



## President's Corner

DeeAnna Peterson, President

Happy Summer Everyone! It's mind boggling that it is August already and I can't believe summer is coming to a close soon.

REGISTER NOW for the Dog Days Of Summer One Day Event in Chicago to take place August 11<sup>th</sup>. This is our way to provide a timely training opportunity that is very low cost and won't take up multiple days out of the office. Register at [www.ncrcnahro.org](http://www.ncrcnahro.org) right away!!

Some of you are very close to seeing the next phase of changes that are taking place from the strategic planning work plan that took place a year and a half ago. Invoices will begin going out to agencies who have been paying NCRC dues to NAHRO on our behalf. We will begin doing our own billing and accepting payments on our website. We will begin utilizing new phases of the website and look forward to your feedback.

I wanted to thank Sunny Shaw for attending our NCRC Conference in Detroit. I've talked with many members who have shared how much they appreciated hearing your story and getting the opportunity to visit with you in person. Ailrick sent a video and we appreciated hearing his message as well.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VOTE.

This election is a very important one for National NAHRO and for determining the leadership that will lead us into tomorrow.

Both of the last 2 elections were determined by less than 100 votes. From the eligible voters, only 6% participated. PLEASE educate yourself on the two candidates, update your associates list in NAHRO's database so each one has a unique email address and VOTE!!!

I again want to express my many thanks for all of the love and support I have enjoyed over the past year and a half and I will enjoy the moments we share in these last months of my term.

With humble and sincere thanks,  
*DeeAnna*



## 2017/18 Calendar

**Annual NAHRO  
National  
Conference & Exhibit  
October 27-29,  
2017**  
Pittsburgh, PA

**NCRC NAHRO  
Board of Directors  
Meeting  
October 28, 2017**  
Pittsburgh, PA

**NCRC Board  
Workshop  
January 3-6, 2018**  
Chicago, IL

**2018 NCRC Annual  
Conference hosted by  
Indiana NAHRO  
April 30 - May 2,  
2018**  
Ft. Wayne, IN

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# Housing Committee

*Jennifer Keogh,  
Vice President of Housing*

Happy Summer!



Congress passed a budget for 2017 and most of us fared far better than we ever anticipated. Had I owned a crystal ball, perhaps I could have predicted this. All signs were pointing to a Continuing Resolution and is what most of us planned our budgets and leasing schedules on. Many of us are now scrambling to utilize our funding through leasing and absorption

of vouchers. As we slide through these dog days of summer, 2018 Congressional appropriations are still not finalized and we are still incredibly uncertain of what lies ahead. The House approved its FY 2018 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (T-HUD) bill on July 17 and the Senate approved its bill on July 27. The House bill provides 96% HAP pro-ration, a 67.77% admin fee pro-ration for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and level funding for the Public Housing Operating Fund. The Senate bill provides 99% HAP Pro-ration and 75% Admin Fee pro-ration for the Housing Choice Voucher program and increased funding for Public Housing Operating Fund. Time will tell what funding levels we are left to work with.

The NCRC Housing and Legislative Committee have been busy putting together their first one-day workshop. The Event, “**Dog Days of Summer**”, will take place on August 11 in Chicago. The training is meant to be an opportunity for agencies to get timely and relevant information at a low cost. Speakers include: John Bohm from National NAHRO, Jim Inglis from Livonia Housing Commission and Jonathan Zimmerman from PHADA.

The NCRC Housing Committee solicited feedback from the NCRC membership for the NAHRO comment letter to HUD on Regulatory Reform. Thank you to all who provided comments, it is incredibly important that NAHRO staff hear our regions’ voice.

The National Housing Committee meets monthly via conference calls and most recently met in person at the NAHRO Summer Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Topics of discussion in July were Offset litigation, Regulatory Reform letter, MTW Expansion, FMR Methodology, Federal Budget Process, Impediment to Section 30 and Administrative Fee Fungibility.

The Committee passed two resolutions which were then approved at Board of Governors.

**Background: The Housing Committee voted for the following resolution, which maintains NAHRO’s broad position supporting full fungibility between Housing Choice Voucher Program Housing Assistance Payments and Administrative Fees accounts, while still supporting the incremental position to make Housing Assistance Payments reserves and current administrative fees fungible.**

BE IT RESOLVED NAHRO recognizes that full fungibility is optimal for the success of the Housing Choice Voucher program; we support incremental steps toward this optimal position;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHRO also supports fungibility between Housing Choice Voucher Program Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) and current administrative fees.

The Housing Committee and the Community Revitalization and Development (CR&D) Committees each met on July 15, 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Both Committees achieved a quorum and together submit the following joint resolution to the Board of Governors (BOG) for its consideration.

## **NAHRO FY 2018 Budget Recommendations for Selected HUD Programs**

**Background: Reference table on the next page.**

Resolution: Whereas the Housing Committee and the CR&D Committee have reviewed the FY 2018 NAHRO budget recommendations relevant to their portfolio, be it resolved that the Committees recommend for BOG to adopt the below FY 2018 NAHRO HUD budget recommendations.

## NAHRO's 2018 Funding Recommendations for Selected HUD Programs

Discretionary Programs (\$ millions)	FY 2017 Enacted <sup>1</sup>	FY 2018 Proposed <sup>2</sup>	FY 2018 NAHRO
Public Housing Operating Fund	\$4,400	\$3,900	\$5,074 <sup>3</sup>
Public Housing Capital Fund	\$1,941.5 <sup>4</sup>	\$628	\$5,000
<i>Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency</i>	[\$35]	--	\$35
<i>Emergency Capital Needs</i>	[\$21.5]	[\$20]	\$21.5
<i>Jobs Plus Pilot</i>	[\$15]	[\$10]	\$15
<i>PH Financial and Physical Needs Assessment Activities</i>	[\$10]	[\$8.3]	\$10
Rental Assistance Demonstration	--	--	--
Choice Neighborhoods Initiative	\$137.5	--	\$200 <sup>5</sup>
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$20,292	\$19,318	--
<i>Section 8 Assistance Payment Renewals</i>	[\$18,355]	[\$17,584]	\$19,840 <sup>6</sup>
<i>Ongoing Administrative Fees</i>	[\$1,640]	[\$1,540]	\$2,369
<i>Special and Ongoing Administrative Fees</i>	[\$10]	[\$10]	\$20 <sup>7</sup>
<i>Tenant Protection Vouchers</i>	[\$110]	[\$60]	Fully Fund
<i>Incremental Vouchers</i>	[\$57] <sup>8</sup>	[\$7] <sup>9</sup>	--
Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)	\$75	\$75	\$95
Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance	\$10,816	\$10,751	\$11,400 <sup>10</sup>
Community Development Block Grant	\$3,000	--	\$3,300
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$950	--	\$1,200
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$356	\$330	\$385
Homeless Assistance Grants	\$2,383	\$2,250	\$2,600

### (Footnotes)

1. Enacted levels from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017.
2. Proposed levels from the President's FY 2018 budget request.
3. Funding recommendation represents a 105% proration. Our recommendation to fund at 105% is a result of possible aberrations in the data utilized by the Department to estimate inflation and deflation factors related to tenant rental income and utilizes expense levels. Additional information has been requested to provide clarification, but to date, has not been provided.
4. Includes \$25 million set-aside for Competitive Lead-Based Paint Hazard Grants.
5. NAHRO recommends including a provision that reserves two-thirds of the CNI funds for applications in which a PHA is the lead or co-applicant.
6. NAHRO supports adequate funding to ensure that all assisted-households will be able to continue to be served in the upcoming year.
7. This amount includes only administrative fees for renewal vouchers. It does not include administrative fees for any potential incremental vouchers awarded in FY 2018.
8. This budget allocates \$40 million for HUD-VASH vouchers, \$10 million for new Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers, and \$7 million for HUD-VASH tribal vouchers.
9. The President's budget proposes \$7 million for HUD-VASH tribal vouchers.
10. NAHRO supports fully funding this account by providing for 12 months of funding for all contracts from January through December 2018. This estimate does not assume HUD's implementation of the HOTMA's medical/disability expense deduction threshold for elderly and disabled households up from 3 percent to 10 percent of their gross income before such expenses can be counted as a deduction. NAHRO supports adequate funding to ensure that all assisted-households will be able to continue to be served in the upcoming year.

## **2017 National NAHRO Conference Dates**

***National Conference & Exhibition - October 27-29***

Pittsburgh, PA

Conference will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center  
Hotels: Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh Hotel and the Omni William Penn Hotel

## **2018 National NAHRO Conference Dates**

***Washington Conference - April 22-24***

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel  
Arlington, VA

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# Legislative Report

## Jim Inglis, NCRC Legislative Chair



The legislative landscape seems a little clearer with the House Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Subcommittee releasing their 2018 funding bill. Overall, THUD received \$56.5 billion, which is \$1.1 billion less than the current fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. While disheartening it is \$8.6 billion above the President's request!! It could have been

much worse and we await the full THUD appropriations committee markup scheduled for the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Highlights and Lowlights:

- PH Capital Fund-\$1.85 billion, \$92 million less than FY 2017. NAHRO fears a continued loss of 10,000 hard units in the PH inventory;
- PH Operating Fund- \$4.4 billion, level funding, proration to be approx. 90%;
- Choice Neighborhoods-\$20 million, \$118 million less than FY 2017;
- HCV HAP Renewals-\$18.71 billion, \$35 million higher than FY 2017; 97% proration, loss of additional 100,000 vouchers;
- HCV Administrative Fees-\$1.55 billion, \$35 million less than FY 2017, less than 70% proration!!!!

- Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance, \$10.68 billion, \$134 less than FY 2017;
- CDBG-\$2.9 billion, \$100 million less than FY 2017, President proposed elimination!
- HOME Partnership-\$850 million, \$100 million less than FY 2017, President proposed elimination!
- HOPWA and Homeless Assistance Grants both received level funding from FY 2017 levels.

The NAHRO Legislative Committee is analyzing the bill and will continue to provide updates as the THUD funding bills move through the House and Senate. Please continue to monitor the NAHRO Legislative website for action alerts.

NAHRO is part of the partnership with the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding and has put together a report for the new Congress to demonstrate the importance of housing and community development programs in our communities. NAHRO has featured several CDBG/HOME communities demonstrating their good work.

***Mark Your Calendar: August 11, 2017 at the Illini Center in Chicago the NCRC Housing Committee and Legislative Committee's will present a "Dog Days of Summer, One Day Legislative and Policy Seminar". The seminar will feature National NAHRO Legislative Director, John Bohm and HCV Policy Specialist Johnathan Zimmerman aka, JZ.***

## Next NCRC Board of Directors Meeting

### October 28, 2017

Time to be determined

Executive Board of Directors Meeting

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



**Richie**



**Shaw**



**Young**

## Candidates for NAHRO Leadership

Election 2017

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## Small Agency Task Force

**Sharon L. Carlson, SATF Chair**

THE SATF met in Indianapolis on Saturday, July 15. The meeting began with an overview of the meeting objectives and summary updates from staff liaison John Bohm. Mr. Bohm discussed the status of small agency relief legislation, projections

from the FY 2018 Appropriations process, and follow-up from discussion that occurred in March with the Staff Director for House Financial Services. Lisa Porter from Virginia and Sharon Carlson from Michigan provided perspective from the conversation held in March.

NAHRO President Steve Merritt and NAHRO Chief Executive Officer Adrienne Todman joined the meeting. Ms. Todman remained to talk with members regarding the focus of our efforts moving forward with small agency relief. The task force was very pleased to hear her specific commitment to stay well informed about small agency issues, and her pledge to be a strong voice on behalf of this membership.

Several initiatives were discussed by directors in attendance from Virginia, Georgia, and Michigan, who provided mem-

bers with information about forming partnerships and/or consortia, as well as forming management agreements. Shrinking funding and overregulation has prompted many agencies to be creative in management strategies. These shared ideas will be expanded upon during a roundtable session in Pittsburgh at the Annual Conference, which CEO Todman fully supported.

NAHRO's Policy team was also in attendance. Eric Oberdorfer and Tushar Gurjal provided information about the Moving to Work expansion and the Rental Assistance Demonstration program, while Georgi Banna provided information about the offset litigation, and how agencies that were not in on the initial lawsuit, now have an opportunity to join a second lawsuit. Members were encouraged to reach out to the policy team for further information.

The next meeting of the Small Agency Task Force will be held in Pittsburgh on October 26, 2017. Please join us!

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon L. Carlson, National and NCRC SATF Chair

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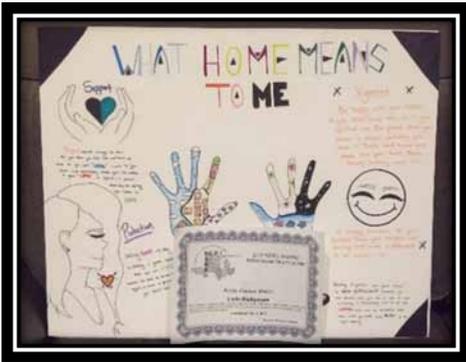
# Poster Contest Committee Report

**Anna Judge, Housing America Poster Contest Chair**

A huge shout out to all of the housing authorities that submitted poster entries for the 2018 “What Home Means to Me” poster contest. As a region we received over 100 entries. The winners from our region were chosen and awarded at the NCRC conference in Detroit, with the top three entries submitted to NAHRO for the National contest. Fingers crossed – we hope to see them in the 2018 calendar!

Remember that it is never too early to start next year’s contest. I encourage you to start holding your state contests early to ensure that your state winners are to me by April 1, 2018 for regional judging.

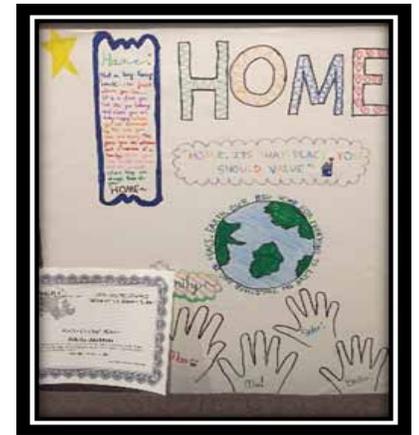
**This year’s 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from our region were:**



**Adelia Jackson, Lincoln NE**



**Jasoni Crafton-Givens, Springfield IL**



**Lorin Blakemore, Met Council MN**

**Congratulations, Taylor Mershon!**



New in 2017 was the National Merit College Scholarship Program through NAHRO. This new scholarship program gives out \$15,000 annually to 8 winners from across the country. I am proud to announce that **Taylor Mershon**, from Portsmouth Metropolitan Housing Authority, was the winner from our region. Taylor was awarded \$1,000 from NAHRO on top of her scholarship received from our own regional scholarship program.

The regional scholarship winner is forwarded on to NAHRO for an additional scholarship. Those additional scholarships from NAHRO range from \$1,000 to \$6,000. I know that in the past there has not been a great deal of nominations to the region, and I ask that you take the time to nominate your program participants for these scholarships as they truly make a difference in their educational goals.

**October is Housing America Month**

The month of October is used to collectively raise awareness of the need and the importance of, safe, decent and affordable housing in quality communities. Events are held around the country by housing authorities, redevelopment agencies and government entities to spotlight the great works that have been done and the successes that so many residents have experienced. These events include, but are not limited to, ground breakings, ribbon cutting ceremonies, beautification projects, poster contests, and Little Libraries. I ask that you share with me any events you hold in October so that I can pass them on to NAHRO. Telling our stories will put greater meaning behind the fight for funding that is needed to run housing programs to assist those in need.



# Regional Service Officer Report

Cheryl Anne Farmer, RSO



Big things are happening at the NCRC office!

In the past national NAHRO has collected our dues and we are very thankful to them for their help over the years. The board has collectively decided that it is time for NCRC to start collecting membership dues on behalf of our organization

again. The hope is that our membership records will be more up to date and accurate by taking this back in house. So, from this point forward you will receive a membership renewal invoice from NCRC. The dues are currently \$75 per agency and each agency is allotted 6 associate memberships to be connected to the membership.

Each agency has a “Bundle Administrator” assigned to manage its membership details. The Bundle Administrator will be the one to receive the renewal invoice for the agency. As the administrator you will be able to renew your membership online or via snail mail. Currently we have several agencies who have either too many names connected to their membership or do not have any names listed at all. We would like all agencies to supply us with a list of updated staff that should be connected to your membership.

You have a couple different options to get us the information. The first way is to log into the website and go to your bundle summary and add the names that should be connected to your agency. If there are names that should not be listed or are no longer affiliated with your agency, please contact [rso@ncrcnahro.org](mailto:rso@ncrcnahro.org) so we can delete them from your membership. If you have never logged into the website before you can simply put your email in the log in field and click on “forgot password” and you will be sent

a temporary password to get started.

The second option is to fill out the paper membership renewal form that will be sent to each agency and either mail, fax, or email it back to the NCRC office.

We kindly ask for your patience during this transition of our membership records. We hope this is a smooth process but like all transitions we can always anticipate a few small bumps in the road.

The next exciting piece of BIG NEWS is that NCRC is now accepting credit cards online. YES!! We know that credit card payments are becoming the normal form of payment and we want to provide our members with that convenience. So, feel free to pay for your membership dues or future payments to NCRC via the website. I would also like to mention that if you are in need of a tax write off, please feel free to donate to our NCRC Scholarship Fund online and we will get you a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

Finally, one last piece of news to share! It has been 6 months since we launched our new website. I hope you have taken some time to explore what it has to offer. One item that I would like to highlight is the “Discussion Forum” area of the website. We have created this forum so our members can communicate, network, and share thoughts and ideas in a central location. In order to participate in the forum, you need to be listed as a member (*get your membership list updated ASAP*), and you need to be logged in as a member on the website. We currently have a general discussion forum and a small agency discussion forum. I encourage you to hop on the website and check out these forums. Maybe you have a question or topic that you would like to post. Let’s make use of the tools that are at our finger tips and connect as a region.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I am here to serve the membership, remember to utilize me too. :-)

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# Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Resident Receives Special Recognition



*Jaziah Shipp is a 16-year-old resident at the national award-winning Griot Village Development at the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority. He has lived at the inter-generational property, the first of its kind in Ohio, since it opened in 2014. Jaziah will be entering his junior year of high school at John Hay this fall. Beyond school, Jaziah stays busy taking part in leadership and extracurricular activities. He is a member of The Distinguished Gentlemen, which is a spoken word performance group lead by Honey Bey-Bell, and recently, Jaziah was selected to be a member of the FBI Future Agents in Training program for the summer. The FBI sponsors the three-day Future Agents in Training program, a national program where teens from across the United States work on real FBI cases and are assigned a special agent. This year, there were more than 200,000 applicants. Of that large pool, the FBI selected 1,200 to participate in the program. Jaziah was one of only four African Americans selected. During the program he heard cases, learned about affidavits, filed criminal complaints, and issued arrest warrants. Jaziah was the only future agent to solve a case on his first day and received special recognition by Special Agent Anthony, who was the top agent-in-charge. He also learned how to dust for fingerprints, search the FBI databases, ride in an FBI car, and work on real cases. For the last two years Jaziah has been a part of the UMADAOP Federation. The Federation awarded him the Helen Postell Youth Award. As part of the program, he traveled to Washington, D.C. to spend a week on Capitol Hill where he met with Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman to discuss programs and ways in which they can support anti-drug programs for teens.*

# *NAHRO Accepting Nominations for* **John L. Carroll Memorial Scholarships for Small Agencies**

**Scholarships will be awarded every year during the Spring & Fall application periods.**

**All scholarships are reviewed by the NAHRO Professional Development Committee.**

**A maximum of 10 scholarships will be awarded during each application period.**

**An agency may apply for only one scholarship per application period.**

**Agencies with up to 550 combined Public Housing and HCV units may apply.**

**Please Note: The Fall Application period will open  
September 25, 2017 and close October 20, 2017 at 5pm ET.**

#### **To qualify:**

- Your agency must be a current member of National NAHRO
- Your agency must have no more than 550 combined HCV-assisted and/or Public Housing (current or RAD-converted) units.
- Scholarship applications are sent to the national NAHRO Professional Development Committee for review and selection. Award winners will be notified within ten business days after the selections have been finalized.
- NAHRO training programs are held throughout the continental United States. Please see the Training Calendar for a complete list of seminar dates and locations.
- It is not necessary to know the location or date of a specific training product. NAHRO allows agencies using the John L. Carroll Memorial Scholarship flexibility in using their scholarship.

# TECH TIPS

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Do you ever notice that some of your emails go directly to your spam or junk folder? Here is an instruction guide to add your contacts to your safe sender list. Please add NCRC to your safe sender list as well. Our email is [rso@ncrcnahro.org](mailto:rso@ncrcnahro.org).

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1. Add the email address to your address book.

## AOL 8

1. Open a message from the sender you want to add.
2. Click the **Add Address** icon on the right.
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4. Click **Save**.

## Apple Mail

1. Open a message from the sender you want to add.
2. Click the Flag icon and select **Mark as Not Junk**.

## Earthlink

1. Go to your address book.
2. Click the **Add** button.
3. Enter the email address under **Internet Information**.

## Gmail

1. Open a message from the sender you want to add.
2. Click **More Options** in the email header.
3. Click **Add Sender to Contact List**.

## MSN Hotmail

1. Go to the **Options** page.
2. On the left side of the page, click **Mail and then click Junk E-Mail Protection**.
3. Click **Add Senders to Safe List**.
4. Enter the email address of the sender and then click **Add**.

## Outlook 2010

1. On the Home tab, in the Delete group, click **Junk, and then click Junk E-mail Options**.
2. On the Safe Senders tab, select the **automatically add people I e-mail to the Safe Senders List** check box.

## Outlook 2007, Outlook 2003, or Outlook Express

1. Go to Tools on the menu bar.
2. Select **Options** in the pull-down menu.
3. Under **Preferences, select Junk E-mail**.
4. Click on the **Safe Sender** tab.
5. Click the **Add** button.
6. Type the email address of the sender in the text box.

## Yahoo! Mail

1. Within your Spam folder, select a message from the sender you want to add, then click the **Not Spam** option.

# STATE CHAPTER REPORTS



## IOWA CHAPTER Amy Tooley, President

Iowa NAHRO is planning a fall professional development opportunity for its membership! We will be offering a 2 day Casterline Financial Training on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines.

Iowa NAHRO is already planning our 2018 Annual Conference to be held April 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> in West Des Moines. The Professional Development Chair is challenging the membership to submit ideas for this year's theme and logo.

## ILLINOIS CHAPTER Jackie L. Newman, President



We are only a week away from the joint conference being hosted by Illinois and Indiana NAHRO and things are shaping up!!

### **THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!**

Visit the web site at [www.ilnahro.org](http://www.ilnahro.org)

Sessions include topics for Commissioners, Executive Directors, Community Development Organizations, Public Housing, Section 8, RAD, Tax Credit Structuring & "Getting the Deal Done". We hope that you will not miss the opportunity to learn and network!

**Join us for the conference** and while you are here in Springfield, Illinois – please take time to enjoy the Historic Lincoln sites and visit the Illinois State Fair which will be in full swing!!

ILNAHRO and Indiana NAHRO are committed to ensuring the voice of its membership remains strong through advocacy, educating HUD leadership and directing its membership to cutting edge training opportunities on a State, Regional and National level.

We hope that you will join us in Springfield in a few weeks!!



## MINNESOTA CHAPTER Barbara Dacy, President



Minnesota NAHRO members invite you to travel to Duluth, Minnesota for its Annual Conference, Training and Exhibition, "All Hands On Deck", September 27 – 29, 2017, at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Lake Superior and the City of Duluth offer a beautiful backdrop for the conference and evening fun along the "north shore". The conference is offering significant trainings suitable for both staff and commissioners of NCRC agencies, including "Ethics for Commissioners" by national NAHRO, Fair Housing and Customer Service, by Nan MacKay, mental health and crisis management issues, by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and a "pick two" option where sessions are repeated so that if you miss one, you can catch up later. DeeAnna Peterson, outgoing NCRC President, will be convening a session on "What's NCRC and National NAHRO doing these days?" This conference is truly an excellent opportunity for any agency in the region.

In addition to the typical conference and training sessions, both national NAHRO Senior VP Candidates, Sunny Shaw and Ailrick Young, will be in attendance and each will not only convene their own session, but will also share why they are running for Senior VP at one of our luncheons.

Minnesota NAHRO has approved a ballot for its Board of Director positions, and the election results will be announced at the conference. This year, new officers will start their terms, and Diane Larson, Executive Director at the Itasca County HRA, is on the ballot to be President for 2017 - 2019. My role, as upcoming Past President, will shift to be the Legislative Committee Chair.

In addition to the Annual Conference, Minnesota NAHRO members have the opportunity to attend a Leadership Retreat at the end of July and participate in a Housing Choice Voucher Management Training in August. The Board of Directors has also authorized a membership survey to be distributed in August and will be distributing the new "Commissioner's Handbook".

Please consider coming to Minnesota this September, we would love to see you!



**INDIANA CHAPTER**  
Rick Moore, President



**WISCONSIN CHAPTER**  
Rebecca Kralewski, President



Wisconsin has been busy preparing for the fall conference.

District 8 of the Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities would like to invite you to join us for our 2017 Annual Conference to be held September 18-21, 2017 at the Holiday Inn/Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center in Wausau. The Conference Theme is “The Amazing Race to Housing Success” and features many interesting and informative sessions for attendees to choose from such as the “Amazing Race through the Bedroom” to see how many drugs you can find that are “hiding in plain sight”, sessions to learn more about drugs, several HUD sessions (an 8 hour training on Environmental Review Requirements & Responsibilities, Capital Planning, Operating Subsidy, HCV and PH Training), a Commissioners Workshop, Maintenance Training and many, many more. Our Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Bowman “The Fine Art of People Power is schedule for Tuesday morning. We will have an Exhibitor’s Reception on Tuesday evening, and have several games planned to be played by interested attendees throughout the Conference.

Don’t miss this opportunity there is a topic for everyone. Registration information can be found on the WASA website at [www.wahaonline.org](http://www.wahaonline.org).

Karen L. Bennett  
2017 Conference Coordinator

The next WASA board meeting will be held Monday, September 18, 2017 at 4:00 pm in Wausau, WI at the fall conference.

2018 Save the Date:  
The spring conference will also be held in Wausau on April 17 and April 18<sup>th</sup>.

“Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.”  
~Walter Elliot~

It’s almost here... the Illinois/Indiana Joint Conference & Exhibition is only a few weeks away! The combined annual conference will take place on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, Illinois. There’s still time to register as an attendee or vendor by emailing the Conference Project Manager, Denise Anderson, at [INAHRO2017@GMAIL.COM](mailto:INAHRO2017@GMAIL.COM). Registration to attend is only \$225 for the entire conference or \$150 to attend one day.



Training opportunities at the conference will include a little bit of everything for everybody: Section 8 (HOTMA, VAWA, Portability, EID, Policy Updates); PIC... Everything but Errors; RAD, Affiliated Entities, and LIHTC; State Housing Finance Updates; Capital Fund Guidebook Training; Successful Tools for Boards of Commissioners; Smoke Free Public Housing; Project-Based Vouchers; Budget Tips for Surviving Lean Times; Property Inspections; Rethinking Reentry; Redevelopment & Planning Opportunities; Safety, Preventative Maintenance & Selecting the Best Equipment; ROSS Family Service Coordinators; How to Prepare Footnotes/MD&A; and last but definitely something we ALL want to know more about... HUD Hot Topics with an overall Outlook on New Administration in Washington, D.C. In addition, both Illinois and Indiana Chapters will conduct their Annual Member Meetings at the conference to vote for 2018/2019 Executive Officers.

Lastly, we would like to report that the NAHRO Summer Conference, which took place last month in Indianapolis, Indiana, was very well attended. It was an honor to have so many people from the housing community join us in our very own state.

# Nebraska NAHRO

## NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Anita Doggett, President

Wowzers, it has been a very hot summer here in Nebraska so far. We did recently get some much needed rain and hopefully we can get some more very soon. Nebraska is one of the most “beautiful” places on earth! Beautiful is not just referring to the scenery our landscapes offer but also it’s a combination of good people, great food, and simplistic living! I feel so blessed to live in Nebraska.

NE NAHRO Board Meeting: The board met once again in Columbus, NE for its June board meeting. Some topics discussed at the meeting were the Marketing Efforts in Western NE and other advertising efforts like NIFA Marketplace (tax credit conference) and our Web page update. Heather’s (State Service Officer) yearly evaluation was performed where she was given high praise. Our Fall Conference was discussed which will be held in September and all the great things coming up for the 40 year event! If interested in

attending, Contact Heather Looper at [ne\\_nahro\\_sso@hotmail.com](mailto:ne_nahro_sso@hotmail.com). Maintenance Conference 2017: Maintenance Conference is going to be held in Fremont NE August 2 & 3 this year. This event is held every year for our Maintenance people to gather and listen to the topics that are relevant to them. Hands on demonstrations are held as well as classroom learning depending on the different topics offered. It is important for them to make the connections they need to do their jobs just as directors do. It is important that they see what other agencies are doing for cross reference purposes.

Smoke Free NE Conference: Smoke Free NE held training in Lincoln on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cornhusker Marriott. They reviewed the HUD rule and gave some very insightful information about the rule. They are also holding online meetings free of charge to help housing authorities implement the Smoking Rule going into effect July 2018. Information has been emailed out by Heather.

Personal Note: I will be wrapping up my two years as NE NAHRO’s President but want to say thank you to everyone I have met for making me feel welcome at the meetings I have been able to come to. As a small agency and having two little ones in two years, it has been hard to come to the meetings. NAHRO is an important support system for PHAs. Thank you for all you do.



**MICHIGAN CHAPTER**  
Lorri Brookman, President

MI NAHRO is hosting a Commissioner Fundamentals and Ethics training in Lansing August 15-17. Registration information can be found at [www.minahro.org](http://www.minahro.org).

Also on the MINAHRO website you can register for our 2017 Joint Housing Conference to be held at Crystal Mountain Resort. MINAHRO along with our sister organizations MHDA, and UPHO will be offering a wide range of learning sessions that you won’t want to miss. After this conference and the fall national conference in Pittsburgh, we will welcome our new slate of officers for MINAHRO that will guide us through the next two years. Please take the time to welcome them, provide them with information that will be beneficial to your agency and offer them your support. The MINAHRO board works very hard for our agencies, and I want to personally thank those that have volunteered their time and energy.

As this will be the last message that I will be sending as your President, I want to thank the MINAHRO members for your encouragement and support over the last two eventful years. Some of the goals I had as President were accomplished, while others were not. The experience helped me learn and grow in my profession, and for that I am thankful.

I hope to see you all in September. Enjoy your Summer!

## OHIO CHAPTER

Steve Randles, President



The OHAC Training & Conference Committee has developed a strong agenda for the annual 2017 OHAC Fall Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel in downtown Columbus, Ohio September 20 – 22, 2017. The agenda

incorporates a wide variety of topics including the merging of maintenance sessions along with managerial and front line themes. The conference will kick-off with an opening session discussing the ominous “Opioid Crisis” being experienced in Ohio and nationally. You can view a full OHAC Fall Conference Agenda, Registration Forms and Hotel Information at [www.ohac.com](http://www.ohac.com). Here is a preview of the course options registrants may choose from over the two and a half days: Troubleshooting Basic Heating & Air Conditioning & Preventive Maintenance, plus the (optional) EPA 608 Certification Test; EPA Lead Renovator RRP Certification Training; Hands-on Residential Wiring & Troubleshooting; “Nuts & Bolts of PHA Accounting & Budgeting” with Jason Casterline; Human Resource Training; Legal Track with the “Guru of Housing Authority Law”, William (Bill) Willis of Willis Law Firm, LLC; HCV Track with Mike LaRiccia covering the HCV Two-Year Forecasting Tool, as well as Tushar Gurjal, Policy Analyst from NAHRO, to discuss HOTMA; and Smoke-Free Track “Quitting Cold Turkey”. There will be plenty of time to socialize with colleagues during a Wednesday night reception sponsored by the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, with special music of The Dean Simms Trio, sponsored by Saul Himelstein and The Inspection Group. The 2017 OHAC Directors’ Retreat will be held October 11 – 13 at Shawnee Lodge down on the Ohio River in Portsmouth, Ohio. NCRC’s very own Treasurer, Peggy Rice, will give her colleagues a glimpse of life in southern Ohio. An agenda, detailed for directors, will be finalized shortly.



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