



MEMORANDUM

TO: NAHRO Board of Governors

FROM: Housing and Development Law Institute

RE: HDLI Report

DATE: July 2017

HDLI continues to look forward to working together with NAHRO on joint endeavors this year and beyond. HDLI stands ready to provide additional services to NAHRO, as the needs arise. HDLI provides the following highlights of HDLI activities for this quarter:

Meeting Between Our CEOs:

Earlier this month HDLI's CEO, Lisa Walker, and NAHRO's CEO, Adrienne Todman, met to become re-acquainted and discuss joint endeavors in the near term. Ms. Todman expressed interest in putting on a joint webinar series this year, probably in the late fall or early winter after the National Conference. This concept originally was developed by Acting CEO, John Bohm and Ms. Walker, and Ms. Todman enthusiastically endorsed further exploration. Building on the anticipated success of the webinars, the HDLI and NAHRO executives look forward to more opportunities to work together and serve our mutual members and the industry.

Legal Conferences & Trainings:

HDLI very much looks forward to participating in NAHRO's 2017 National Conference in Pittsburgh. HDLI has been putting on a full-day legal conference at NAHRO's National Conference for more than 20 consecutive years. HDLI already has begun discussions with NAHRO staff to develop an exceptional conference, and will be submitting a proposed slate of topics to NAHRO shortly.

HDLI's 2017 Spring Legal Conference was held on May 11-12 in Washington, D.C. The

conference was a great success with high attendance and very favorable evaluations from attendees. The keynote luncheon address was given by NAHRO's own, Adrienne Todman, who fired up the audience with her message of hope and prosperity for the industry. Ms. Todman's message especially encouraged young women in the industry. Conference sessions included:

- The State of Housing Initiatives Under the New Trump Administration - HOTMA, MTW, Section 8, Immigration, and More
- How Recent HUD Guidance on Criminal Records & Histories Affects Your Admissions, Terminations, and Grievance Decisions - Challenges and Best Practices
- How to Handle Sex Offenders Living in Assisted Housing - Differences Between Recent HUD Guidance and Trending Court Decisions
- Front Burner Fair Housing Issues - Legal Treatment of Transgendered Persons & Gender Identity, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, National Origin and Disparate Impact Liability
- Labor and Employment Law Issues for 2017 - Employee v. Independent Contractor, Exempt v. Nonexempt positions, Sick Leave, Minimum Wage and Overtime, and More
- New Developments With RAD - Current Strategies and News
- Legal Ethics For 2017 & Beyond
- Semi-Annual Review of Case Law Affecting Public Housing and Redevelopment Agencies

Next, HDLI will be co-hosting Leo Dauwer's annual Martha's Vineyard Commissioner's Conference in September.

HDLI's online comprehensive fair housing training 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 public housing agency and real estate developer staff.

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 2017. HDLI currently has in excess of 260 members.

HDLI's prestigious board of directors includes 22 executive directors and attorneys representing 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. 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 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's lease for office space in NAHRO's building expires on August 1, 2017. HDLI looks forward to continuing its tenancy.

HDLI appreciates NAHRO's continued support and looks forward to continuing a close, mutually supportive working relationship.