The ILNAHRO Board has been busy working with Indiana NAHRO to jointly host our annual conference.

We are gearing up for our joint conference with Indiana. . . . so please

Please stay tuned as we will roll out additional information in the coming weeks. We hope that -- if your schedule permits -- some of our friends and colleagues of NCRC will join us in Indianapolis!! Additionally. . . .

ILNAHRO is excited to be hosting NCRC 2020 in Chicago, Illinois

Make plans now to pack your bags and meet us in Chicago, Illinois at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza River North – April 22-24, 2020!!

During FY 2019 ILNAHRO will continue to coordinate and host training sessions at the Peoria Training Center in Peoria, IL that directly assist front line staff with up-to-date regulatory information and certification requirements needed to effectively carry out their day-to-day activities.

Finally, in 2019 ILNAHRO welcomes Dr. Grant G. Henry of Champaign Housing Authority as our VP of Commissioners. ILNAHRO is still seeking willing workers for one more vacant position on the Board: Secretary.

We wish you well in 2019!

Jackie L. Newman
ILNAHRO President
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Creating Connections

2019 INDIANA ILLINOIS NAHRO CONFERENCE

JULY 29 - 31, 2019
Hyatt Regency Indianapolis
1 S Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Mark your calendar for the 2019 IN/IL NAHRO Conference! Registration opening soon!

If you have questions regarding the conference, please call Jessica Matuska at 260.267.9300 x7312
PHAs Must Use OpFund Web Portal for 2019 Operating Fund Forms

HUD has announced that PHAs must use HUD’s Operating Fund (OpFund) Web Portal to access the CY 2019 Excel Tools for Forms HUD-57223 and HUD-52722 to determine PHA operating subsidies. These forms will only be made available to PHAs on the OpFund Web Portal, the department’s evolving web-based platform. HUD publicly released the Portal’s first PHA driven module – the PHA Form 52723/52722 Reporting Module – last year. The module allows PHAs, including PHA fee accountants and IT providers, access to their data to:

- Review and download historical HUD-52723 (3 years) and HUD-52722 (2 years)
- Print paper versions of final the HUD-52723 and HUD-52722
- Review and download the authority’s CY 2019 Pre-Pop data
- Work with data provided visually that can be filtered and downloaded and manipulated

HUD will publish the CY 2019 Excel Tools for the Forms HUD-57223 and HUD-52722 on or before March 19, 2019 and PHAs must submit their Tools to their Field Office by April 9, 2019. If you don’t have access to the OpFund Web Portal, contact your Authority’s WASS coordinator. Your WASS coordinator can provide you and your staff with access. Once in the Portal, users must create and validate their user profile in order to navigate the Portal. You can find the user profile guide and WASS role assignment guide here.

If you need additional assistance, contact REAC - Technical Assistance Center (TAC) by calling 1-888-245-4860 Option #4 or by email to REAC_TAC@hud.gov.

Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) - Workshops

We recently announced a series of 2019 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) application workshops. During these half-day complimentary workshops, we’ll cover program eligibility, project feasibility, and changes to the scoring guidelines. FHLBank Chicago member institutions, potential sponsors, project consultants, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. We’d also welcome any interested members of our Community Investment Advisory Council.

The workshops will be held:

- April 17: Bloomington
- April 23: Stevens Point
- April 24: Madison
- April 25: Milwaukee
- May 1: Chicago
- May 2: Chicago

Click here for more details or to register.
Participating in MTW can be a smart move for your agency and your community. But like anything new and innovative, it can also be challenging. HAI Group is here to help – our newly updated MTW Resources page has the latest information you need to navigate the program. We’ve updated the MTW Guide, added an expert Q&A about the Cohort 1 application process, posted an interview with two long-time MTW participants, highlighted relevant research, and more.

You will learn:

• The benefits and challenges of the MTW program
• How to plan, build support for, and develop your MTW application
• MTW activities your agency can implement
• What early participants wish they’d known when they were starting out
• Why baseline data collection is so important—and why it’s such a challenge
• What you’ll need to do if you’re selected to receive an MTW designation
• More!

Questions? Contact Keely Stater, PhD, Director of Research and Industry Intelligence, at 800-873-0242, x 222 or kstater@housingcenter.com.

2019 – ILNAHRO Poster Contest

Illinois NAHRO is partnering with North Central Regional Council of NAHRO (NCRC) and National NAHRO to promote the “What Home Means To Me” Contest. The poster contest provides an opportunity for children residing in affordable housing and community developments owned or administered by NAHRO agency members to reflect the national theme of “What Home Means to Me”.

Youth who submit posters must be in grades K-12, reside in affordable housing assisted directly, supported under community development, or participants in affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member agency. Winners of the state contest entries will be submitted by IL NAHRO to NCRC for the regional competition. NCRC will select three winners – one from each age category—and will forward those winners to national competition in Washington, D.C. IL NAHRO will NOT accept a submission from an individual youth.

The deadline for submission of posters is Friday, March 29, 2019. Return all entries to:

Kim Holman-Short
c/o Bloomington Housing Authority
104 E. Wood Street
Bloomington, IL 61701

All posters contest rules can be found at: https://www.housingamericacampaign.org/what-home-means-to-me.html.
UNDESIGN THE REDLINE
Exhibit Opens April 4th at 5:30 PM
FREE and open to the public
With a party co-sponsored by Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance from 5:30-7:30 PM
625 N Kingsbury St. Chicago, IL

The National Public Housing Museum invites you to the opening of an important interactive exhibit connecting the intentional and systematic racial housing segregation of the 1930s to political and social issues of today. Explore the history of housing discrimination and activism through the powerful narratives of the people and communities affected by redlining and its legacy. Be inspired by stories of vision and change. Become part of the conversation for new equitable policies and practices.

Exhibit is presented by Enterprise Community Partners, Designing the WE and Elevated Chicago.

A collection of the only known color photographs of Dr. Martin Luther King and the Chicago Freedom Movement, taken by Bernard Kleina during King’s visit to Chicago in 1966, will be on display. The exhibit will also feature an installation by Celestia Morgan that explores the histories of racially-based housing discrimination exemplified in Birmingham, Alabama.

Please RSVP below for the opening party (registration is recommended but not required for attendance).

Housing Policy is Health Policy, Education Policy, Workforce and Economic Policy

I was reading the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, County Health Rankings Key Findings 2019 report released in March. The report connects health outcomes, length of life, and quality of life to one’s ability to obtain quality affordable housing, in safe neighborhoods. It further supports our understanding that the health/clinical care one receives accounts for only about twenty percent (20%) of one’s health outcomes and its other factors like community safety, social supports, and access to affordable housing that make up the other eighty percent (80%) of an individual’s health outcomes and ultimately the quality of the life they lead. This makes our work very important.

As a resident of Winnebago County, I am concerned about our ranking of 89th on the list of 102 Illinois Counties; although, just a few years ago we sat dead last at 102nd. Improvements in a variety of factors including affordable housing, community safety, reductions to smoking, and access to jobs and healthcare are helping us climb the list. I believe Rockford and Winnebago County Housing Authorities, and the work they are doing are helping to drive that change.

How does your county rank? Check out http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/ to find out.

Why is this important? The report goes on to truly cement the important role stable affordable housing has in increasing health outcomes, educational success, and economic mobility. At the same time, President Trump’s budget, as well as Governor Pritzker’s budget, aim to drastically cut the resources we have as housers to drive better health outcomes and the economic success of our communities.
**President Trumps Budget:** "The proposal would reduce housing benefits for the lowest-income people by slashing federal investments in affordable homes, increasing rents, and imposing harmful work requirements on America’s struggling families," Diane Yentel, head of the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, said in a statement. "If enacted, it could leave even more low-income people without stable homes, undermining family stability, increasing evictions, and, in worst cases, leading to more homelessness."

**Governor Pritzker’s Budget:** The proposal redirects 50 percent of the funding allocated to the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund (IATHF) from the state’s receipts through the Real Estate Transfer Tax. The Trust Fund was established about 30 years ago to help provide affordable, decent, and safe housing for low and very low-income households and has been a tool that has helped to create permanent supportive housing; about 70,000 affordable units across Illinois.

As we assemble to advocate for the essential operating, capital, equity, and subsidy sources that support our affordable housing efforts, we need to move from thinking only about the cost of these programs, to the benefits they produce. These benefits, through a social determinants of health focus include better health outcomes. Because of these health outcomes our families, children, and seniors achieve a higher quality of life and significantly reduce the costs to other programs like criminal justice programs, Medicaid and Medicare. Considering the IATHF only, and its investments in permanent supportive housing, it saves taxpayers an average of $22,000 per household annually from unnecessary institutionalization.

At a time when our state affordable housing needs are the greatest, it would be shortsighted to disinvest in housing programs that provide foundational supports to children, families, seniors and disabled residents across our state. These investments preserve significant other resources by reducing costs across the social services ecosystem and helping Illinoisans live better lives, with less cost to the State and Federal governments.

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### Employment Opportunities

- **Peoria Housing Authority**
  (Please contact Bret Stone at 309/676-8736, Ext. 17316 for complete information on these position vacancies.)

**Title:** Security Administrator  
**Rate of Pay:** $28.33 / Hour  
**Reports To:** Director of Asset Management  
**Department:** Asset Management  
**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt Part-Time

**JOB SUMMARY**

Plans, directs, and oversees implementation of comprehensive security systems for the protection of individuals and PHA properties; investigate various crimes against clients, tenants and staff; monitor the compliance of the contract between the City of Peoria Police Department and the Peoria Housing Authority to provide police protection for the residents of the Authority.

The incumbent will administer the safety and security division of the Peoria Housing Authority with an emphasis on such activities as operational problem solving, personnel and resource allocation; identify training needs; develop policies and procedures; plan and project future needs.

**Title:** Director of Modernization & Development  
**Rate of Pay:** Negotiable  
**Reports To:** CEO  
**Department:** Asset Management  
**FLSA Status:** Exempt

**JOB SUMMARY**

Responsible for managing the procurement and contract administration for the Housing Authority’s modernization programs, extraordinary maintenance, betterment, and additions; affordable housing development; housing authority wide procurement and contract administration; section 3 and 504 compliance; and the housing authority business certification program.
Title: Asset Manager  
Rate of Pay: Negotiable up to $22.00  
Reports To: Director of Asset Management  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt  
(*Visit [www.ilnahro.org](http://www.ilnahro.org) to view the complete job descriptions)
### Membership Renewals

It is that time of year!!! Time to consider renewing your membership or consider joining the Illinois Chapter of NAHRO. Your decision to continue or join ILNAHRO through membership keeps the association strong and helps us in our common mission of seeking excellence in both public and affordable housing, as well as, community and economic development.

If you are not a member, this is your opportunity to join forces with other PHA’s and CD organizations. Please consider joining us this Fiscal Year, there are exciting things on the horizon as we “Build Communities Together – through Affordable Housing”.

Please renew or join TODAY. Complete the form located at the link below and return it with the appropriate payment to:

**ILNAHRO**  
Jackie L. Newman, President  
200 North Eleventh Street  
Springfield, IL  62703

This will ensure that your membership benefits continue or begin promptly. Let us know if we can be of service at any time.

[Membership Application and Renewal Form](#)
IL NAHRO – Mission Statement

NAHRO makes available resources for its members and others who provide decent, safe, affordable housing, and viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income by:

- Ensuring that housing and community development professionals have the leadership skills, education, information and tools to serve communities in a rapidly changing environment;
- Advocating for appropriate laws, adequate funding levels and responsible public policies that address the needs of the people served; are financially and programmatically viable for our industry; are flexible, reduce regulatory burdens and promote local decision-making.
- Fostering the highest standards of ethical behavior, service and accountability to ensure public trust.

NAHRO enhances the professional development and effectiveness of its members and the industry through its comprehensive professional development curriculum, including certifications; conferences; and publications. These efforts work to equip NAHRO’s members with the skills, knowledge and resources necessary to succeed and prosper in a changing environment.
Advertising Rate Sheet

The Illinois Chapter of NAHRO is a professional membership association of housing and community development agencies and individuals. All editions will be sent by e-mail to the entire IL NAHRO membership and posted on the IL NAHRO website.

The newsletter is distributed the entire year and our current subscription list encompasses over 200+ members/individuals.

**Submission deadlines are 20th of each month.**

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*Return form to IL NAHRO, Springfield Housing Authority, 200 North Eleventh Street, Springfield, IL 62703.*

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