

## 2017-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

### Highlights & Key Accomplishments

- Online Resource Library went live (highest priority from 2017 member survey)
- Launch of Member Only Website (also high priority from 2017 member survey)
- Timely Webinars for our Members
  - Impact of Government Shutdown & Resources (webinar)
  - Repositioning Public Housing: What To Expect (webinar)
- Small Agency Support & Resources
  - TA Grant for Small Agency Transitions launched
  - Advocacy Toolkit for Small Agencies
  - Finance for Small Agencies (national training)

### Senior Vice President

TA for Transitions: Secured \$50,000 in grant resources to provide TA support small agencies to help address specific transition issues. A member led oversight committee was formed which received 14 applications and selected a total of 6 grants of \$8,000 each.

### Professional Development

Delivered two conferences in both 2018 and 2019 which provided timely sessions. Examples include:

- HUD Financial Bootcamp
- Repositioning of Public Housing
- POHP Orientation & Guidance
- Specialized track for Commissioners, Emerging Leaders & Rehab Professionals

Offered national trainings at lower prices for our members including:

- Financial Training for Small Agencies
- HCV Housing Quality Standards
- Hearing Officer Workshop
- Reasonable Accommodations & Fair Housing
- Improving Your REAC Score
- Update Your Admin Plan

### Housing Committee

- MN NAHRO went live with the member's resource library this year. Thanks to the participation of a number of agencies around the state, we were able to collect many great policies and make them available on the site.
- Housing Recap have continued to be pushed out to members via email at the beginning of every month. The updates are targeted to agencies that may not be receiving an alert service like Nan McKay PIH Alerts and/or are not National NAHRO or NCRC members.
- "What Homes Means to Me" poster contest is an opportunity to showcase why affordable housing is so important to the children who live there. This year we had 28 entries with representation in every age category. It was great to see the creativity of those that entered at all the age levels.

### Commissioners

Held NAHRO training Commissioner Fundamentals and featured tailored sessions including succession planning, effective oversight and performance reviews of executives.

### Emerging Leaders

Emerging Leaders were instrumental in raising money for our Scholarship Fund by holding networking events at our conference plus bringing forward sessions geared towards personal development.



### Scholarship

- In 2018 and 2019, MN winners advanced to NCRC and National NAHRO receiving a total of \$3,000 and \$4,000 respectively. We also awarded state scholarships to four other recipients for \$1,000 each.
- We adapted our scholarship application form to more closely mirror the NCRC form for ease of submission by local authorities and moved our deadlines up so that recipients could participate in the Regional and hopefully National scholarship competitions.
- Scholarship events raised funds for 3 awards both years after accounting for expenses. Events included Emerging Leaders networking events plus Charter Fishing in the fall. We also had the successful introduction of the Meat Raffle – a new event at our Spring Conference.

### Membership

For 2019, membership rates were increased for the first time in 7 years. This increase recognized that Minnesota NAHRO faces increased costs due to inflation and is offering many new resources and benefits for its members.

### Legislative & Advocacy

FEDERAL Activities included:

- Held Congressional Briefing for Federal Staff in partnership with MHP
- Participated in August Advocacy & sent hundreds of letters to Congress each year

STATE: Secured Resources for Affordable Housing

- Led inclusion of senior housing in Housing Infrastructure Bonds
- Preserved public housing with bonds for housing for public housing rehab
- Increase resources for Challenge Program
- Protect MCPP Resources
- Published the Legislative Advocacy Toolkit for Small Agencies
- President Diane Larson interviewed one of the endorsed Lieutenant Governor candidates at the “Housing as an Economic Driver” Forum.
- Participated in Housing Task Force meetings throughout 2018, provided written comments on federal and state regulations and testified at Minnesota Legislative hearings

### CR&D

We hoped to return with the Redevelopment Symposium in 2018 but it was cancelled due to lack of registrants. However, we successfully included a Rehab Track at the Spring Conference. Minnesota NAHRO is tracking similar changes at national to reposition CR&D to better reflect our members.

### Timely & Relevant Resources

- Regular communications with our member updates
- Published Public Housing at Risk Report (update) in partnership with MHP

### Leadership Opportunities & Recognition

Our members are actively involved at the both Regional and National levels of NAHRO. Representation includes NCRC President, representation on national Strategic Planning and Small Agency Task Force.

**Thank you for being a member of Minnesota NAHRO!**

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