

**2019 PAHRA Annual Conference & Awards  
Central Hotel & Conference Center – Best Western Premiere, Harrisburg, PA  
September 15-18, 2019**

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Sunday, September 15, 2019			
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>PAHRA Committee Meetings</b> Human Resources Committee 3:00 PM Finance Committee • Legislative Committee • Professional Development Committee 4:00 PM Member Services Committee • Scholarship Committee 5:00 PM		
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Early Bird Registration</b>		
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<b>PAHRA Board of Directors Meeting</b>		
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<b>Meet, Mix &amp; Mingle – Pre-Conference Networking</b> <i>Generously sponsored by Fox Rothschild, LLP</i>		
Monday, September 16, 2019			
7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.	<b>Hot Breakfast Buffet</b>		
7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>		
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome &amp; Gathering Session</b> PAHRA President Joseph T. Kohut, Executive Director, Wayne County Housing Authority Conference Host Leah Eppinger, Executive Director, Dauphin County Housing Authority		
8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	<b>PAHRA Annual Membership Meeting</b>		
<b>Concurrent Educational Sessions</b>			
	<i>Track I</i>	<i>Track II</i>	<i>Track III</i>
9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Focus on Finance – Session 1  Topic of the first installment of this dual session will be LIPH Cash Management.  Presented by: Brian Alten, CPA, Partner, BDO PHA Finance ( <i>confirmed</i> )	The Quality of LIFE – (Living Independence for the Elderly)  Learn more about LIFE, the all-inclusive preventative program for seniors age 55 and older designed to meet their needs in their home or community rather than a nursing home or other health care facility through coordinated medical and social services.	Hearing Officer Training – Session 1  Interactive workshop designed to help develop the skills needed to: conduct orderly, fact-based hearings; address common issues; interpret HA grievance procedures and related policies; review and assemble required documentation; and render appropriate, enforceable decisions.

		<p>Presented by: Marcie L. Campbell, LSW, Director of Marketing &amp; Intake, LIFE-Northwestern Pennsylvania (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Host: Shannon Rearick, Property Management, Clarion County Housing Authority</p>	<p>Presented by: Todd P. Kriner, Esq., Associate, Blakinger Thomas, PC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Host: Angela Carolla, Director of Mixed Finance Assets, Fayette County Housing Authority</p>
11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Mid-Day Refreshments</b> <i>Generously sponsored by Infradapt, LLC</i></p>		
11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	<p>Focus on Finance – Session 2</p> <p>The second installment of this financial workshop will include discussion on SEPHAS, PIC-NG, HCV HAP Disbursements &amp; other HUD accounting updates.</p> <p>Presented by: Brian Alten, CPA, Partner BDO PHA Finance (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Mainstream Vouchers</p> <p>Learn more about this program designed to assist low-income households that include a person with disabilities to lease affordable housing of their choice, enabling them to live independently in their communities.</p> <p>Presented by: Kristen Nagel, Section 811 Coordinator, PHFA (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Host: Amy Auman, Regional Housing Coordinator, Self-Determination Housing Project of PA</p>	<p>Hearing Officer Training – Session 2</p> <p>Speaker: Todd P. Kriner, Esq., Associate, Blakinger Thomas, PC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Host: Angela Carolla, Director of Mixed Finance Assets, Fayette County Housing Authority</p>
12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Repositioning Public Housing Assets</p> <p>HUD is encouraging PHAS to consider repositioning their public housing assets. There are four means of repositioning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAD Conversion</li> <li>• Demolition / Disposition</li> <li>• Voluntary Conversion to tenant-based, project-based, or tenant protection vouchers</li> <li>• Retention of Assets after releasing units from the Declaration of Trust</li> </ul> <p>Understanding these repositioning options can be complex. We will explore the repositioning strategies to help you better understand the available options and determine how to address your local needs to best benefit your communities.</p> <p>Coordinated by: Michael H. Syme, Esq., Partner, Fox Rothschild, LLP (<i>confirmed</i>) Speakers to be determined</p>	<p>Parent Pathways (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Presenting a \$5 million initiative led by the Dept. of Human Services &amp; Dept. of Education designed to offer sustainable solutions to barriers facing economically disadvantaged families through three main components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pathways to and enrollment in post-secondary education for single parents</li> <li>• a two-generational approach addressing the social and educational needs of both parents and children</li> <li>• an opportunity for housing support to the families being served</li> </ul> <p>Speakers to be determined</p>	<p>Eviction Hearings – The Next Step</p> <p>Your informal hearing has advanced to the next stage – a formal eviction hearing. Guidance on getting comfortable with this process including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to prepare your case</li> <li>• how to testify effectively</li> <li>• issuing subpoenas and more</li> </ul> <p>Plus...what happens if you win and they appeal?</p> <p>Speaker: Todd P. Kriner, Esq., Associate, Blakinger Thomas, PC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Host: Angela Carolla, Director of Mixed Finance Assets, Fayette County Housing Authority</p>

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8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<b>Evening Networking Event – Off-site event with transportation provided to Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course</b> <i>Generously sponsored by Chrislynn Energy Services, Inc.</i>		
<b>Tuesday, September 17, 2019</b>			
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Hot Breakfast Buffet</b>		
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>		
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8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	<p>Reserved for HUD Region III – Session 1</p> <p>The Philadelphia Regional Office of Public Housing will present guidance on timely topics, which may include PIC EIV training and updates on the UPCS REAC Inspection Pilot Demonstration.</p> <p>Presented by: Monica A. Hawkins, Director, Office of Public Housing, Philadelphia Regional Office and staff <i>(invited)</i></p>	<p>Don't Wait Until Disaster Strikes: Be Prepared! – Session 1</p> <p>Offering guidance and best practices in preparing for disasters and managing emergencies; how to partner with local agencies to draft and implement disaster plans and policies; and finally, coping with and recovering from the event.</p> <p>Presented by: Department of Homeland Security <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Host: Penny Campbell, Executive Director, Clarion County Housing Authority</p>	<p>HR Highlights</p> <p>What's currently trending in the ever-evolving human resources industry; emerging workplace issues such as managing multi-generational workforces and more.</p> <p>Presented by: Paul S. Mazeski, Esq., Shareholder, Labor &amp; Employment, Buchanan Ingersoll <i>(invited)</i></p>
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9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<p>Reserved for HUD Region III – Session 2</p> <p>Continued – see above</p> <p>Presented by: Monica A. Hawkins, Director, Office of Public Housing, Philadelphia Regional Office and staff <i>(invited)</i></p>	<p>Don't Wait Until Disaster Strikes: Be Prepared! – Session 2</p> <p>Presented by: Department of Homeland Security <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>Host: Penny Campbell, Executive Director, Clarion County Housing Authority</p>	<p>Transitioning: To Sign or Not to Sign -That is the Question</p> <p>Discussing transition of administrative duties from the State Civil Service Commission to the Governor's Office of Administration, which states that new contracts will be forthcoming. What are the implications if a housing authority chooses not to sign the contract? Are there other options available such as creating a different type of merit hire system through a local Human Services office?</p>

<p>9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (continued)</p>			<p>Panelists: Irwin Aronson, Esq., Willig, Williams &amp; Davidson, PAHRA Legal Counsel (<i>confirmed</i>); York Housing Authority Solicitor; York Housing Authority Employment Counsel; Franklin County Housing Authority Solicitor Frank Aggazio, Executive Director, Allegheny County Housing Authority (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Host: Tonya Mitchell-Weston, CEO, Housing Authority of the County of Warren, PAHRA Human Resources Committee Chair</p>
<p>11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Mid-Day Refreshments</b> <i>Generously sponsored by FHLBank Pittsburgh</i></p>		
<p>11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Weed at Work: Medical Marijuana in a Drug-Free Workplace – Session 1</p> <p>Can the two co-exist? Learn how the laws apply to your workplace re: drug testing policies, accommodating medical cannabis use, workplace safety concerns, etc.</p> <p>Presented by: John A. McCreary, Jr., Esq., Employment &amp; Labor Services, Babst Calland (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Host: Brian Yaworsky, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Beaver</p>	<p>Act 152 – County Demolition Fund</p> <p>Act 152 fees deposited into a County Demolition Fund are to be used exclusively for the demolition of blighted properties. This session will delve into the oversight and administration of the program, as well as initial reporting and ongoing reporting requirements.</p> <p>Renee Daly, Executive Director, Cambria County Redevelopment Authority coordinating Speakers to be determined</p>	<p>Retirement Income Planning</p> <p>Our country is suffering from a severe savings crisis. Many of us just don't have enough saved or won't have enough set aside to live the retirement lifestyle we hope for. Our certified financial advisors will offer guidance on how to improve your retirement <b>income</b> to achieve a better retirement <b>outcome</b>.</p> <p>Presented by: Alex P. Kline, RICP, CFP, SVP, Retirement &amp; Investment Services, Duncan Financial Group (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>
<p>12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Weed at Work: Medical Marijuana in a Drug-Free Workplace – Session 2</p> <p>Presented by: John A. McCreary, Jr., Esq., Employment &amp; Labor Services, Babst Calland (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Host: Brian Yaworsky, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Beaver</p>	<p>Ways &amp; Means: Strategies for Increasing Revenue from Non-Conventional Sources</p> <p>A focus on growing revenue for Redevelopment Authorities &amp; Community Development organizations from sources other than the federal or state government. Ideas discussed will include charging fees for issuance of tax-free bonds, providing services to local government such as code enforcement, grant administration, grant writing, and leveraging charitable donations from businesses in exchange for state tax credits. The session will include case studies that illustrate these approaches.</p>	<p>Social Media Marketing Strategies</p> <p>How to create content and effectively use social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat and others to market your services.</p> <p>Presented by: Carly Simon, Client Services Program Coordinator, Kutztown University Small Business Development Center (<i>invited</i>)</p> <p>Host: Shannon Rearick, Property Management, Clarion County Housing Authority coordinating</p>

		Presented by: Chris Gulotta, Principal, The Gulotta Group, LLC <i>(confirmed)</i>	
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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presidential Reception</b>  <b>Best Practices Showcase &amp; Awards Presentations</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dine on heavy hors d'oeuvres, including seafood and pasta stations, with complimentary cocktails while browsing the Best Practices Showcase and make your prediction as to who will be awarded the Bellamy...PAHRA's highest award of excellence.  <i>Generously sponsored by HARIE</i></p>		
8:00 p.m. – Midnight	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>After-Party</b>  DJ Mark Rafail, MR Entertainment  <i>Generously sponsored by American HealthCare Group</i></p>		
<b>Wednesday, September 18, 2019</b>			
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Breakfast &amp; Keynote Speaker</b>  <i>Generously sponsored by Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2020 Elections: Polls &amp; Presidential Hopefuls</b>  A look at the candidates, their campaigns, and potential consequences of election results.</p>		