

2019 VAHCDO Annual Conference - Workshop Sessions

Wednesday 4/24/19 5:00p - 7:00p	2019 PHA Awards Celebration and Networking Reception			
Thursday 4/25/19	Community Development	Housing (PH and S8)	Professional Development	Commissioner/Executive/ Staff Track
9:00a - 10:15a	<p>Topic: <u>Repositioning PHA's: Redevelopment Opportunities Reconsidered</u></p> <p>Short Description: Creativity and insight are often the only way to bridge the gap between the need for affordable housing and the existing state of our housing stock in Virginia. Several VAHCDO agencies have expanded beyond basic development models and created successful redevelopment projects. This session will review the best practices and principles that made these models successful so that you can incorporate the best of them in your local area.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Michael Wong, Executive Director, Harrisonburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Keith Pettigrew, Executive Director, Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Karen Wilds, Executive Director, Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority 	<p>Topic: <u>HCV Program Overview</u></p> <p>Short Description: The Housing Choice Voucher Program continues to assist families, the elderly and the disabled in finding housing in the private market. Throughout its history there has been much to learn from and lessons to teach. This session will connect PHA staff with experts from the Richmond Field Office to learn how best to manage the HCV program while balancing cash flow, maximizing voucher issuance and continuously forecasting to ensure that the highest number of clients are served.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Sharon Akins, Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Robert Davenport, Director, HUD, Richmond Office • Gwendolyn Martin, Financial Analyst, HUD, Richmond Office • Wilma Henry, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office • Bonita Booker, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office • Arthur Schlotzhauer, Engineer HUD, Richmond Office 	<p>Topic: <u>The Eviction Crisis and 2019 Virginia Law Changes</u></p> <p>Short Description: The campaign to reduce or eliminate evictions began to address the eviction crisis in Virginia where 4 of the top 10 cities exist. CARE has received support from the Virginia Poverty Law Center, Virginia Legal Aide and VAHCDO to introduce four bills that were all passed into law in 2019. Learn about their impact and how the new laws affect housing and tenancy in Virginia.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Philip Page, Jr., Executive Director, Franklin Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Martin Wegbreit, Director of Litigation, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society 	<p>Topic: <u>Workforce Development</u></p> <p>Short Description: This session seeks to answer the following questions: What skills are business leaders requesting? How can workforce development assist with meeting those needs? What jobs are in high demand? What on-the-job training programs exist? and Why is it important to connect with Virginia Career Works Centers.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Teresa Jones, Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Nancy Stephens, Virginia Career Works Norfolk Center • Jacqueline Rondeau- Virginia Career Works Norfolk Center
10:30a - 11:45a	<p>Topic: <u>DHCD 2019 Update</u></p> <p>Short Description: The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) provides a host of programs that support the work of local housing agencies. DHCD programs help us to define what is possible and what is achievable relative to the provision of affordable housing and the revitalization of communities large and small across the Commonwealth. This session will reintroduce housing agencies to the many resources (grants, loans, technical assistance, etc.) that are available and the changes that have been initiated for 2019.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Ed Ware - Former Director of Government Relations - Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Erik Johnston – Executive Director, DHCD • Willie Fobbs – Associate Director of Affordable Housing Production and Preservation, DHCD 	<p>Topic: <u>HCV Round Table</u></p> <p>Short Description: This session will continue the ongoing discussion of the HCV Program by experts from the Richmond Field Office. HUD staff will participate in an open format discussion to allow you to ask the questions that are on your mind. Join us to discuss issues and concerns of the program and take advantage of a rare opportunity to engage HUD in an informal setting.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Stephanie Wright, Chesapeake Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Robert Davenport, Director, HUD, Richmond Office • Gwendolyn Martin, Financial Analyst, HUD, Richmond Office • Wilma Henry, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office • Bonita Booker, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office • Arthur Schlotzhauer, Engineer HUD, Richmond Office 	<p>Topic: <u>Ending Tenancy and Proper Notices of Termination</u></p> <p>Short Description: Eviction is a last resort and one that must be approached carefully. There are best practices to avoid evictions that benefit tenants and agencies. There are also required notices and time frames that must be adhered to in order to respect the tenants' rights and keep your housing agency from legal troubles. This session will show you the processes to follow when it appears eviction is the only option.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Philip Page, Jr., Executive Director, Franklin Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Lisa Walker, CEO and General Counsel, Housing & Development Law Institute 	<p>Topic: <u>Managing Housing Security</u></p> <p>Short Description: This session provides a comprehensive overview of the impact of having a well-composed security program in the public and affordable housing arena. You will learn how to promote a security program to address basic security-related issues, manage daily security operations, reduce liability, document organization events and more. This session is facilitated by a senior risk control consultant with over 20 years of law enforcement, security consulting, and risk management experience in housing authorities.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Alisa S. Winston, Deputy Executive Director, Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority • J. B. Smith, HAI Group , Senior Risk Control Consultant

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<p>2:00p - 3:15p</p>	<p>Topic: <u>Understanding the Pay for Success Model</u></p> <p>Short Description: Pay for Success (PFS) is a new way of financing social services to help agencies target limited dollars to achieve a positive, measurable outcome. With PFS, a governmental agency can more easily commit funds to pay for a specific outcome that is achieved within a defined timeframe. A model PFS program is currently underway in Virginia - sponsored by VAHCDO and the Norfolk and Harrisonburg PHA's. The results will provide quantifiable results that will open the door to more funding for simillare PFS projects.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Michael Wong, Executive Director, Harrisonburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Ed Ware, Former Director of Government Relations, Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Michael Cwidak-Kusbach, Project Coordinator, Amplify Civic Advisors • Grant Duffield, Executive Director, Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority 	<p>Topic: <u>REAC Training</u></p> <p>Short Description: HUD has proposed many changes to the REAC program and process such as shortening the notification period for inspections, shared oversight with local governments for physical inspections, inspections for properties undergoing construction, and the collection of agency data among other ideas. you can't afford mistakes when facing a REAC inspection and this session will train you and your staff to prepare.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Carl Williamson, Newport News Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Dennis DiBello - Chief Inspector, American Property Consultants, Inc. 	<p>Topic: <u>Repositioning of Public Housing - Part I</u></p> <p>Short Description: In November of 2018, PHA's were notified of HUD's intention to reduce the number of public housing units by helping agencies reposition their housing stock. This session will give greater understanding of HUD's intentions and how it will provide PHA's with additional flexibilities and regulations to allow communities to develop locally appropriate strategies to pivot from public housing to more sustatinable systems of affordable housing.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator -Ed Bland, Executive Director, Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority • James Issacs, HUD Division Director, Special Applications Center, Chicago • Robert Davenport, Director, HUD, Richmond Office • Gwendolyn Martin, Financial Analyst, HUD, Richmond Office • Wilma Henry, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office • Bonita Booker, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office •Arthur Schlotzhauer, Engineer HUD, Richmond Office 	<p>Topic: <u>Non-Traditional Partnerships, PHAs and Community Action Agencies</u></p> <p>Short Description: Times of change and uncertainty may be the perfect time to reexamine the role we play as PHAs and the work we do on behalf of our residents. PHA's have long served low income families through the public housing and Section 8 programs but how much more can be done to actually assist in eliminating poverty and permanently ending the conditions that create the need for affordable and subsidized housing. This session will introduce you to partnerships with like-minded organizations to help PHA's do more for the low income families in our areas.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - John Bohm, VP Community Development VAHCDO • Lynn Pannell, Bristol Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Rob Goldsmith, President, People Inc. • Kevin Kelly, Program Analyst, National Community Action Partnership
<p>3:30p – 5:00p</p>	<p>Topic: <u>Capitol Hill Update and Analysis</u></p> <p>Short Description: We live in interesting and changing times. Government shutdowns, delayed approval of HUD fiscal year spending measures, the absence of necessary and meaningful program reforms that can only come from Capitol Hill, and the impact of the deficit on domestic spending all impact what we can and cannot do in our communities. Learn the latest from Capital Hill to prepare your agency for the changing future.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - John Bohm, VP for Community Development, VAHCDO • Georgi Banna, Director of Policy and Programs, NAHRO •Emily Cadik, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition 	<p>Topic: <u>ACE Training - Resilient Client Management and Trauma Informed Service</u></p> <p>Short Description: The trauma and adversity of poverty affect all clients of affordable housing but, often, it's the traumatic childhood circumstances that affect adult decision-making and lifestyles. This session will teach PHA staff who interact with tenants and clients how to identify and mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's). You will learn the language of ACE's, build resilience and learn to better address life decisions and lifestyle choices that impact housing.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Benham - Executive Director, Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority • Brian C. Little, Sr., Virginia Department of Health 	<p>Topic: <u>Repositioning of Public Housing - Part 2</u></p> <p>Short Description: Continued discussions with HUD's focus on repositioning public housing. This session will conclude with questions and answers on an array of topics with the HUD staff. Options such as disposition, voluntary conversion, RAD and MTW will be discussed but all questions and ideas are welcome.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator -Ed Bland, Executive Director, Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority • James Issacs, HUD Division Director, Special Applications Center, Chicago • Robert Davenport, Director, HUD, Richmond Office • Gwendolyn Martin, Financial Analyst, HUD, Richmond Office • Wilma Henry, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office •Arthur Schlotzhauer, Engineer HUD, Richmond Office 	<p>Topic: <u>ROSS/Youthbuild/Jobs Plus Grants</u></p> <p>Short Description: Are you eligible for all of the grant programs HUD has allocated millions of dollars in funds? Find out how to access more funds for initiatives like HUD's ROSS program which links residents of public housing and housing funded through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act to supportive services and activities. These programs enable families to make progress towards economic independence and housing self-sufficiency so don't miss out.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Keith L. Viers, Executive Director, CPRHA • Cereta Gibbons, Owner, Comprehensive Grants Management • Bonita Booker, Portfolio Management Specialist, HUD, Richmond Office

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9:00a - 10:15a	<p>Topic: <u>Housing Trust Fund</u></p> <p>Short Description: The value and importance of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund is well documented. Advocacy efforts to increase the Trust Fund are well underway. Hear from those close to the action talk about how and why VAHCDO members should be in the know and supportive regarding the use of this important tool to increase affordable housing across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Tyler Craddock, Vice President of Government Affairs, Organization Management Group Inc. • Sim Wimbush, Executive Director, Virginia Housing Alliance • Molly Jacobson - Campaign for Housing and Civic Engagement (CHACE) 	<p>Topic: <u>Case Law Review (Joint Session)</u></p> <p>Short Description: Throughout each year the court system makes rulings that affect affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. The new laws affecting evictions are only one area of change. The housing industry must be vigilant and knowledgeable of Fair Housing cases that address hoarders and other protected classes, the current interpretation of VAWA legislation and its potential to separate families and the issues facing affordable housing development via disposition, voluntary conversion or RAD conversions. Stay abreast of the most important and impactful changes in this comprehensive review of case law.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Philip Page, Jr., Executive Director, Franklin Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Lisa Walker, CEO and General Counsel, Housing & Development Law Institute 	<p>Topic: <u>Case Law Review (Joint Session)</u></p> <p>Short Description: Throughout each year the court system makes rulings that affect affordable housing throughout the Commonwealth and the nation. The new laws affecting evictions are only one area of change. The housing industry must be vigilant and knowledgeable of Fair Housing cases that address hoarders and other protected classes, the current interpretation of VAWA legislation and its potential to separate families and the issues facing affordable housing development via disposition, voluntary conversion or RAD conversions. Stay abreast of the most important and impactful changes in this comprehensive review of case law.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Philip Page, Jr., Executive Director, Franklin Redevelopment & Housing Authority • Lisa Walker, CEO and General Counsel, Housing & Development Law Institute 	<p>Topic: <u>Disaster Preparedness: Is Your Agency At Risk?</u></p> <p>Short Description: The 2018 Atlantic hurricane season featured 18 named storms, 8 hurricanes and \$50 billion of damage. This session provides a comprehensive overview of the benefit of having a well-composed disaster plan to mitigate and reduce catastrophic losses in the public and affordable housing arena. You will learn how to foster a culture of preparedness to be ready for the next "what if" scenario. And, the presenter will provide basics on how to manage pre and post operations, reduce liability, document organization events, and more. Learn what to do today from agencies that have experienced some of the worst tragedies in Virginia and survived.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator - Alisa S. Winston, Deputy Executive Director, Portsmouth Redevelopment & Housing Authority • J. B. Smith, HAI Group, Senior Risk Control Consultant
10:30a - 11:30a	<p>Closing Plenary Topic: The Basics - Responsible and Effective Legislative Advocacy Short Description: The ability and ultimate success of housing authorities in meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income families depends upon workable federal housing programs, necessary reform of the federal regulations and responsible funding to meet housing and community development needs in our communities.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bohm, VP Community Development VAHCDO • Tyler Craddock, Vice President of Government Affairs, Organization Management Group Inc. 			
11:30a - 12:00n	<p>Awards - Closing Remarks Philip Page, Jr., VAHCDO President</p>			