2020 Summer Conference Topic Track Information

All session proposals should fall into one of the topic tracks defined below.

- **Commissioners**
  The Commissioners’ topic track focuses on enhancing the commissioner's understanding of their role and responsibilities related to advocacy, community leadership, and ethical conduct of their agency. Suggested subject matters include:
  - Understanding RAD for commissioners
  - Warning signs of a troubled agency
  - Evaluating your executive director
  - Advocacy for commissioners
  - Mentoring commissioners for commissioners, by commissioners

- **Executive Leadership**
  The Executive Leadership track will provide housing authority Executive Directors and CEOs an opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer discussions on critical industry issues, and the exchange of information and ideas. Sessions within this track will be primarily peer-led and should focus on deliberations on issues of high national interest, best practices in managing a 21st century housing agency, and lessons on impactful leadership at the local level.

- **Repositioning**
  HUD is emphasizing the repositioning of public housing as a means of preserving the current units through conversion to a more viable subsidy funding platform. Proposals under this track should focus on various repositioning alternatives including the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), Section 18 Demolition / Disposition, Voluntary Conversion and the various financing options; including tax credits, Opportunity Zones, and private financing; that make repositioning possible.

- **Housing is Health**
  NAHRO will build on its 2019 Housing is Health forum and is looking for sessions to highlight partnerships and interventions that have (or have the potential to) improve health outcomes of families residing in public housing or participating in the Section 8 program (project-based or tenant-based).

- **Housing as a Platform to Learn and Earn**
  Proposals within this track should explore both high impact initiatives and research on programs that are helping adults and youth, particularly those who live in assisted housing, achieve their education goals and/or improve access to jobs. Proposals should also highlight workforce development efforts undertaken at the local level.

- **Resident Programs - FSS/ROSS**
  The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) programs are critical and exciting components to the future of the Housing Choice Voucher / Public Housing Programs. Sessions in this track should look at best practice case management techniques, including dissecting regulations to ensure proper reporting, collecting data, and creating a linkage from the Housing Choice Voucher program to Homeownership. Sessions can also examine creating dynamic partnerships within the community to maximize the resources for these programs including how to form a non-profit organization, to assist with securing and enhancing future FSS funding.