

PNRC-NAHRO 2010 Annual Conference Program & Sessions – Salem, OR

“Building Partnerships & Frameworks for the New Decade”

By April 2010, we will be four months into the new decade. New technology, new rules, and an ever changing environment will continue to affect how affordable housing & community development is envisioned and then delivered. One thing is certain over the coming ten years. Success will be measured by how well we develop sound, new operational methods and innovative partnerships. The days of public corporations being able to effectively serve their communities on their own are gone and not likely to be back!

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of NAHRO will offer a variety of professional development sessions, seminars and networking opportunities at the 2010 Conference to provide members with knowledge & tools to further the business of housing and development in their communities.

This year, in a revised format, PNRC’s PRAIS Awards will be presented at a Welcoming Reception on Sunday, April 25th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. This reception will give you a chance to see the innovative practices being recognized by PNRC, many of which will go on to NAHRO’s Awards of Merit program, and to connect with your fellow professionals & exhibitors before the conference begins. Hors d’oeuvres will be served & a cash bar will be provided.

Monday, April 26th will kick off with a full breakfast followed by the Opening General Session. Our Keynote Speaker is Dr. Vaughn Grisham, Ph.D., noted author, Professor of Sociology at the University of Mississippi, and Director of the McLean Institute for Community Development. He has authored several books including *Tupelo: Evolution of a Community* and has established leadership programs in more than 300 counties in the U.S. Dr. Grisham will also conduct a community building workshop on Monday afternoon. Monday’s agenda will include a series of breakout sessions on topics of interest for commissioners, executive directors, department directors, management staff, resident services providers, and finance staff and administrative staff, as well as maintenance personnel.

At lunch on Monday, April 26th, Saul Ramirez, NAHRO’s Executive Director will present a Washington Update, highlighting Federal legislative and programmatic changes. PNRC-NAHRO’s annual Advocacy Awards will also be announced at lunch on Monday. Finally, after sessions conclude on Monday, we will hold the Exhibitor’s Reception and our scholarship fund-raising raffle from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

Tuesday will begin with a continental breakfast with our exhibitors and an opportunity to hear briefly from them about their products and services before attendees head off to breakout sessions and selected seminars. Tuesday’s lunch will include our Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards with a special video presentation from a 2009 winner who is currently doing a Princeton University community service project in Serbia. Breakout sessions continue all day Tuesday and three longer professional development seminars will be offered (Casterline’s Financial Update, NAHRO’s Eligibility, Income & Rent Calculation, and NAHRO’s Fundamentals for Commissioners). Conference breakout sessions will conclude on Tuesday at 4:30 PM.

Wednesday, April 28th will also have a “new look” and will feature the three seminars mentioned above and Lead Renovator Training & Certification, a one day seminar. These four seminars will run through the entire day on Wednesday concluding at 4:30 PM. See the registration form for details and registration fees. Continental breakfast will be provided for those staying to attend the Wednesday seminars.

The following tracks, sessions, & seminars are tentatively scheduled:

- **Commissioners**
 - Advocacy & Commissioners – Finding the Right Fit
 - Understanding Housing Authority Finances & Operations
 - Commissioner’s Fundamentals (1 ½ day seminar)
- **Community Development**
 - Mt. View Neighborhood Redevelopment
 - Housing Needs in Rural Communities
 - Building Supportive Housing for Special Needs Populations (1 day workshop)
 - Community Building Workshop with Dr. Vaughn Grisham
- **Occupancy**
 - Refinement of Rent & Income Rule
 - Managing Section 8 Using VMS
 - NAHRO’s Income & Rent Calculation Seminar (2 day seminar)
 - Building Stability in Affordable Housing
 - Fair Housing & Reasonable Accommodations Workshop (Theresa Kitay)
 - No Smoking Policies
- **Maintenance**
 - Lead Renovator Training & Certification (1 day seminar)
 - Going Green – Innovative Maintenance Practices
 - Creative Solutions for Pest Control

- Providing a Safe Environment
- The New Lead Based Paint Rules
- ARRA Weatherization Programs & NSP
- **Finance & Operations**
 - Casterline's Section 8 & Public Housing Financial Rules Update (2 day seminar)
 - Managing the Transition to Electronic Case Files
- **General Interest**
 - HUD Program Budgets & Implementation (Jonathan Zimmerman – NAHRO)
 - Veterans' Housing – New Tools, New Partners
 - Ask An Attorney Interactive Workshop
 - Writing Effective Performance Evaluations

Registration Costs

With our 2010 revised conference format (more, longer seminars), the registration fee schedule has also changed. You can register for the full conference (includes Sunday's reception through all breakout sessions and workshops on Tuesday, April 27th), for the full conference plus any of the four seminars, or for just the seminars (3 on Tuesday & Wednesday and 1 on Wednesday only). For each option, the cost is less the earlier you register. See the Registration Form included with this newsletter for the menu of choices. For any given choice, if your agency registers 4 staff members, the 5th registration will be at 50% of the price shown. Although not shown on the Form, attendance for one day only (Monday or Tuesday) is 65% of the rate shown (just write in the correct amount on the Form if applicable). As in 2009, non-profit partners that are not PNRC-NAHRO members and registering one or more staff members for the Conference will receive a complimentary one year's PNRC-NAHRO membership.

PNRC-NAHRO does not accept credit cards, but we are happy to wait for your agency's check. Please see the bottom of the Registration Form for the cancellation policy. Registrations may be mailed to PNRC-NAHRO, 10832 – 36th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98146-1731, faxed to 206-248-6398, or e-mailed to RONALDLOLDHAM@MSN.COM.

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved under "**PNRC-NAHRO**" at the Phoenix Grand Hotel which is immediately adjacent to the Salem Conference Center. The single/double rate for a Deluxe King Room is \$119 plus tax; a Deluxe Double Queen \$129+; Suites begin at \$139+ and up. The cut-off date for reservations in the room block is March 26, 2010 after which neither rates nor availability are guaranteed. Reservations may be made by calling 877-540-7800 or by going to the hotel website at www.grandhotelsalem.com and choosing "Group Reservations" in the box on the right side and entering "pnrc-nahro" as your group code.

Questions?

Contact Ron Oldham at 206-901-0330, RONALDLOLDHAM@MSN.COM for questions about the Conference and related events.