



**This year marks our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Convention!**

**Join us as we celebrate MARDI GRAS style!**

**Dress code this year is casual, super casual, think Hawaiian shirts, board shorts, t-shirts, flip flops...for everyone - exhibitors, speakers & attendees!**



## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **REGISTRATION** – Convention Center, Lobby Level, Pre-Function Area

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 27**

**RESOURCE ROOM** - Open to all attendees, this resource room will be staffed both Monday and Tuesday by representatives from CHFA, DOH and HUD **Delaware room**  
**Monday the resource room will be open 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **REGISTRATION** – Lobby Level, Pre-Function Area  
**BREAKFAST**

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      **Opening Session/Convention Kick-Off**      **Salon B1**  
Bob Williams, Jr., Convention Committee Chairman  
Annette Sanderson, President, CONN-NAHRO  
Anthony Vasiliou, Senior VP NERC NAHRO, Milford Housing and  
Redevelopment Partnership

### **Legislative Update**

Carol Martin, VP, Legislation, CONN-NAHRO  
Pete Smith, Smith, Rome & Lutz

### **Welcoming Remarks**

Jessica Olander, Executive Director, CONN-NAHRO



### **Dan LaRosa**

Dan LaRosa is known as America's Funniest Motivational Hypnotist. His stage hypnosis shows and workshops have been presented throughout the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. His performances are captivating, thought provoking and fun for all! In addition to demonstrating the funny and dramatic side of hypnosis, LaRosa has taught other people how to banish unwanted habits, dramatically improve sales and athletic performance, reduce stress, and increase personal power, through his motivating Live Your Dream workshops. Dan is a certified master hypnotist and an instructor for the National Guild of Hypnotists.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon **Visit with our Exhibitors/Networking** **Salon A Ballroom**  
**Vote for your favorite Mardi Gras themed booth!**

12:00 noon – 1:45 p.m. **LUNCH**, Uncasville Ballroom **Salon A Ballroom**  
Evonne M. Klein, Commissioner, State Department of Housing  
Adrienne Todman, NAHRO CEO  
U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney (D-2)

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm **Resource Room** **Delaware Room**  
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2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **MONDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

**1. Dealing with Difficult People -**

**Resolving Workplace Issues**

**Pass/Brothertown**

Speakers: *Frank Flynn, Flynn Law Group & David Carlson, Flynn Law Group*

Moderator:

Description:

**2. Basic Finance for Housing Authority Staff**

**Abenaki**

Speaker: *Teresa Ewald, CPA, Fenton, Ewald & Associates PC*

Moderator:

Description: *Basics of finance in public housing*

**3. Cyber Security & Fraud Protection**

**Schaghticoke**

Speakers: *HAI Group, Gene Arnold, TD Bank*

Moderator:

Description: *Cyber Risk: This course will assist your housing agency in identifying the top cyber security risks faced by your organization and the associated liability. Upon completion of this course you will be able to evaluate your current risk management approach to cyber risk and also recall best practices for preventing cyber-attacks and data breaches at your organization. This session applies to Executive Directors, Safety Committee Members, and Risk Management Personnel. Cyber Security for your agency and yourself. This session will help you to understand different types of fraud, from Cyber fraud to old fashioned check fraud. This session will show you how to protect your Agency in a time of constant fraudulent activity. Also on a personal level, Identity theft and its prevention.*

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **BREAK** **Salon A – Visit our Exhibitors! Cast your vote for the best Mardi Gras themed booth!**

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

**1. Procurement**

**Pass/Brothertown**

Speaker: *Ben Bare, Hartford Housing Authority*

Moderator:

Description: *Update on Procurement Changes mandated through the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act; Cooperative Contracting Discussion – HUD standards, Energy Procurement - requirements, our analysis, 5370 inclusion, Procuring cost neutral or money making contracts (i.e. scrap metal, vending machines, etc.)*

**2. Essentials of Risk Management**

**Abenaki**

Speaker: *HAI Group*

Moderator:

Description: *Essentials of Risk Management (ERM): This interactive workshop will assist you and your staff in learning the keys to safety and risk management. Topics covered in this training include, but are not limited to, the Risk Management Process, Self-Inspections, Accident Investigation and Resident-Related Risks. This training applies to Executive Directors, Safety Committee Members, Risk Management Personnel, Site Managers, and Maintenance Personnel.*

**3. Non Smoking Policies and Use of Marijuana**

**Schaghticoke**

Speaker: *Frank Flynn, Flynn Law Group & David Carlson, Flynn Law Group*

Moderator:

Description: *Recently the topic of marijuana has been in the front page of newspapers and some states have legalized the medical use of marijuana. Recreational legalized use is also in the spotlight as well. The question arises what should property managers and housing authorities do when marijuana is found in apartments of federally subsidized properties? What effect do current state laws have on eviction cases and landlord responsibilities? Attorney Frank Flynn of Flynn Law Group will examine current federal policies and Connecticut state laws regarding marijuana use.*

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**EXHIBITOR RECEPTION**

**Salon A**

***\*New for 2018 - Visit our photo booth and make some fun memories!\****

***\$300 in chips to be given away to 7 lucky winners! Our generous vendor partners will also be giving away their door prizes! The business partner with the Best Booth (Mardi Gras themed) will receive a \$100 chip!***

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28**

**RESOURCE ROOM - Open to all attendees, this resource room will be staffed both Monday and Tuesday by representatives from CHFA, DOH and HUD**

**Delaware Room**

**Tuesday the resource room will be open 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **BREAKFAST**      **Salon A Ballroom**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.      **TUESDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS**

**1. HOTMA I**

Speakers: *Jonathan Zimmerman, PHADA*  
*Samantha Sowards, Nan McKay*

**Abenacki**

Moderator:

Description:

**2. Rent Stratification**

**Pass/Brothertown**

Speakers: *CHFA and DOH*

Moderator:

Description:

**3. A Status Update to the Lead Safe Housing Rule Amendment**

**Schaghticoke**

Speakers:

*Kimberly Ploszaj, Epidemiologist/Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program/ Environmental Health Section/State of CT Department of Public Health*

*Marty Nee,*

*Ken Schultz, Imagineers, LLC*

*Maria Stoute, Imagineers, LLC*

*Pete Folino,*

Moderator: *Jessica Olander, CONN NAHRO*

Description: *This session will cover the following: An overview and reminder of key points of the Lead Safe Housing Rule Amendment, Where we are with the first months of data matching, matched data: how to respond, a best practice approach, A lead consultant's perspective, Lessons learned, next steps, Q&A*

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      **BREAK** – Registration Area

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.      **TUESDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS**

**1. HOTMA II**

**Schaghticoke**

Speakers:

*Jonathan Zimmerman, PHADA*

*Andrew Daniels, MAPPLAN*

Moderator:

Description: *Federal portfolio repositioning tools: How HOTMA and HUD's new demo/dispo administrative policies open doors to more stable programs.*

**2. Waitlist Management**

**Pass/Brothertown**

Speakers: *Michael Santoro, DOH & Christina Keune, DOH*

Moderator:

Description:

**3. Construction Bidding Panel**

**Abenacki**

Speaker: *CHFA*

Moderator:

Description: *Construction bidding and construction/architectural related issues*

12:00 noon – 1:45 p.m.

**LUNCH**

**Salon A Ballroom**

Karl Kilduff, CHFA

**CONN-NAHRO Scholarships – AWARD PRESENTATIONS:**

Michelle Molina  
Karl F. Kilduff  
John D'Amelia

Scholarship Committee Chairwoman  
CHFA Scholarship Presentation  
Gift Card Presentation

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

**1. Two Year Tool Kit**

**Schaghticoke**

Speaker: *Patrick Hatch, HUD*

Moderator:

Description:

**2. Lead A Team Approach: Lead and How to Incorporate Best Practices into SSHP Projects, Lessons Learned**

**Pass/Brothertown**

Speakers:

*Kimberly Ploszaj, Epidemiologist/Lead, Radon and Healthy Homes Program/ Environmental Health Section/State of CT Department of Public Health*

*CHFA Staff*

*Kim Haddad, ED Willimantic Housing Authority*

*Helen Rimsa,*

Moderator:

Description: *This session will cover the role of CHFA and the funding opportunities, an overview of the Marcella Eastman Terrace SSHP project, what's the role of the environmental consultant? Lead based paint was found, what's next? Challenges and how we resolved them as a team, Lessons learned, next steps, Q&A.*

**3. Ask the Attorney**

**Abenacki**

Speakers: *Frank Flynn, Flynn Law Group & David Carlson, Flynn Law Group*

Moderator:

Description:

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **BREAK** – Registration Area

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.      **TUESDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

**1. HOUSING AUTHORITY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**Salon A**

Moderator: *John D'Amelia, J. D'Amelia & Associates*

This is an open forum, roundtable discussion for housing authority executive directors, commissioners, and housing authority management staff to discuss on issues of concern, to share ideas, and receive feedback on the topics you want to discuss the most.

**2. PIC/EIV**

**Schaghticoke**

Speaker:

Moderator:

Description:

**3. HUD Criminal Background Check**

**Pass/Brothertown**

Speaker: *Samantha Sowards, Nan McKay*

Moderator:

Description:

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.      **MARGARITAVILLE RECEPTION!**  
**(Exit convention center on first floor and take a left toward the Casino of the Wind; be sure to WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE)**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **BREAKFAST**

**Abenacki**

**9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.      NEW FOR 2018 - A FULL DAY TRAINING ON FEDERAL RENT CALCULATION, presented by NAHRO. Please note this is a separate fee and registration from the Convention**

The session will cover the basics for determining eligibility and calculating rent- This training is an overview for PH and HCV case managers that includes: Eligibility; reasonable accommodations, included and excluded income, statutory deductions and adjusted income,

calculating rent and HAP payments, maximum initial rent burden and subsidy, prorated assistance for mixed families. \$299 per person, includes course materials, breakfast and lunch.

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.     **HUD Policy Update** - Samantha Sowards, Nan McKay & Associates & Jonathan Zimmerman, PHADA

**Closing Comments** – Annette Sanderson, President, CONN-NAHRO