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Regional Report– April 2018

Regional Conferences

NERC's 2018 Mid-Winter Conference took place on February 4-7 at Mohegan Sun Convention Center to record numbers. Attendees enjoyed sessions such as Dealing with the Opiate Crisis, Security and Crime Prevention, Effective Rent Collection Strategies, Lead Control and Healthy Homes, VAWA and many more. Many thanks to the HUD CT office for their participation. Tess Hembree also did an excellent Washington Update to delegates during lunch that was well received.

NERC's Annual Conference will take place at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, ME on June 24-27. This venue is not one to miss. President Carl Richie will join us during the Monday morning plenary along with a representative from Senator Collins office, and members are looking forward to enjoyable and education speakers and presentations. We will also be enjoying an outdoor dinner this year at the resort, weather permitting. Music will be provided following the golf tournament at our Sunday night reception.

Professional Development

NERC completed two NAHRO Rent Calculation Workshops. One in Fall River, MA in January and another in conjunction with our 2018 Mid-Winter Conference at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center in CT where we trained over 60 housing authority employees. We will present Reasonable Accommodation Training in May and June in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. We currently have 40 attendees registered. We are also scheduling an EIV online training for early June.

Membership Growth and Retention

NERC has gained the Stafford (CT) H.A. this past quarter and has reached out to several non-member agencies to gauge interest. NERC/NAHRO currently has 221 members. 49 from CT; 102 from MA; 16 from ME; 12 from NH; 24 from RI; 6 from VT. The others are vendors from around the country.

Housing America Activities

We have been promoting the Housing America Poster Contest through our website, newsletter and Facebook and Twitter pages. Several agencies in the region have hosted events as well.



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Scholarship and Awards Programs

Members can find our scholarship award applications on our website at www.nercnaahro.org. The deadline to apply is April 27. We will be recognizing both residents as well as employees at our NERC/NAHRO Annual Conference & Exhibition the Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME. We are also looking for nominees for the 2018 Commissioner of the Year Award.

Other Items of Note

The NERC executive board has elected John D'Amelia of J. D'Amelia & Associates and Shari Riddick of the Enfield (CT) H.A. to the Executive Board. Congratulations to both!



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