



MEMORANDUM

TO: NAHRO Board of Governors

FROM: Housing and Development Law Institute

RE: HDLI Report

DATE: October 2016

HDLI continues to look forward to working together with NAHRO on joint endeavors this year and beyond.

HDLI wishes to report that HDLI board members and staff are especially grateful for the positive interactions with NAHRO's new acting CEO, John Bohm. HDLI's CEO, Lisa Walker, and various board members have met with Mr. Bohm this quarter on separate occasions and all of the meetings have been especially encouraging and positive. HDLI believes that Mr. Bohm's leadership has made a remarkable difference in the interactions between the organizations, and HDLI anticipates re-establishing a very close working relationship with NAHRO.

HDLI provides the following highlights of HDLI activities for this quarter:

Legal Conferences & Trainings:

HDLI is looking forward to taking part in NAHRO's 2016 National Conference in New Orleans. This year's sessions will include:

- Hot Topics in Section 8 – Including HOTMA, Small Area FMRs, Administrative Fees, and More
- Another Look at Guns and Weapons in Public Housing
- Boundaries for the Use of Arrest Records and Criminal Histories
- Best Practices for Using the “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” Tools
- Review of Recent Case Law Affecting Affordable and Public Housing

- HDLI Open Forum – Attendees Bring Questions of Interest to the Group for Discussion

HDLI co-hosted Leo Dauwer's annual Martha's Vineyard Commissioner's Conference in September of 2016. Over 150 PHA commissioners and executive staff attended this year's conference in Martha's Vineyard and very positive evaluations were received.

HDLI provides comprehensive and interactive online fair housing training, which is available at www.hdlitraining.org. NAHRO members that also are HDLI members receive a discounted training rate. HDLI remains open to further discussing an online fair housing training partnership with NAHRO, which might include deeper discounts for NAHRO members with NAHRO's active endorsement, among other possibilities.

HDLI's on-site and regional training programs continue to be successful. To date, HDLI has provided training, such as fair housing, grievance, and "One Strike" evictions trainings, to more than 4,500 staff of public housing agencies and other partners in the affordable and public housing industry.

Additionally, HDLI also provides one-on-one specialized agency consulting in the reasonable accommodations/Section 504 area. HDLI has provided "self-audit" consulting for a number of public housing agencies, reviewing their actual reasonable accommodations policies, procedures and forms, and training staff and residents. HDLI would be very open to discussing a joint venture with NAHRO in providing this service to NAHRO members, many of whom also are HDLI members.

Publications:

HDLI continues to publish its regular legal periodicals during the course of the year: *The Authority*, *The Counsellor*, and the *Index to HUD Regulations*. HDLI's *Index to HUD Regulations* is the only published cumulative index of HUD's title 24 regulations and is a must-have desk reference. It is included in HDLI membership. HDLI's offer to work with NAHRO in jointly marketing the *Index* and offering NAHRO members an exclusive discount remains on the table.

Membership/Administration:

HDLI's members include public housing agencies, law firms, individual and corporate members. Its membership has been growing with a steady influx of new members in 2016. HDLI currently has 249 members.

HDLI's prestigious board of directors includes 22 executive directors and attorneys representing many of the most impressive housing authorities and law firms in the country. Pursuant to HDLI by-laws, NAHRO's CEO also has a seat on HDLI's board of directors and receives HDLI board materials on a monthly basis **.HDLI is very enthusiastic in having NAHRO'S acting CEO, John Bohm, participate in HDLI's meetings so that NAHRO can have a first-hand and advance look at HDLI events activities.** As reflected in HDLI's by-laws which gives NAHRO an automatic seat on HDLI's Board of Directors, it always has been HDLI's intention to have NAHRO at the table when it plans its events and activities for each year. HDLI is encouraged that Mr. Bohm, or his representative, is interested participating in HDLI board meetings going forward.

A list with photographs of our board members is available online at <http://www.hdli.org/allabout/board.htm> Ricardo Gilmore is HDLI's representative for NAHRO BOG meetings. His email is rgilmore@saxongilmore.com.

HDLI operates with a very small full-time staff of two people – the CEO and General Counsel, and the Director of Administration. Their biographies are available online at <http://www.hdli.org/allabout/staff.htm>

Leased Office Space:

HDLI and NAHRO have continued HDLI's lease for office space in NAHRO's building for another year until the end of August 2017 at the rate of \$780/month. HDLI appreciates NAHRO's continued support and looks forward to continuing a close, mutually supportive working relationship.