

PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF AUGUST 1, 2018

2018 PAHRA Annual Conference & Awards

Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

September 23-26, 2018

Sponsored by PAHRA Platinum Partner: HARIE (Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange)

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Sunday, September 23, 2018

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PAHRA Committee Meetings

Civil Service Committee 4:00 PM & Scholarship Committee 5:00 PM – Ballroom E (*enter through Ballroom D*)
Finance Committee 4:00 PM & Member Services Committee 5:00 PM – Ballroom B (*enter through Ballroom A*)
Legislative Committee 4:00 PM – Ballroom D
Professional Development Committee 4:00 PM – Ballroom A

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration

Rotunda

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PAHRA Board of Directors Meeting

Alumni Lounge

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Meet, Mix & Mingle – Pre-Conference Kick-Off

Whiskers Lounge, Atrium & Courtyard
Generously sponsored by Fox Rothschild, LLP

Monday, September 24, 2018

7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Ballroom C

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

Rotunda

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome & Gathering Session

Ballroom C

PAHRA President Senghor Manns
Conference Host Lori Haines, Executive Director Centre County Housing Authority
The Honorable Donald M. Hahn, Mayor, State College (*confirmed*)

8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

PAHRA Annual Membership Meeting

Ballroom C

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Mid-Morning Refreshment Break

Atrium

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	Concurrent Educational Sessions			
	<i>Track I Ballroom A-B</i>	<i>Track II Boardroom 1</i>	<i>Track III Ballroom D-E</i>	<i>Track IV Boardroom 2</i>
10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	<p>PIC-NG in Progress The HUD Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) is undertaking a monumental effort to upgrade the PIC system through PIC-Next Generation, which involves an overhaul of the PIC infrastructure and a digital transformation of the 50058 data collection systems. The REAC team will report on progress thus far and timelines for future implementation. UPCS-V will also be addressed, time permitting.</p> <p>Host: Tonya Mitchell-Weston, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Warren Speakers: DJ LaVoy, Deputy Assistant Secretary and HUD REAC Team (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>RAD Affects & Effects With the recent increase in RAD availability, agencies may be reconsidering conversion to RAD. Come discuss pros and cons of the program and how it may affect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Fund Planning • LIHTC Applications • Housing Choice Vouchers • Project-Based Vouchers • Resident Rights & Participation • And More! <p>Host: Ed Primm, Senior Project Manager-Real Estate, Allegheny County Housing Authority Speaker: Michael Syme, Esq., Partner, Fox Rothschild, LLP (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Prevailing Wage Rates, Rules & Requirements EDGE Strategic Consulting, LLC will provide in-depth training on PA Prevailing Wage Act. Includes hard copy of the PA Prevailing Wage Act Reference Manual for Administrators of Federal Programs, plus PA Prevailing Wage Act Reference Manual for Contractors.</p> <p>Separate Fee and Pre-Registration Required.</p> <p>Presented by: F. Edward Geiger, III, Principal & Founder, EDGE Strategic Consulting, LLC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Validating Your Agency’s HUD Energy Incentives Accurate calculation of energy and water savings is critical to a PHAs subsidy eligibility process. This full-day workshop is presented with the goals of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an understanding of the roles & responsibilities of HUD; the ESCo (Energy Savings Company) and the PHA in evaluating energy savings; • Educating PHAS with existing or proposed Energy Performance Contracts (EPC) on HUDs Measurement & Verification (M&V) requirements • Educating PHAs on HUDs methods of validating the utility cost savings and applying the results to their Operating Subsidy <p>Host: Brian Yaworsky, Executive Director, Beaver County Housing Authority Speaker: Rich Carroll, Consultant (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>
11:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>PIC-NG in Progress (<i>continued</i>)</p>	<p>HARIE Safety Awards Discussing the success of the inaugural safety incentive grants in 2017 and how the winning agencies have utilized their awards to improve their facilities or safety practices. An overview of applications submitted for 2018. Sponsored by: HARIE Presented by: Rocco DiPietro, Senior Professional, Cocciardi & Associates (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Prevailing Wage Rates, Rules & Requirements (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Separate Fee and Pre-Registration Required.</p> <p>Presented by: F. Edward Geiger, III, Principal & Founder, EDGE Strategic Consulting, LLC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own			
1:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Utility Law for Public Authorities Landlords are too often in the unfortunate situation of having to evict tenants because their utilities have been shut-off. Applicants are</p>	<p><i>Open Session</i></p>	<p>Prevailing Wage Act Panel Assembling a diverse panel to engage in frank discussion on this topic. Participants include Ed Geiger (<i>confirmed</i>); legal expert Colin D. Dougherty, Esq., Partner,</p>	<p>Validating Your Agency’s HUD Energy Incentives (<i>continued</i>)</p>

	<p>denied or have difficulty obtaining utility service due to an old debt. Discuss rules for utility billing, collections, and terminations. Learn how low-income households can avoid common issues that threaten their ability to connect with and maintain utility services. Discover available utility-specific assistance programs to reduce utility expenses through bill discounts, payment assistance and usage reduction or energy efficiency services.</p> <p>Host: Speakers: Patrick M. Cicero, Esq., Executive Director, PA Utility Law Project (PULP); Kristen F. Geesaman, Paralegal, PULP (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>		<p>Fox Rothschild, LLP (<i>confirmed</i>); Eric Ramoth, Senior Contractor Industrial Specialist, HUD Region III, Office of Davis Bacon & Labor Standards (<i>confirmed</i>); PA Department of Labor & Industry (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Hosts: Andrew French, Executive Director, Fayette County Redevelopment Authority and Bob Grosko, Director of Capital Improvements, Harrisburg Housing Authority</p>	<p>Validating Your Agency's HUD Energy Incentives (<i>continued</i>)</p>	
3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Refreshment Break Atrium <i>Generously sponsored by Kidde</i></p>				
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<p>Happy Hour at Happy Valley! Evening Networking Event Shuttle service provided to Happy Valley Brewery, where your complimentary flight of craft beers or a signature oversized appetizer awaits. Enjoy upstairs dining or downstairs pub atmosphere. <i>Generously sponsored by Chrislynn Energy Services, Inc.</i></p>				
Tuesday, September 25, 2018					
7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	<p>Hot Breakfast Buffet Ballroom C</p>				
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Registration Rotunda</p>				
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8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	<p>Financial Forum A full-day focused on important information for your PHA finance team. Topics to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCV Financial 	<p>USDA Rural Development Programs Offering 65 loan and grant programs, USDA has funds available for single-family, multi-</p>	<p>Know Your Rights When Faced with Right-to-Know Requests Must you respond to each and every Right-to-Know request? What about confidentiality concerns</p>	<p><i>Open Session</i></p>	

	<p>Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIPH Cash Management • HOTMA – Operating Subsidy for Capital Items • RAD & CFP Updates • Other New Issues <p>Presented by: BDO PHA Finance Brian Alten, CPA, Partner (confirmed)</p>	<p>family affordable housing, business loans and grants, community facility projects, water/utility infrastructure, broadband. In short, they can fund just about anything needed to build a community from the ground up. Host: Speaker: Gary Reed, Rural Development Coordinator, USDA Rural Development (confirmed)</p>	<p>regarding residents’ or applicants’ right to privacy? What constitutes an administrative or financial burden for your agency? Chester Housing Authority fought the good fight and were victorious in refusing to release requested information. The court’s decision is cited in case law. They will share their story and facilitate lively discussion regarding this controversial topic. Speaker / Facilitator: Steve Fischer, Executive Director, Chester Housing Authority (confirmed)</p>	
<p>9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Mid-Morning Refreshment Break Atrium <i>Generously sponsored by FHLBank Pittsburgh</i></p>			
<p>10:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.</p>	<p>Financial Forum (continued)</p>	<p>Redevelop / Revitalize Your Community Through the Use of Non-Profit Organizations Discuss how others are utilizing non-profit entities to get things done! Facilitated by: Ken Pick, Executive Director, Berks County Redevelopment Authority; and Martha Robbins, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe (confirmed)</p>	<p>Balancing the Sound Rationale for Smoke-Free Housing with Resident Concerns Session will include sharing of practical tips referenced in a new lease enforcement guide for smoke-free housing, published by the Health Promotion Council in cooperation with Diana T. Myers & Associates. Host and Speaker: Christopher Gulotta, Principal, The Gulotta Group (invited) Speaker: Diana Myers, Senior Vice-President, Diana T. Myers & Associates, Inc. (invited)</p>	<p>Potential Session Regarding Rooftop (and Other) Revenue Learn the intricate legalities of leasing unused, yet marketable, space including rooftops, right-of-ways, lightpoles, etc. Discuss the applicability of HUD PIH Notice 2016-20; your Resident Association’s right to this revenue, and other related matters. Host and Speakers To Be Determined</p>
<p>11:20 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Financial Forum (continued)</p>	<p>Grant Writing Workshop The competition for grant funding today is more competitive than it has ever been. As available funds continue to decrease every year, organizations struggle to meet the needs of consumers in crisis. This workshop will provide essential skills and tools to assist applicants in strategically recognizing their</p>	<p>Improving Outcomes through Coordination of Health Care and Supportive Services Spotlighting successful partnerships of healthcare and wellness professionals, food resources, financial and insurance advisors, and educational facilities to provide on-site assistance for residents. Host:</p>	<p>Cultural Competency Part 1: Developing the Capacity to Serve the Poor and Homeless – Part 1 This two-part program is designed to increase the ability of social service workers to interact effectively with low-income and homeless clients. The presentation will address:</p>

		<p>needs; search federal, state, local, and foundation funding options; efficiently justify budgets; recognize meaningful outcomes in a timely manner; and responsibly administer grants.</p> <p>Host: Shannon Rearick, Property Management, Clarion County Housing Authority</p> <p>Speaker: Lisa Kovalick, Community Development Specialist, Clearfield County Planning & Community Development Office <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Speaker: Erin Hart, Director, Health Benefit Services, American HealthCare Group <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>-Building positive & purposeful relationships with diverse clients;</p> <p>-The importance of cross-cultural strategies, ethnic identity & multi-cultural development;</p> <p>-Understanding causes of generational & situational poverty;</p> <p>-Risk factors, cognitive, and child development related to poverty</p> <p>Host: Brian Yaworsky, Executive Director, Beaver County Housing Authority</p> <p>Speaker Dr. Donald E. Sheffield, Ed.D., Cultural Competency Consultant, BCBH <i>(confirmed)</i></p>
<p>12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Note Modified Schedule. Training ends at 2 PM. Actual training hours remain the same but avoids after-lunch attendance drop and allows time for enjoying area attractions.</i></p>	<p>Financial Forum <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>Grant Writing Workshop <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>FSS / ROSS Service Coordinator Roundtable</p> <p>For those who have been awarded HUD grants aimed at promoting resident self-sufficiency and supportive services. Creating a forum for front-line staff to share experiences and best practices.</p> <p>Facilitators: Robin Senss, LSW, Director of Supportive Services & Special Programs; Stephanie Pastula, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Philadelphia Housing Authority <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Cultural Competency Part 2: Bridges Out of Poverty</p> <p>The second part of this program is designed to provide a framework for social service providers to understand poverty, enabling them to serve their clients more effectively.</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Refreshments Available in Atrium</p>			
<p>6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Best Practices Showcase & Presidential Cocktail Reception</p> <p>Ballroom AB</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by HARIE</i></p>			
<p>7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Annual Banquet & Awards Presentations</p> <p>Ballroom C</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by HARIE</i></p>			
<p>9:00 p.m. – Midnight</p>	<p>After-Party</p> <p>Ballroom DE</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by American HealthCare Group</i></p>			

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Closing Breakfast & Keynote Speaker *(to be announced)*
Ballroom C
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