



Wednesday, May 1

7:30 am – 8:30 am Conference Registration and Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

8:30 am – 8:45 am Welcome by NYSPHADA President Bill Simmons

8:45 am – 9:45 am Keynote Speaker Harvey Alston “Be the Best”

9:45 am – 10:15 am Visit with Exhibitors

10:15 am – 11:45 am Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Key Policies for Board Members (*Commissioner Essentials Track- CE*)

Financial Update (*Policy Track- P*)

HCV Regulatory Update (*Section 8 Track – S8*)

Beginning Stages of RAD – Do or Don't (*RAD Track*)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm NYSPHADA Scholarship luncheon

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Understanding Financials for Commissioners (*CE*)

Fair Housing and Disability Rights Part 1 (*P*)

Maximizing Utilization in the HCV Program (*S8*)

Smaller RAD Deals using PBV and Limited or No Renovations (*RAD*)

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Role of the Board in Repositioning Housing (*CE*)

Fair Housing and Disability Rights Part 2 (*P*)

Securing your Data (*S8*)

Putting a Deal Together with Extensive Renovations (*RAD*)

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Attendee and Exhibitor Reception



Thursday, May 2

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

8:30 am – 9:00 am Visit with Exhibitors

9:00 am – 10:30 am Concurrent Breakout Sessions

 Discipline and Discharge of HA Employees (*All Attendees*)

 Top 10 Tips for Managing a Successful RAD PBV Program (*RAD*)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Legislative Update (*All Attendees*)



Commissioner Essentials Track (CE)

Key Policies for Board Members

MaryAnn Russ

This session for commissioners will answer your burning policy question. Why we have policies, how policies are adopted and amended, what policies are required by State Law and Federal Regulations, pet policy vs assistance animals, and so many more.

Understanding Financial for Commissioners

Brian Alten, BDO

This session for Commissioners will include a review of fundamental financial terms and concepts and an examination of financial reports. The session will analyze sample monthly budget versus actual statements via case study to inspect different reporting formats and determine their impact on the bottom line. Attendees will learn to identify and isolate important variances and learn which occasions may require further investigation.

The Role of the Board in Repositioning Housing

Mark Lukens, MBA, Capatus

Mark Hamilton, PHM, C3P, MST, Capatus

This session for Commissioners will include a brief history of public housing and provide a foundation for understanding the necessity for housing authorities to investigate repositioning, the options available and explore some of the items Commissioners should be aware of regarding the repositioning process.

Policy Track (P)

Financial Update

Brian Alten, BDO

This session for all staff members and EDs will discuss the latest on LIPH cash management, and if time permits, implementation of the use of Operating Subsidy for approved capital fund activities (HOTMA).

Fair Housing and Disability Rights Part 1 and 2

MaryAnn Russ

This in-depth session led by MaryAnn Russ will provide housing professionals with a working background in the requirements of the Fair Housing Act and other important civil rights statutes that pertain to Fair Housing compliance. She will discuss how PHAs get in



trouble with Civil Rights Laws, reasonable accommodations, administrative accommodations, assistance animals and much more.

Section 8 Track (S8)

HCV Regulatory Update

Samantha Sowards, Nan McKay

This session geared for Section 8 professionals will update attendees in Small Area FMRs, HOTMA changes, criminal background checks, and streamlined verification.

Maximizing Utilization in the HCV Program

Michael Petro, Nan McKay

This session led by Mike Petro will help Section 8 professionals understand utilization from the finance department perspective.

Securing your Data

Integrated Systems

This session will deal with the safety of your data in the changing cyber world we live in. Are you using the cloud for storage of your data? Learn how to ensure the system you are using is safe and your data is secure.

RAD Track (RAD)

Beginning Stages of RAD – Do or Don't

Mack Carter, White Plains HA

Jason Sackett, Hornell HA

This session led by Executive Directors and their RAD consultants will walk you through the beginning stages of RAD and will give insights into your decision making. Is it right for your agency.

Smaller RAD Deals Using PBV and Limited or No Renovations

Kathie Soroka, Nixon Peabody

Michael Tonovitz, CVR

This panel will discuss the key steps in the RAD process and key questions for PHAs to consider, including assembling a project team, completing the RAD Capital Needs Assessment, addressing critical repairs, and employing potential funding sources. It will also address ownership issues and key operational matters that must be considered in the transition to Section 8. Actual experiences and best practices from similar conversions will be shared.



Putting a Deal Together with Extensive Renovations

Andy Tyman, Geneva HA
Bruce Levine, 3d Development Group
Jeremy Root, Attorney, Cannon Heyman & Weiss

This case study will discuss Geneva Housing Authority's conversion to PBRA with renovations, LIHTC, historic tax credits, bond financing, PH Preservation Funding, Use of Not-For-Profit Affiliates, and Limited Partnerships.

Top 10 Tips for Managing a Successful RAD PBV Program

Michael Petro, Nan McKay
Samantha Sowards, Nan McKay

The last session in the RAD track will provide tips on how to successfully manage a RAD PBV conversion from both the property compliance and financial perspectives.

All Attendees (All)

Discipline and Discharge of Housing Authority Employees

Suba Viswanathan, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC

This session for all attendees will discuss the Civil Service Law, collective bargaining agreement provisions, preparing for hearings and arbitration, as well as negotiating disciplinary agreements. Come learn the correct way to discipline or discharge an employee.

Legislative Update

Tim Kaiser, PHADA

**Agenda items and times are subject to change*