

MEMORANDUM

TO: NAHRO Board of Governors

FROM: Housing and Development Law Institute

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

DATE: April 2019

HDLI appreciates NAHRO's continued support and we look forward to working together with NAHRO on joint endeavors this year and beyond. The CEOs of NAHRO and HDLI met on March 19, 2019 to continue ongoing discussions concerning the initiatives of their respective organizations and ways in which to collaborate over the coming months. 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 walker@hdli.org.

New Initiatives

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

Conferences & Training

Conferences:

HDLI's last conference was its 2019 annual *General Counsel Forum* which took place January 27-28, 2019 in Tampa, Florida. Topics covered included: *Legal Ethics for 2019, Today's HUD Front Burner Issues, Remedial Measures When the Board Meeting Goes Horribly Wrong, Modern Executive Compensation Negotiations and Expectations*, and *Current Legislative Affairs*, which featured NAHRO's Georgi Banna.

HDLI's next conference is its *2019 Spring Legal CLE Conference*, taking place May 9-10, 2019 at the Washington Marriott Georgetown in Washington, D.C. Attendees that are NAHRO members will get a registration discount. This year's Keynote Luncheon Speaker will be Laura Kusisto, Housing and Economics Reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, and topics will include:

- 2019 Legislative Update – Keeping Current on Major Policy Initiatives in Washington - featuring Georgi Banna
- Costly Procurement Mistakes To Avoid – Piggy-Backing, Legal and Other Professional Services, Sole Source Contracts, Section 3, MBE/WBE, & More
- The New Face of Affordable Housing Part I – Legal Considerations Involving Repositioning, Disposition, Voluntary Conversion, & More
- The New Face of Affordable Housing Part II – New Inspection Rules, Rent Reform, Moving To Work (MTW) Expansion, New ACC & CACC Provisions, & More
- RAD 2019 – Today's Legal Challenges in the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program
- All About Tenant Privacy Rights – Open Records Requests, Securing PHA Systems, Data Sharing Agreements, & More
- Review of Case Law Affecting Public Housing and Redevelopment Agencies
- Legal Ethics, Open Forum, Welcome Reception, and More!

Next September, HDLI will be co-hosting with Leo Dauwer a Commissioners and Executive Directors conference in Martha's Vineyard, MA.

Online Training:

HDLI continues to offer comprehensive and interactive online fair housing training is 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.

Online Training:

HDLI's on-site and regional training programs also continue to be a successful. To date, HDLI has provided fair housing, grievance, commissioners, and "One Strike" training 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* 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 area of fair housing.