

MONAHRO HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 19, 2014 - Double Tree Hotel – Westport

The Housing Committee of MONAHRO was called to order by Carol Branham, VP Housing at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel-Westport.

Roll Call was taken with the following in attendance:

Carol Branham, VP; Carole King, Carol Lindley, Diane Morris, Paul Page, Mona AuBuchon, Barbara Sumpter, Amy Lawson, Stacey Ignersoll, Reba Williams and Allen Pollock.

Guest included: President, Wanda Peetom; VP, Jim Jenkins and Darrin Taylor

Consideration was given and discussion held on minutes of the September 25, 2013 Housing Committee meeting. Motion was made by Carole King to approve minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mona AuBuchon. Motion passed.

The following matters were placed on the table for discussion and action:

- SWNAHRO Housing Committee Report from Carol Branham
- NAHRO Housing Committee Report from Carol Branham
- Legislative Conference Report – Carol Branham, Jim Jenkins and Darrin Taylor
- Review of PIH Notices for 2013 and 2014.
- Discussion of funding levels for agencies.
- MTW Expansion
- SHARP Bill Need to find a sponsor in the House for a companion bill to Senate Bill 576.
- Appropriation Bill – Impact on housing authorities (80% FMR Rule) Flat Rent schedule must be adopted by agencies. Further guidance is expected soon from HUD on the implementation of the rule.
- MO Legislative Paper
- NAHRO Impact 2014 – Legislative and Regulatory Agenda
- Statutory and Regulatory Relief – Missouri joining other states to contact legislators about sending a letter to HUD asking for this relief. Darrin
- Flat Rent Survey
- Darrin Taylor agreed to provide a letter template for all MO housing authorities to adapt with specific data from their agencies to be sent to legislators but retaining consistency in the message of the letter.
- Codification of Inspection Standards in the Section 8 Tenant Based Voucher Program. Planned migration from the HQS to USPC standards.
- HUD doing Risk Management Assessments (Board Minutes Review)

President, Wanda Peetom and VP, Jim Jenkins joined the group and thanked them for their willingness to serve and discussed various topics. Jim Jenkins asked the group about the hospitality room. Opinions were voiced that the hospitality room serves a good networking opportunity but should be limited, possibly from 5-7 p.m. and scheduled not to conflict otherwise.

Jim Jenkins reported to the group that following the trip to Legislative Conference he has followed up with a request for information and found that 84% of the housing authorities in MO would benefit from the Senate Bill 576.

Jim Jenkins reported the group that the legislation in MO in reference to the performance bond was not anticipated to go anywhere this year due to it being an election year.

Darrin Taylor updated the group on the Legislative Conference and the advocacy efforts taking place and how the response has been good and we continue to be engaged with all legislative offices contacted.

Following lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Paul Page to forward two resolutions to the Executive Committee as follows:

Resolution No. 2014-1 - Fair Market Rents

Resolution No. 2014-2 - Labor Standards - Davis Bacon requirement for small housing authorities on contract in excess of \$250,000.

Motion was seconded by Stacy Ingersoll. A vote was taken and passed.

With no other business coming before the committee, the meeting was adjourned by VP, Carol Branham at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Branham, VP Housing