

**\*Tentative Agenda subject to change – revision 3/29/2023**

**Monday, April 17**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Pre-Conference Training Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**Cypress CDE**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Fair Housing Training**

**Cypress CDE**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch on Your Own**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Fair Housing Training**

**Cypress CDE**

**Tuesday, April 18**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Pre-Conference Training Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**Cypress CDE**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Fair Housing Training**

**Cypress CDE**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch on Your Own**

12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Exhibitor Registration and Set-up**

**Oneida**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Fair Housing Training**

**Cypress CDE**

**Wednesday, April 19**

7:00 am – 8:00 am

**Conference Registration and Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall**

**Oneida**

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Welcome by Bill Simmons**

**Mohawk**

8:30 am – 9:45 am

**The Role of a Housing Authority Commissioner**

**Tuscarora**

*Michael Syme, Fox Rothschild*

This session would be a true commissioner training on their job. It will cover what the job is and is not and delineate the role of the commissioner v. the Executive director. We will also cover the fiduciary duties of a Board member and ethics.

**Getting NSPIRE'd – Are You Ready?**

**Cayuga**

*Dennis DiBello, COO / Chief Inspector, American Property Consultants*

The National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate, or NSPIRE for short, now has firm implementation dates. Starting July 2023, all subsequent inspections for Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) will be conducted using the new NSPIRE protocol. Full NSPIRE inspections start with PHAs replacing UPCS inspections. A second date is set for REAC

inspections of Multi-Family, HQS, and PVR program in September 2023. In terms of implementing a conversion plan, time is short. • What are the necessary steps for successful implementation? • How is the new NSPIRE protocol designed? • How does it compare to UPCS and HQS? • How does the scoring work? • How can you get a passing score yet fail the Unit Indicator? • How do you get your team prepared? Attend both NSPIRE'd sessions for answers!

**Two Year Tool and The FSS Regs governing FSS Escrow Accts. Onondaga**

*Roger Lis of R.A. Mercer PC*

Roger will present the use of and the ins and outs for the preparation of the 2-year tool for requesting Subsidy under the Section 8 program. Roger will also discuss the new Regulation requirements associated with accounting of Escrow Accts.

9:45 am – 10:15 am

**Coffee Break**

**Oneida**

10:15 am – 11:30 am

**Revitalization and Funding: LIHTCs, RAD and Faircloth**

**Tuscarora**

*Michael Syme, Fox Rothschild*

This session would explain why housing authorities need to consider revitalization and conversion. It will go through the myriad of funding sources from tax credits to Faircloth. It will give commissioners a good overview of the options and opportunities. We will also discuss affiliates and the need for their use.

**Getting NSPIRE'd – Are You Ready? (cont.)**

**Cayuga**

*Dennis DiBello, COO / Chief Inspector, American Property Consultants*

**HOTMA for Public Housing**

**Onondaga**

*Andrew Van Horn, Policy Analyst, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)*

This is one of two sessions about HOTMA and will focus on changes for public housing. HUD is currently in the process of implementing the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA). Provisions in sections 102, 103, and 104 of HOTMA will impact income reviews, asset limits for tenants, and over-income residents in public housing. This session will walk attendees through everything a PHA needs to know about HOTMA sections 102, 103, and 104 rule to make sure your agency is prepared to implement these new provisions for public housing.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Break in the Exhibit Hall – Get those Passports Stamps

**Oneida**

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**Scholarship Luncheon**

**Mohawk**

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Legislative Update from DC and NY**

**Mohawk**

*Mark Hamilton, Plattsburgh Housing Authority*

*Tim Kaiser, PHADA*

*Dan Young, NYSPHADA*

3:15pm – 4:30 pm

**Legal Maybe...But is it Ethical?**

**Tuscarora**

*Michael Syme, Fox Rothschild*

This session will explore the intersection of law and ethics for Housing Authorities. Is a decision legal? Is that same decision ethical? We will discuss the laws, rules and regulations that help guide Board's and protect their interests and the reputation of the entity. This session will be interactive and provide participants with an opportunity to discuss real-world examples.

### **HOTMA for Section 8**

**Onondaga**

*Andrew Van Horn, Policy Analyst, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)*

This is one of two sessions about HOTMA and will focus on changes for Section 8 programs. HUD is currently in the process of implementing the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA). Provisions in HOTMA sections 102, 104, and others will impact multiple voucher requirements including income reviews and asset limits for tenants. This session will walk attendees through everything a PHA needs to know about the HOTMA rule sections 102 and 104 as well as other voucher provisions to make sure your agency is prepared to implement these updates for Section 8 programs.

### **Benefits of Weatherization, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding, and Climate Friendly Homes Funding**

**Cayuga**

*Jonathan Biber, Deputy Program Manager, Special Projects, NYS Weatherization Assistance Program, Brian Dewey, New York State Field Representative for the NYS Weatherization Assistance Program*

In this session you will learn the benefits of weatherization, how to apply, the process from start to finish and typical work scopes including how Weatherization can address energy as well as health and safety needs for buildings of all sizes. You will also learn about additional Weatherization funding through the stimulus BIL package which will bring an additional \$289 million to New York State's Weatherization program over the next 5 years.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### **Cocktail Reception in the Exhibit Hall**

**Oneida**

**Thursday, April 20**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

### **Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall**

**Oneida**

9:00 am – 10:15 am

### **What is the Office of Inspector General and how can it can be helpful to PHA's**

**Tuscarora**

*Special Agents John Gueli and Special Agent Russell Falk*

The session will explain what the Office of Inspector General is, what their responsibilities to HUD are, and where their authority is derived. They will provide an overview of the most common frauds and types of investigations their offices conduct and will be using investigative case examples. Other topics they will discuss are PPP loans and CARES Act funds; Penalties and Damages; and best practices for working together with HUD OIG.

### **Integrated Pest Management for Multifamily Housing**

**Cayuga**

*Susannah Krysko, MS, StopPests in Housing, Cornell University*

Are your buildings and developments experiencing chronic pest infestations? Do you have that one apartment that always has bed bugs? Is your pest control program chasing complaints but not eliminating pests? In this session Cornell University pest control specialist, Susannah Krysko, will discuss the health hazards of pests and over-exposure to pesticides. You'll learn

about the three main pests of housing – bed bugs, cockroaches, and rodents – and the most effective integrated pest management (IPM) treatments for each. IPM includes proactive inspections, good record keeping and communication, monitoring, follow-up visits, and appropriate treatment protocols. Building administration and staff, residents, and the pest control technicians all have a role to play in effective pest management. Susannah will share methods and examples of successful IPM programs and tools you can use that will provide healthier homes and work environments for your residents and staff.

### **Setting Private Rental Market-Based Payment Standards**

**Onondaga**

*Jonathan Zimmerman, Member Manager, Section Eight Associates, LLC*

This session will cover options to set or develop payment standards at any time during the year by using a percentage of either FY 2023 FMRs or SAFMRs by ZIP code or using other (exception) payment standard discretionary options. Utilizing well-calibrated payment standard options and/or with the application and implementation of the HUD waivers “Voucher Tenancy: New Payment Standard Amount [982.503(b)] and “Increase in Payment Standard During HAP Contract Term” [982.505(c)(4)] for rent-burdened households rather than waiting until their next regular reexamination, can help lower income-to-housing cost burdens, stabilize tenancies and help better address property owners’ rent increase requests that are determined rent reasonable.

10:30 am

**Closing, Hotel Check-Out and Travel Day**