

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE REPORT

The meeting was called to order with three committee members and one guest present. The motion to approve the minutes of the September, 2009, meeting was approved.

MONAHRO president Darin Taylor stopped in. He informed us that the fall training session in Branson was videotaped and is available on a four CD set. He said this was a good training session and they have 49 copies already made. There was also a handout at that session that will be distributed with each set. The executive board set the cost of the CD set at \$15.00, with distribution to be handled by member services. Darin thanked the commissioners for their participation and willingness to stay current on the issues. He also expressed how important each commissioner is to their housing authority and their communities.

The committee discussed the southwest NAHRO winter conference. Mr. Lawrence George has been asked to draft a proposal to present to southwest for consideration and submission to national NAHRO regarding money needed to offset the cost to rehab a unit after there has been an active meth lab in the unit.

There was also discussion at southwest NAHRO regarding mandatory commissioner certification. The consensus among those present at our meeting today, is that commissioner training is very important, and some type of training should be mandatory for new commissioners coming onto boards, but going to a national conference to become certified is just too expensive.

This led to our agenda item of the Certified Commissioner Train the Trainer program. The funding for this program was approved by the executive board at the fall, 2009, conference. This will cover from one to five people to become trainers using NAHRO's training materials, power point presentation, and trainer notes. NAHRO's goal is to have each trainer present the material at least four times within the 12 month period after training. Two of these sessions could be at the fall and spring conferences and two others could be at the management and the maintenance conferences. The other training sessions could be done at housing authorities throughout the state with neighboring housing authorities attending. Laura Hawley, VP of Commissioners for MO, would be a trainer and we are seeking four others. Since one of the barriers to commissioners going to training is traveling, our goal is to have five people who would work together to present the fundamental course at the four conferences and then at up to 16 HA's throughout the state. This would significantly reduce the cost of training and traveling for each commissioner. NAHRO requires that the minimum cost per commissioner that can be charged is \$265.00. This includes the \$65.00 training materials. The remaining \$200.00 would be ours to cover training costs.

To become a certified commissioner, the second course that is required is an ethics course. Since national NAHRO may be coming to our management conference at the lake, we will be checking to see if the ethics portion of the certification could be offered at this conference. The committee believes that one of the best ways to get commissioners to attend training is to have it at a desirable location, such as the Lake of the Ozarks. Another big draw is food. NAHRO will come to us to "train the trainers." This could be done at the lake conference or at a housing authority with an available conference room.

Another goal of our committee, as well as southwest NAHRO, is a listing of all commissioners, including their email, address, and phone number in order to facilitate better communication. Laura has put together information from HUD and has sent it out to the housing authority directors to assist in getting this information.

Additional training topics the commissioners would like to see training on were also discussed, as well as possible trainers.

Mr. Lawrence George presented "The Role of a Commissioner" discussing topics such as how new commissioners are identified, how to determine if they are qualified, and who should be choosing the new commissioner. Other things that must be taken into consideration are morals and ethics.

Due to time constraints, additional agenda items had to be tabled for another time.