

MONAHRO Professional Development Committee Minutes
Fall Conference Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Clayton, Missouri
15 – 17 September 2010

MINUTES: The Professional Development met at 8:30 a.m. on 15 September 2010 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. There 11 members present with two guests. Members present were as follows:

Richard Waltemath	Nancy Masner
Lisa Ainsworth	Cory McVinua
Carol Branham	Mike Pipkin
Doug Brown	Teresa Osborn
Donna Dunwoody	Michelle Wessler
Lisa Haynes.	

The two guests were Chapter President Darrin Taylor and Senior Vice-President Matt Moran.

After roll call the first item for business was the Maintenance Conference to be held at the Inn at the Grand Glaize. Dates for the conference are 12 – 15 October 2010. The Tuesday date is for the RPP EPA training. As of this date there are 90 signed up for the training and a stand-by list.

Planning for the 2011 spring conference was the next item of discussion. The conference will be held at the Hilton-Garden Hotel in Independence the 16 – 18 March 2010. We discussed having a national trainer for certification. Doug Brown, Kirksville HA and Lisa Ainsworth, Liberty HA will be the planners of the spring conference. Discussion for a financial workshop at the conference or having a separate workshop ensued without a final a consensus being reached. Donna Dunwoody stated that the financial workshop was separate before. Among the items discussed for the financial workshop were the audit and the FDS. Donna Dunwoody and Teresa Osborn volunteered to work as a sub-committee to work on the financial workshop. We will look at incorporating the financial workshop into the conferences/workshops. PIC/EIV training was discussed with a focus on an overview of the on-line systems. The usual training of showing screen shots is not what is needed. We will look into having hands-on training. If that cannot happen at the conferences/workshops, the PD committee will contact the HUD offices and setup training at the Kansas City, St. Louis. The possibility of regional training at local libraries, colleges/university will be researched. This will be contingent upon HUD having the finances for the trainers to travel.

The Section 8/Public Housing Workshop was the next item on agenda. It was discussed of having the national trainer at the workshop because HA's bring the office to the workshop. The workshop will be at the Camden by the Lake. The overflow will be the Lodge of the Four Seasons with a shuttle to the conference hotel. There was concern of people having to shuttle between the two hotels. The date for the Section 8/Public Housing Workshop is 9-11 May 2010.

For the 2011 fall conference the Embassy Suites in St. Charles were looked at, the room rates were \$134.00. The room rate did include a full breakfast and all the rooms are suites. It thought the price was higher than what we thought the room rate was high. Teresa Osborn, Dallas County HA, inquired at two hotels in Springfield. The room rates were \$77. The Ramada was also looked at, however the breakout rooms are smaller. It was decided to pursue the University Plaza Hotel.

The 2011 Maintenance Conference was scheduled for the Fulton HA. There is a scheduling conflict with the hotels. It was decided to move the maintenance conference to Columbia. The Hilton Garden will be the hotel of choice.

Locations of conference sites for 2012 were discussed. The spring conference will be in Joplin. The S8/PH workshop will be in the St. Louis/St. Charles area, the fall conference in St. Joseph and the maintenance conference will be in Fulton at the housing authority maintenance complex.

Future topics for conferences were discussed. Doug Brown suggested that a five-year plan for certification be developed. This will the PD committee determine what training is required and can be taken to the Executive Board for approval. Darrin Taylor and Matt Moran came by and discussed the certification process and the National NAHRO PD web site as starting point. Doug Brown and Carol Branham were named as a sub-committee to develop the five-year plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.