KSNAHRO Presidents Message:

It has been a wild three months since I last reflected on the activities of KSNAHRO to write this message. First, I would like to thank all of you who took to heart last quarter’s message about stepping up to leadership. As always, one only needs to ask and you come thru as an organization. If you read your email from KSNAHRO or attended the Spring Conference, you are aware I missed a couple of deadlines to elect the 2018-2019 officers. It all worked out, and by the time of the SWNAHRO regional conference in San Antonio, TX rolled around you had elected the new slate. Congratulations to all of you who chose to lead.

The tone of the regional conference was one of optimism, even in the shadow of the recently proposed across the board cuts to HUD programs. A hefty discussion of the 2012 Operating Reserve offset lawsuit also punctuated the event. As always, my favorite event was the Habitat Event that involved 43 SWNAHRO members contributing to the host city. The Farris Award dinner and the Regional awards dinner were also inspiring. A “move to work” participant was a scholarship winner, an award winner and had the winning ticket for one of the state baskets. I am sure she floated home on Cloud Nine.

Preparations are becoming final on the Fall Certifications conference for directors, staff and commissioners. Look for the details in an email coming your way. It has truly been an honor to serve as your President and I hope to greet each of you in Wichita September 14, 2017.

See you soon! Tony
It is not all doom and gloom as I am always amazed by the group of people we work with. There is no better group of people than “housers”. They are always willing to help each other and those we serve. They are kind, compassionate and generous to a fault.

Thank you Kansans for all you do for our state and for the people who need it most. I am honored to be the upcoming president for KS NAHRO and I believe that we will change and adapt to whatever comes our way and we will continue to fight for what is best for our communities.

- Tina Bartlett (Lewis), Sr. VP Kansas NAHRO
MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE!

Our Annual Conference was held in April. During the conference we held a beer/wine raffle that raised $600 for the Kansas NAHRO Scholarship Fund. Items for the raffle were donated by the Executive Committee members.

Instead of “First Timers” orientation we held a general session that reviewed the mission of NAHRO and provided an overview of the committees within the organization. Attendees were encouraged to become involved in leadership.

We have completed the judging of the “What Home Means to Me” poster contest.

The annual awards were presented at the conference. Our incoming President, Tina Bartlett, was presented with the Member of the Year award. We encouraged members to submit award applications as the numbers in some categories have been minimal.

We are currently in the process of planning the annual maintenance/ admin training conference to be held in September. During the conference the annual award for maintenance will presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Mason

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KS VP Member services

SEK-CAP Housing Director Sheds Light on HUD Housing Programs

Watch this video to find out why HUD programs are valuable for your community. Viewers are called to save housing programs by telling senators and representatives that these programs are needed in Southeast Kansas and all over the United States. Together, we are uniting people and creating opportunities.
In the current climate of declining awards and tightening budgets, it has become more important to leverage every dollar to its fullest extent. One way to achieve this is through collaborating with additional funding sources and/or community partners.

Two funding sources that can complement each other well are the HOME Investment Partnership Program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. In conjunction the projects that they can complete are varied to include Homeowner Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Activities, Rental Housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Public Facilities, and Economic Development.

Both programs have differing regulations and eligible activities but when properly understood can be combined to complete ventures that may not be viable within the confines of one program or the other. Case in point, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) may receive HOME funds to build 4 single family homes on a tract of land with dilapidated single family homes and nonfunctioning infrastructure in place. CDBG funds could possible supplement HOME to demolish the current structures, clear the site for construction, repair or replace infrastructure and even property acquisition.

This can help in keeping the hard and soft construction costs below the maximum per unit subsidy (240% of the base 221(d)(3) limits), allowing the project to be completed. These hard and soft construction costs are considered ineligible under the CDBG regulations for new housing construction.

In addition to combining HOME and CDBG funds, both programs can gain advantages from relationships with other partners. As the regulations for the programs differ so do the partners that they can work with. A PJ (HOME) will work with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and Subrecipients; CDBG Grantees engage Units of General Local Government (UGLGs), Subrecipients and Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs). Other possible collaborations could include developers, owners, sponsors, private lenders, third party contractors, property managers, consultants, program managers and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

Properly arranged, the structuring of these relationships can make a broader range of projects viable and sustainable to improve the communities that we live and work in, while providing symbiotic benefits to all parties involved.
NAHRO and Community Action Partnership release survey findings.

District 5 Update
Our next meeting is scheduled for:
Date: October 20, 2017
Time: 12:30 – 3:30
Location: The Echo Ridge Community Center
2010 SE California
Topeka, KS 66607

We will now have a new District 5 Representative. Please welcome Kimberly Nuessen from Johnson County Housing. Kimberly’s e-mail is Kimberly.Nuessen@jocogov.org or she can be reached at (913) 715-6604. If you have any questions regarding these meetings or would like to see topics on the agenda please contact her.

I have taken the position of VP of Member Services. I have big shoes to fill following Roxanne Mason from Atchison. Roxanne has done a terrific job as VP of Member Services and I know I’ll be contacting her for advice. Roxanne has been an active member of Kansas, Southwest and National NAHRO. Her years of experience and knowledge of NAHRO are appreciated and respected.

Annette Wells
Johnson County Housing

District 1 Update
Norton will host the next area KS NAHRO District 1 meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 starting at 9:30 am.

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The survey findings can be found here:
Agency & Individual Awards

STATE WINNERS

- **Best Annual Report**
  Lawrence Douglas County HA

- **Best Newsletter**
  Kinsley Housing Authority

- **Other Agency Publication**
  Johnson County Housing Services

- **Meritorious / Special Achievement**
  Johnson County Housing Services

REGIONAL WINNERS

- **Best Newsletter**
  Kinsley Housing Authority

- **Other Agency Publication**
  Johnson County Housing Services

2017 Nadine Birch
Member of the Year

Tina Bartlett
Executive Director
Salina Housing

2017 Commissioner of the Year

Victoria Haskell
Commissioner
Kinsley Housing Authority
Save the Date!

Fall Workshop

September 14-13 2017

Wichita East I-35
549 S Rock Rd, Wichita, KS 67207
Phone: (316) 686-7131
Hotel cut off: August 8, 2017
Room Rate: $83

Save the Date!

TRAINING

Kansas NAHRO is offering NAHRO’s Commissioner’s Fundamentals and Commissioner’s Ethics onsite training for your commissioner and neighboring agencies who are interested.

Click here for more information!

EDITOR’S NOTE

We hope you have enjoyed reading this issue of Kansas NAHRO NOW! The newsletter will be published at the end of every quarter. If you would like to submit an article that you want published in the news please send it to us at ksnahro@brazosnet.com.

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