services

### PLACE UTILITY

- Which has more value?
- Is the place located where the buyers wants it?
- Within 1 mile from work?

Within 50 miles of work?

### FORM UTILITY

Which has more value:

Lumber must be shipped to build the home? Newly constructed log home?

## TIME UTILITY

Which has more value?

- I can close on the loan and move into the house within thirty days.
- I can not close on the loan and move into the house until at least 90 days.

## **POSSESSION UTILITY**

- When can I find out information so that I can take possession?
- The property must be transferable
- The buyer can get a mortgage
- The money for the mortgage is available at reasonable rates

- Banks are not loaning money for homes in area.
- Is the Fed going to raise interest rates before I can qualify?

### SERVICE UTILITY

 How the agent's services benefit the customer Is the agent giving me the correct information?

Can I trust the agent and the company to satisfy my needs?

## PROMOTION

Purpose of Promotion is to:

- 1. Inform
- 2. Persuade
- 3. Remind

**Promotion Consists of:** 

- Personal selling
- Public relations
- Advertising
- Sales promotions

### **CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION**

How the message gets to consumers or customers; It can include:

- Website
- Email/Fax
- Internet, Social Media, Blogs, etc.
- Radio
- Television
- Newspapers
- Multiple listing service (MLS)
- Other agents, professionals, personal contacts, networking and more!