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## ***LEADERSHIP ON THE PRAIRIE***

Montevideo, Minnesota

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4:00 pm** Lodging available for check in at Grand Stay Hotel & Suites

### **Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Chippewa County Court House**

**9:30am** Registration Opens

**10:00am** Welcome & Introductions

*Diane Larson, President Minnesota NAHRO*

**10:15am** Retreat Overview

*Shannon Guernsey, Executive Director, Minnesota NAHRO*

**10:30am** Repositioning Roundtable

*Many housing authorities are looking at their options related to repositioning public housing. The options are varied and what works for each community differs depending on local circumstances. Are you interested in joining the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), using the Section 18 Demolition/Disposition program, removing your Declaration of Trust, participating in a streamlined voluntary conversion process, or continuing in public housing? This session, led by your peers, will be an open forum to discuss the issues you have as you consider your options. HUD won't be in the room so you can ask your questions or share your experience.*

**12:00pm** Break for Lunch (provided)

**1:00pm** Four Goals to Develop Your Leadership Behavior

*LeAnn Heimer, Therapist, SoJourn Counseling*

*While change is inevitable, how we respond to it has much to do with how successful we deal with that change. This is especially true for leaders of organizations. This session will focus on how to establish goals and outcomes that result in better leadership behaviors for you and your organization.*

**3:15pm** Break

**3:30pm** Executive Roundtable & Discussion

*A highlight of the Leadership Retreat is the opportunity to dialog with your peers, discuss strategies and share best practices to address issues facing your agency. With so much happening in our industry, bring your issues and questions so you can learn from you peers.*

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**5:00pm Happy Hour & Dinner at Talking Waters Brewery (provided)**  
*We will relax and enjoy the evening at nearby Talking Waters Brewery in downtown Montevideo. This will be a chance to unwind and network with your peers over dinner.*

### **Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Chippewa County Court House**

**8:30am Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Greater Minnesota**  
Shelley Elkington  
*Shelley Elkington brings her personal story to highlight how the opioid epidemic impacts a family and community, especially in Greater Minnesota. Ms. Elkington has direct experience – she lost her daughter in 2015 after she got hooked on powerful painkillers as she coped with Crohn's disease. Like many who have struggled with opioid addiction, Elkington's daughter thought the medications she was prescribed for pain were safe to use regularly. She didn't know the pills were powerfully addictive until it was too late. Since her daughter's death, Ms. Elkington has become an advocate and leader in the effort to address the opioid crisis in Minnesota.*

**9:30am How Law Enforcement Responds to the Opioid Epidemic in Greater Minnesota**  
*Communities both large and small see the effect of the opioid crisis – these are also the communities that must cope with the challenges and develop responses to the epidemic. This session will focus on how law enforcement in Chippewa County responds to the crisis, the trends they are seeing and what is needed for a successful community response.*

**10:30am Break**

**10:45am An Opioid Overdose – Response & Recovery**  
*Opioid overdoses happen and there are effective tools to address an overdose – both immediately and longer term. Ms. Elkington will train us on the use of Naloxone and when this treatment is needed. This session will also feature an individual who addressed addiction and successfully completed drug court intervention to find recovery.*

**11:45am Evaluation & Wrap Up**

**12:00pm Adjourn**