

2025 PAHRA Spring Conference & Showcase - Preliminary Agenda as of April 20, 2025

Gettysburg Wyndham - June 22-25, 2025

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Sunday, June 22

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PAHRA Committee Meetings

Finance; Member Services; Legislative; Professional Development; Scholarship

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Early Registration

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PAHRA Board of Directors Meeting

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Meet, Mix & Mingle – Pre-Conference Networking – 1863 Loungs

Generously sponsored by Allergy Technologies

Monday, June 23

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

Breakfast Buffet

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Showcase Exhibits Open

8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

Welcome & Gathering Session

PAHRA President Barbara Wilson

8:10 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Plenary Session Exhibitors’ “Drop the Mic”

Our vendors and industry partners are invited to introduce themselves, their products and services to encourage attendees to visit them throughout the conference.

HOTMA: In-Depth Review (2-day 12-Hour Course)

Visit
<https://www.nahro.org/certification-training/trainings-services/hotma-in-depth/> for detailed description and course objectives.

Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty (*confirmed*)

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Opening Plenary Managing Our Industry in Challenging Times

David P. Weber, Senior Policy Analyst, Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA)

Updates on the new administration’s actions and their effect on H&CD agencies, the future of funding resources, the availability of technical assistance and oversight from HUD and other government agencies on which our operations rely.

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Concurrent Educational Sessions				
9:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Managing the Crisis: A Deeper Dive</p> <p>More in-depth follow-up to the opening plenary session.</p> <p>Presented by: David P. Weber, Senior Policy Analyst, PHADA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M&L Associates – Session 1 Final Topic to be Determined Tentatively: Keeping Hope Alive</p> <p>A focus for redevelopment and community development practitioners on how to maintain momentum, move projects forward, and operate successful programs in times of uncertain resources and contradictory guidance and/or oversight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAHRA Peer-to-Peer: Procurement Procedures & Best Practices</p> <p>Focus on common solicitation errors, contract language, vendor selection, Section 3 compliance, contract management, and solutions to operational challenges</p> <p>Facilitated by: Jay Halicki, Director of Capital Improvements, York Housing Authority <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p>
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by M&L Associates</i></p>			
11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">PAHRA Peer-to-Peer: Executive Director Roundtable</p> <p>Continuing discussion on the challenges facing executive management of housing authorities in today’s environment. Interactive discussion on how agencies are coping with ongoing uncertainties, sharing concerns, ideas, and solutions.</p> <p>Facilitated by: Edward Mauk, CEO, Butler County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M&L Associates – Session 2 Final Topic to be Determined Tentatively: AHP Affordable Housing Program</p> <p>AHP provides grants and subsidized loans for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of affordable housing for low-income households in your community.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Safety & Security of Site & Staff – Session 1 Crime & Its Impact on Your Community</p> <p>Discuss current crime trends, their impact on your residents, staff, and neighborhoods, and the overall effect on people of all demographics.</p> <p>Presented by: Stephen Sutch, Chief Management Officer, Valentis Group <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p>
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<p>Exhibitors’ Luncheon & Keynote</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by HAI Group</i></p>			
	Concurrent Educational Sessions			

1:50 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Strategic Planning: Don't Fight the Fix</p> <p>Learn how, when, and why it is important to engage your team in transforming operations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a vision • Identifying key objectives • Establishing goals • Implementing successful and actional strategies <p>Presented by: Brian Littlehale, President, Vitruvian Leadership, LLC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Code Enforcement: Taking the Bull By the Horns</p> <p>Educating and motivating municipalities to make full use of code enforcement powers to remediate blighted properties.</p> <p>Presented by: Chris Gulotta, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of Lehigh County (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Safety & Security of Site & Staff – Session 2</p> <p>Solutions to Safeguard for a Better Future</p> <p>The emphasis of this session is to identify solutions to combat crime and improve the quality of life in your communities.</p> <p>Presented by: Stephen Sutch, Chief Management Officer, Valentis Group (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<p align="center">Afternoon Refreshment Break with Exhibitors</p> <p align="center"><i>Generously sponsored by BMS CAT</i></p>			
3:30 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.				<p>HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by: NAHRO Professional Development Faculty (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<p align="center">You Got Game? Evening Networking Event</p> <p align="center">Beyond the booths and the classrooms, join us for some friendly (<i>or perhaps fierce</i>) competition at PAHRA's Game Night, including cornhole and giant Jenga or bring your own game to share!</p> <p align="center"><i>Generously sponsored by Chrislynn Energy Services, Inc.</i></p>			
<p align="center">Tuesday, June 24</p>				
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<p align="center">Breakfast Buffet</p>			
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p align="center">Registration</p>			
<p align="center">Concurrent Educational Sessions</p>				
8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	<p>The State Civil Service Commission, the Office of Administration & You</p> <p>Providing a broad overview of the proposed Civil Service Modernization Act, as well as guidance on other SCSC and OA issues.</p> <p>Presented by: Irwin Aronson, Esq., Willig, Williams & Davidson (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Land Bank Forum – Session 1</p> <p>Shaping the Future of Abandoned Property for Housing & Economic Development</p> <p>PA is home to over 250,000 vacant, abandoned properties which, if repositioned and returned to market, could be a powerful platform for the state to meet its ambitious new housing production goals. A robust discussion about a renewed effort to go from blight</p>	<p>Proactive Pest Control</p> <p>Strategies for successful prevention, treatment, and control of bed bug and other infestations through a unique approach that helps to relieve resident stress and anxiety, as well as ease maintenance, administrative, and financial burdens.</p> <p>Presented by: Allergy Technologies (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by NAHRO Professional Development Faculty (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>

		<p>to bright capitalizing on the expertise of redevelopment authorities and land banks.</p> <p>Presented by: Liz Hersh, PA Land Bank Network; An Lewis, Tri-COG Land Bank; Penny Campbell, Clarion County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank Winnie Branton, PA Land Bank Network (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>		
9:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	<p>AI Technology in the Workplace</p> <p>A guide to understanding the capabilities of artificial intelligence, recognizing its benefits as well as potential dangers, and how to sensibly apply its use moving forward.</p> <p>Presented by: Infradapt, LLC (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Land Bank Forum – Session 2</p> <p>Building the Capital Stack</p> <p>A deep dive into how different land banks have financed development, grants, private capital, layered, funding, etc.</p> <p>Presented by: Joe Chacke, Executive Director, North East Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority; Aaron Snippert, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>NSPIRE Inspections – Session 1</p> <p>Annual NSPIRE updates including inspection prep, implementation, timing, budget, and much more.</p> <p>Presented by: Dennis DiBello, Chief Operating Officer, American Property Consultants (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by NAHRO Professional Development Faculty (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Mid-Morning Refreshment Break with Exhibitors</p> <p>Our modified schedule provides a heavy refreshment break at 11:00 AM, allowing educational sessions to end at 2:00 PM (<i>except for HOTMA</i>) thus offering equal training hours while providing time to explore area attractions.</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by Infradapt LLC</i></p>			
11:35 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	<p>Immigration & Deportation</p> <p>A very timely and impactful presentation on understanding and navigating immigration enforcement encounters involving residents and/or staff, guidance on protecting their rights.</p> <p>Presented by: Fox Rothschild, LLP (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>	<p>Land Bank Forum – Session 3</p> <p>Lessons Learned: Evolving Land Bank Policies & Procedures</p> <p>Real world examples of what we’ve changed over time, what didn’t work, and how we’ve improved our approach.</p> <p>Presented by: Aaron Snippert, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie; Brian Lawrence, Executive Director, Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank;</p>	<p>NSPIRE Inspections – Session 2</p> <p>Presented by: Dennis DiBello, Chief Operating Officer, American Property Consultants (<i>confirmed</i>)</p> <p><i>This is not a repeat of Session 1</i></p>	<p>HOTMA: In-Depth Review</p> <p>Presented by NAHRO Professional Development Faculty (<i>confirmed</i>)</p>

		Joe Chacke, Executive Director, North East Pennsylvania Land Bank; Natalie Boydston, Director of Program Operations, Tri-COG Land Bank <i>(confirmed)</i>		
12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Spectrum Health Care Affinity Programs Health care costs are a critical component to every employer's bottom line. Come learn about the advantages of Spectrum Health Plans that can offer better benefits at a lower cost. Especially attractive to small group employers.</p> <p>Presented by: Tom Dorywalski, Managing Director, Spectrum Health; and Brad Prentice, Employee Benefits Advisor, Duncan Financial Group <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Land Bank Forum – Session 4 From Blight to Build: Development Success Stories</p> <p>Case studies from land banks that have completed housing or commercial development. How they got there, what tools they used, and what obstacles they overcame.</p> <p>Presented by: Andrew French, Executive Director, Fayette County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank Lisa Kovalick, Executive Director, Clearfield County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank; Ed Mauk, CEO, Butler County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank Brian Lawrence, Executive Director, Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>Electrical Risk Assessment & Management</p> <p>Review common electrical issues that housing authorities face and ways to mitigate them, offering a comprehensive Electrical Risk Management process and cost savings measures.</p> <p>Presented by: John Weber, Principal Engineer; and Bill Desrosiers, Director of Risk Management, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company <i>(confirmed)</i></p>	<p>HOTMA: In-Depth Review Presented by NAHRO Professional Development Faculty <i>(confirmed)</i></p> <p>NOTE: Course continues through 3:30 PM</p>
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<p>PAHRA Country BBQ or Buffet Presentation of 38th Annual PAHRA Scholarship Awards. Our 2025 Scholarship Recipients are invited to tell their stories.</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by HARIE</i></p>			
9:00 p.m. – Midnight	<p>After-Party Get stompin' with Boot Scootin' Becky! https://www.youtube.com/@bootscootinbecky</p>			
Wednesday				
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Closing Breakfast – Building Towards Tomorrow</p> <p>@Home in Adams County is a resource hub for our residents – a place to advocate and develop solutions together for the most challenging issues in our communities. It is in the intersections that we find clarity and purpose to Build Towards Tomorrow. This coalition of community members, organizations, businesses, the faith community, education, and non-profits envisions a future where all residents may thrive with affordable and attainable housing; viable transportation; infrastructure; economic development; sustainable employment and livable wages.</p> <p>Presented by: Megan Shreve, CEO, South Central Community Action Programs Alana Anderson, Coalition Coordinator, South Central Community Action Programs</p> <p><i>Generously sponsored by PHFA</i></p>			