



MEMORANDUM

TO: NAHRO Board of Governors

FROM: Housing and Development Law Institute

RE: HDLI's Report to the NAHRO Board of Governors

DATE: October 2019

HDLI appreciates NAHRO's continued support and we look forward to working together with NAHRO on joint endeavors this year and beyond. We look forward to once again putting on a full day legal conference at NAHRO's upcoming Annual Conference in San Antonio in October. HDLI stands ready to assist NAHRO with its legal and/or other ventures and initiatives this year.

We are happy to report on the following HDLI initiatives during the past quarter:

About HDLI

HDLI is a legal resource for PHAs and other partners in the public and affordable housing agency. It is a nonpartisan, nonprofit membership agency. HDLI membership has been growing with a steady influx of new members in recent months. HDLI currently has more than 270 members, the highest it has seen in many years.

HDLI offers a number of unique legal resources: publishes legal periodicals, prepares annual reviews of important cases affecting housing agencies, publishes an index to HUD regulations, conducts CLE conferences and other educational activities, provides legal training and individualized counseling, sponsors an active list serve, and serves as a friend of the court, or *amicus*, in appropriate cases important to its members. HDLI also acts on a national level to influence the development of statutory, regulatory and case law helpful to housing agencies, often in concert with NAHRO and other industry groups.

HDLI Board of Directors and Staff

HDLI's current Board of Directors consists of 22 seasoned industry attorneys and executive directors from across the country. Vivian Bryant, Esq., CEO of the Orlando Housing Authority, is HDLI's Board President. Ms. Bryant's email address is Vivian.Bryant@orl-oha.org. NAHRO's CEO has a permanent seat on HDLI's Board, and we are very pleased that Ms. Todman continues to actively participate in HDLI board meetings. A listing of all board members with head shots is available here: <http://hdli.org/allabout/board.htm>.

Ricardo Gilmore, Esq. of Saxon, Gilmore & Carroway P.A. in Tampa, FL is HDLI's representative to the NAHRO BOG meetings. Additionally, HDLI's Board President regularly attends the BOG meetings. Mr. Gilmore's email address is rgilmore@saxongilmore.com.

HDLI's daily operations and programs are managed by its CEO and General Counsel, Lisa L. Walker, Esq., with the assistance of HDLI's Director of Administration, Timothy P. Coyle. Their biographies and available here: <http://hdli.org/allabout/staff.htm> Ms. Walker's email address is lwalker@hdli.org.

New Initiatives

HDLI will be revamping its website later this year. HDLI looks forward to conferring with NAHRO in ways in which our respective websites may better complement the other.

List Serve

HDLI continues to sponsor a well-used list serve where, on a daily basis, HDLI members regularly post a host of questions and share answers, perspectives, and documents.

Conferences & Training

Conferences:

September 2019 – For the third year HDLI co-hosted with Leo Dauwer a 26th well-attended annual Commissioners and Executive Directors conference in Martha's Vineyard, MA. The venue is clearly attractive, the format is unique, and there are loyal annual attendees from across the country. Mr. Dauwer is retiring, and HDLI is open to exploring a venture with NAHRO in 2020 and beyond.

October 2019 - HDLI looks forward to hosting its full-day legal conference at NAHRO's Annual Conference in San Antonio on October 11, 2019. This year's topics which were approved by NAHRO staff include:

- Semi-Annual Review of Case Law Affecting Public and Affordable Housing – by HDLI's CEO & General Counsel, Lisa L. Walker
- All About ADA Compliant Websites – Don't Be the Next to Be Sued!
- RAD Retrospective and Prospective – Legal Lessons Learned, Successes, Challenges, Today's Hot RAD Topics & More
- Sexual Harassment in Housing – Legal Lessons Learned from Significant Lawsuits Across the Country and Best Practices to Detect and Avoid Liability
- Front Burner Fair Housing Topics – VAWA, Housing of Immigrants, HUD's Newly Proposed Disparate Impact Liability Standard, HUD's Newly Proposed Guidance on Service Animals & More
- HDLI Open Forum – Attendees Bring Questions of Interest to the Group for Discussion

Online Training:

HDLI continues to offer comprehensive and interactive online fair housing training available at www.hdlitraining.org. HDLI remains open to further discussing an online fair housing training partnership with NAHRO, which might include deeper discounts for NAHRO members in exchange for NAHRO's active endorsement, among other possibilities.

On-site Training:

HDLI's on-site and regional training programs also continue to be a success. To date, HDLI has provided fair housing, grievance, commissioners, and "One Strike" training to more than 5,000 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* 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. *The Authority* is a quarterly compilation of judicial decisions from across the country that affect the public and affordable housing industry.

Consulting

HDLI offers consulting services, as requested, and works on HUD technical training contracts, currently in the areas of fair housing and grievance training.