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Mora na maidine dhuit.

(Pronunciation: More-uh nah mod-gin-uh g-wit)

English Translation: Top of the morning to you.

The first ever **RESIDENT'S CONFERENCE is coming together nicely!** Enclosed herein you will find a schedule of topics ... we have added a special session on Wednesday for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in Kansas NAHRO and serving as an Officer or Committee member. Also enclosed is a Registration Form which is also available on the Web. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES FOR SOME OF THE SESSIONS ON THE AGENDA! Also, note that with enough participation, we will have shuttle transportation to Harrah's Prairie Band Casino available on Thursday, April 14th – see details inside!!!**

The conference is being held at the Ramada Inn – Topeka. This hotel has offered us an awesome room rate of just \$55 for single and \$62 for double. This hotel has undergone extensive renovation and has lots and lots of space for us. We are also inviting many agencies to participate as vendors in this event, to provide residents and staff alike a chance to network and learn what services and benefits may be available to them. **Again, let us express** that while this is being called a “RESIDENTS CONFERENCE” – staff, especially Resident Services Staff – are invited and strongly encouraged to attend as well. It is important that staff hear first hand the information that is being provided to the residents, and be able to assist them upon their return home in using the information in the positive way it is intended, and have input on the future of resident events sponsored by Kansas NAHRO.

Watch for information coming soon about the 2005 SPRING CONFERENCE which will be held in Salina at the Holiday Inn May 17-20, 2005!

As many of you know, I was out of the office for several weeks while my son, Joshua, had Open Heart Surgery. I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who sent messages of prayer, support and concern during that difficult time. Josh is home now and recuperating well.!

JoAnn R. Sutton, PHM

Kansas NAHRO Service Officer

ANNOUNCING



THIS IS THE LAST KANSAS NAHRO NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE VIA MAIL. FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB AT

www.ksnahro.org

AN E-MAIL WILL BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS TO ADVISE WHEN A NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN POSTED. HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT YOU FREQUENTLY CHECK THE WEB FOR UPDATED INFORMATION!!

This procedure is being implemented in an effort to reduce costs to Kansas NAHRO and keep membership and conference registration fees affordable!

Don't forget to submit your items to place in the Kansas Basket at the SWRC Annual Meeting to be held in Santa Fe, NM in June!

REMEMBER – Items should be made in Kansas!!

Submit items to Mandy Thomas, Manhattan Housing Authority, PO Box 1024, Manhattan, KS 66505-1024 or bring them to the Spring Conference in Salina (May 17-20, 2005) with you! Thanks for your support!

2005 RESIDENTS CONFERENCE
APRIL 13-15, 2005
TOPEKA, KS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER

Election of Officers will be held at the Spring Conference. Officer terms begin October 1 and are for two (2) years. Come aboard and be a part of the action – we are looking for fresh ideas – so come hear what NAHRO has to offer you, and let us know what you have to offer to NAHRO – and come aboard!

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

BACK TO BASICS: HISTORY vs. FUTURE

In order to understand how a Housing Authority operates you must first understand the basics. In this session, learn:

- How Housing Authorities were created
- Who Housing Authorities answer to
- Regulations mandated for Housing Authorities
- The future for Housing Authorities & their programs

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

ONE SIZE DOESN'T ALWAYS FIT ALL

Ever try to put a square peg in a round hole? Many agencies face this dilemma every day with regulations that are passed by the legislature – but don't always work for all agencies. Come hear why agencies must impose certain rules and restrictions on the public they serve – and what you can do to help make it a positive experience for all.

NOTE:
Time Change!

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

REGULATORY vs. PRACTICAL – The Who, What, Where, & Why

This session will pick up where “One Size Doesn't Always Fit All” left off. Who makes the regulations? Where do these rules and regulations come from? Why does the Housing Authority impose them upon it's residents, no matter the Housing Authority's preference? What can the resident do to make it work? What can residents do to have a voice in changing laws and regulations that don't work for all Housing Authorities?

NOTE:
Time Change!

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

TIME TO PLAY!

Okay, it's been a long day ... you've traveled, you've learned, and now you just need to relax. Join us for an evening of conversation, snacks and beverage. We'll have karaoke, trivia, and just plain ol' good, clean fun!



THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

RESIDENT + HOUSING AUTHORITY + COMMISSIONER = SUCCESS

The Housing Authority, Commissioners, Residents and the Community at-large must be organized and informed of housing issues. In this session, find out where residents fit into the Housing Authority puzzle, and why an effective team must exist for an effective relationship amongst all of these groups. This session will provide guidance on:

- How to organize the team
- How to be an effective team player
- How to read and interpret proposed regulations that directly affect the residents, and how to comment on them in a manner that is in the best interest of the Housing Authority *and* residents
- How to contact your congressional representatives



NOTE:
Time Change!

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

IDENTITY THEFT – Are You At Risk?

Identity theft is the fastest growing white collar crime in the United States. Commonly targeted individuals are the elderly, but everyone is subject to be the victim, whether or not they have established credit, regardless of how good or bad their credit may be. Are you at risk by providing your personal information to Housing Authority staff? How do is identity theft carried out, and how do you protect yourself from being the victim?

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

TO REPORT OR NOT TO REPORT

Learn how important it is to report all income and assets to the Housing Authority, and what happens if income or assets are not reported. Also hear how the Housing Authority learns of unreported income, and what action the federal government requires the Housing Authority to take if income is not reported.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

DRUG ACTIVITY – WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Learn how to assist the Housing Authority, your community and law enforcement in identifying and reporting drug related activity.

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WHO WANTS TO BE A WINNER?

Fashioned after the popular TV show, “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire”, we’re going to see who’s been listening! This will be a fun wrap-up session that will feature trivia questions about the information you’ve received at this conference, with fun prizes, including cash prizes!

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

TIME TO PLAY!

The hospitality room will be open again, OR you can join us on a trip to *Harrah’s Prairie Band Casino* (see details on next page)!

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST BUFFET, PLANNING & WRAP-UP

Come enjoy breakfast while we discuss what you liked and disliked about this conference, and what you would like to see for the next conference. This is your conference, so come be a part of the planning for 2006!

HARRAH'S PRAIRIE BAND CASINO

*Has agreed to provide shuttle service (round trip)
PLUS \$5 spending cash for anyone who rides the
shuttle service to the Casino on Thursday, April
15th following the sessions.*

Harrah's offers a buffet style restaurant.

*What's the Catch? We must have at least 30
people to ride the shuttle in order for the service to
be provided.*

*To make reservations for the shuttle
Please use the form on the reverse side of this page*



**HARRAH'S PRAIRIE BAND CASINO
25 MILES NORTH OF TOPEKA**

SHUTTLE RESERVATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

E-MAIL OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

NO. OF RESERVATIONS: _____

Names of Persons Registered:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

**PLEASE FAX OR MAIL THIS FORM
TO
JOANN R. SUTTON
C/O MANHATTAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
PO BOX 1024
MANHATTAN, KS 66505-1024
FAX: (785) 537-0269**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 10, 2005

KANSAS NAHRO 2005 Residents Conference

April 13-15, 2005

Ramada Inn Topeka - 420 SE 6th Street - Topeka, KS 66607

Phone: (785) 234-5400 • Toll Free 1-800-432-2424 • FAX: (785) 233-6274



Registration Form

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE. NO SPLIT REGISTRATIONS.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIPCODE: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

Type of Membership: Individual Agency Affiliate Non-Housing Not A Member

I am a: First Time Attendee Staff Resident

I PLAN TO ATTEND (This area MUST be completed):

Lunch on April 14, 2005 Yes No *(If not marked, NO MEAL WILL BE RESERVED)*

Wrap Up Breakfast Buffet April 15, 2005 Yes No *(If not marked, NO MEAL WILL BE RESERVED)*

EARLY REGISTRRTATION FEES

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
MEMBER	\$100	\$125

LATE REGISTRRTATION FEES

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
MEMBER	\$125	\$150

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Registrations must be received by **APRIL 4, 2005**. Registrations received **after APRIL 4** will be required to pay the Late Registration Fees.

CANCELLATION POLICY: The Service Officer must receive written Notice of cancellation three (3) days in advance of the Conference in order to receive a refund. Participants who have registered but not paid or provided written notice of cancellation will be liable for the registration cost.

Mail Registration to:

JoAnn R. Sutton, c/o Manhattan Housing Authority, PO Box 1024, Manhattan, KS, 66505-1024

Phone: (785) 776-8588 Ext. 106 * FAX: (785) 537-0269 * E-Mail: Sutton@mhaks.org

Ramada Inn
420 SE 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66607

PHONE: (785) 234-5400
Or Toll Free 1-800-4322-2424
FAX: (785) 233-6274

When Making Reservations, Please Identify Yourself With

NAHRO RESIDENTS CONFERENCE

To Receive the Guaranteed Room Rate

ROOM RATES

\$55.00 Single

\$62.00 Double

(Plus Applicable Occupancy Tax)

Room Rates Guaranteed Until
March 25, 2005

Hotel Cancellation Policy

Cancellation of individual room reservations must be received by the hotel by 4:00 p.m. the day of arrival date. Guaranteed reservations not cancelled prior to 4:00 p.m. the day of arrival will be charged to the individual's Credit Card.

Awards

Don't forget to submit your Award Entries by APRIL 12, 2005! Details elsewhere in this News Bulletin.

SHOW EM WHERE YOU STAND



Election of Officers will be held at the Spring Conference in Salina in May. If you are interested in becoming an Officer or know someone who is, please complete the interest form contained herein soon!

Thanks

Thanks to the Kansas Development Finance Authority for hosting a Capital Fund Financing Bond seminar for interested parties, and provided lunch. Thanks also to those agencies who participated in the seminar. A lot of information was provided at this seminar, creating a better understanding of the program which could be a valuable resource for housing authorities with capital needs.