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LOUISIANA HOUSING COUNCIL

Fall Conference ²⁰¹⁹

September 16th - 20th, 2019

**RENAISSANCE BATON ROUGE HOTEL
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2019 LHC FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** **COMMISSIONERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING**
REGISTRATION
- 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM** **COMMISSIONERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING**
TOPIC: EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND BOARD
RELATIONS (NAHRO CERTIFICATION)
PRESENTER: KATIE ANDERSON, NAHRO Certified Trainer
Room: Des Cannes
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** **LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONAL TRAINING**
PRESENTER: Pamela Fontenot, Outgoing President and Bobby R. Collins, Incoming President
Room: Salon 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

- 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM** **COMMISSIONERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING**
TOPIC: EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND BOARD
RELATIONS (NAHRO CERTIFICATION)
PRESENTER: KATIE ANDERSON, NAHRO Certified Trainer
Room: Des Cannes
- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **INSURANCE STANDING COMMITTEE**
Bobby R. Collins, Committee Chair
Room: Des Glaises
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** **HOUSING RESOURCE COMMITTEE**
Yolanda Coleman, Committee Chair
Room: Bistineau
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** **PUBLIC RELATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE**
Lesley Thomas, Committee Chair
Room: Kullman Boardroom
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** **SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE**
Tonya Mabry, Committee Chair
Room: Bistineau
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** **PROCUREMENT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**
Audrey Plessy, Committee Chair
Room: Kullman Boardroom
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **AWARDS AD HOC COMMITTEE**
Tammie Groover, Committee Chair
Room: Bistineau
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **CIVIL SERVICE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE**
Donna Pitre, Committee Chair
Room: Kullman Boardroom
- 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE**
Fred Banks, Committee Chair
Room: Des Cannes
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** **DISTRICT DIRECTORS & CO-DIRECTORS AD HOC**
COMMITTEE
Rhonda Ratcliff, Committee Chair
Room: Des Glaises
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION &**
DEVELOPMENT STANDING COMMITTEE
Ben Taylor, Committee Chair
Room: Bistineau

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM MAINTENANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Pat Boss, Committee Chair

Room: *Des Cannes*

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM NETWORKING SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST

Room: *Salons 1/2*

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM REGISTRATION

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM LHC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Richard Murray, Foundation President

Room: *Des Cannes*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM NOMINATING & PWM COMMITTEE

Tonya Mabry, Committee Chair

Room: *Des Glaises*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM SCHOLARSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Trina Sanders, Committee Chair

Room: *Bistineau*

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM LEGISLATIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Bobby R. Collins, Committee Chair

Room: *Bienvenue*

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE

Willie Haynes, Committee VP Chair

Room: *Lacassine*

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM HOUSING COMMITTEE

Trina Sanders, Committee VP Chair

Room: *Timbalier*

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pamela Adams, Committee VP Chair

Room: *Des Cannes*

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Colette Sikes, Committee VP Chair

Room: *Des Glaises*

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM SECTION 8 HOUSING

Jackie Folks, Committee VP Chair

Room: *Bistineau*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM LUNCHEON/OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Room: *Salons 1/2*

Presiding: *Pamela Fontenot, President of Louisiana Housing Council and Executive Director, Iowa Housing Authority*

Invocation: *Bobby R. Collins, Executive Director, Shreveport Housing Authority*

Pledge of Allegiance: *Woody Whittington, Executive Director, Ruston Housing Authority*

National Anthem: *Yolanda Coleman, Executive Director, Haynesville Housing Authority; Suzette Leonards Executive Director, City of Rayne Section 8*

Welcome: *J. Wesley Daniels Jr., Chief Executive Officer, East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority*

Introduction of Guest Speaker/HUD: *Cheryl Williams, HUB Director Office of Public Housing, New Orleans HUD Office*

Guest Speaker: *Donna Wilkes, Regional Director of the Southwest Network*

Comments from HUD: *Felicia Gaither, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Office of Field Operation*

- 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM** **EXHIBITORS SET UP**
Room: Salons 3/4
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** **GENERAL SESSION (PUBLIC HOUSING/SECTION 8 COMMISSIONERS)**
TOPIC: CYBER LIABILITY
PRESENTER: JOEY SYLVESTER, ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER
Room: Salons 1/2
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** **EXHIBITORS RECEPTION**
Room: Salons 3/4
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** **LINE DANCING CLASS**
INSTRUCTOR: TANGI SOUL LINE DANCING WITH RODNEY “DJ NYCE” CRAWFORD II
Room: Salons 3/4
- 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM** **NETWORKING SOCIAL**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** **REGISTRATION**
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** **BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**
Room: Salons 1/2
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM** **SECTION 8**
TOPIC: SEMAP
PRESENTER: LORENZO CLAXTON, NEW ORLEANS HUD OFFICE
Room: Des Glaises
Moderator: Tammie Groover, Covington Housing Authority
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM** **PUBLIC HOUSING/ COMMISSIONERS**
TOPIC: NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF REAL ESTATE (NSPIRE)
PRESENTER: JOHN TELLEZ, HUD ENGINEER, NEW MEXICO HUD OFFICE
Room: Bistineau
Moderator: Terri Touchet, Iowa Housing Authority
- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM** **BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM** **PUBLIC HOUSING/ COMMISSIONERS/SECTION 8**
TOPIC: ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL
PRESENTER: FLORA CHAVEZ, HUD ENGINEER, NEW MEXICO HUD OFFICE
Room: Des Cannes
Moderator: Suzette Leonards, Section 8 City of Rayne
- 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM** **PUBLIC HOUSING / SECTION 8 / COMMISSIONERS**
TOPIC: PROCUREMENT TRAINING
PRESENTER: JOHN TELLEZ, HUD ENGINEER, NEW MEXICO HUD OFFICE
Room: Bistineau
Moderator: Colette Sikes, Shreveport Housing Authority
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** **LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS/GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS (MUST TO PRESENT TO WIN)**
Room: Salons 3/4
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCHEON/MEETING**
(All committee Vice Presidents, Chairs, Directors at Large, Past Presidents, and District Directors are to attend the Board of Directors Luncheon/Meeting. Lunch will be provided.)
Room: Bienvenue

- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** **PUBLIC HOUSING / SECTION 8**
TOPIC: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
PRESENTER: BYRON GULLEY, NEW ORLEANS HUD OFFICE
Room: Des Cannes
Moderator: Dishau Lee, Denham Springs Housing Authority
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM** **PUBLIC HOUSING/ SECTION 8/ COMMISSONERS**
TOPIC: FAIR HOUSING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (FHEO)
PRESENTER: KIMBERLY PARKER, NEW ORLEANS HUD OFFICE
Room: Des Glaises
Moderator: Meg Martin, Housing Authority City of Breaux Bridge
- 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM** **ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM** **PUBLIC HOUSING/ SECTION 8/ COMMISSONERS**
TOPIC: ANNUAL PLAN TRAINING
PRESENTER: KATHERINE WILLIAMS, NEW ORLEANS HUD OFFICE
Room: Bistineau
Moderator: Lesley Thomas, HANO
- 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM** **PUBLIC HOUSING / COMMISSIONERS**
TOPIC: RAD PANEL
PRESENTER: LHC (RAD) HOUSING AUTHORITIES
Room: Bienvenue
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** **EXHIBITORS BREAK DOWN**
Room: Salons 3/4
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** **PRESIDENT'S BANQUET/SWEARING-IN OFFICERS (After 5 Attire)**
(Recognition of Outgoing Officers & Directors, Installation of 2019 – 2021 Incoming Officers & Directors)
Room: Salons 1/2
- 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM** **MUSIC & DANCING**
Music provided by The Fabulous CJ's
Room: Salons 1/2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** **BREAKFAST**
Room: Salons 1/2
- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM** **CONFERENCE PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**
Room: Des Cannes
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM** **GENERAL SESSION (PUBLIC HOUSING/SECTION 8 COMMISSIONERS)**
TOPIC: HUMAN TRAFFICKING
PRESENTER: TRACY DAHMER, RETIRED LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Room: Salons 1/2
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM** **BUSINESS SESSION, DOOR PRIZES, & RAFFLE DRAWINGS**
Room: Salons 1/2

MEETING ADJOURNED!!



2019 Fall Conference Exhibitor's List

BGC Advantage

Katie Anderson kanderson@bgcadvantage.com

Housing Benefits Plan

Susan Strange sstrange@oeccwildblue.com

Coleman - Russell & Associates

Tim Haws tim@colemanrussell.com

Ultimate IT Guys

Cleatus Davis cdavis@ultimateitguys.com

Brooks Jeffrey Marketing

Jodie Elizabeth Jeffrey jej@bjmweb.com

Wood Printing Company

Frank A. Wood www.woodprinting.com

SACS Software

Sherri Hawkins sherri@sacssoftware.com

Custom Computer Systems

Edmond Francis edmond@gostw.net

Standard Enterprises, Inc.

James Freeman james@standardenterprises.com

Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.

Aline Grimley aline_grimley@ajg.com

Precision Concrete Cutting of Louisiana and Mississippi

Ron and Cathy LeBouef ronl@safesidewalks.com

2019 Presenter's Bios

Katie Anderson

Katie Anderson joined the team at BCG Advantage in September of 2018 and is the Director of their Public Housing Development division. She will be working with all phases of development, especially in RAD conversions for PHAs, and serves as the liaison for their PHA partners. She is a Past President of the Southwest Regional Chapter of NAHRO and a past member of the Board of Governors and currently serves on the Community Revitalization & Development Committee for NAHRO at all three levels. She has over 28 years of experience in the affordable housing industry, including three years of service as a Commissioner on the Louisiana Housing and Finance Agency where she served on the Multi-Family and Energy Committees. Ms. Anderson has a wide range of experience as a trainer and a leader in NAHRO. She has served as an Executive Director of a small agency, a medium size agency under HUD's receivership, and most recently as the Director of a Regional Housing Authority administering an HCV Regional Program. As a peer trainer Ms. Anderson has taught on a wide variety of topics including leadership fundamentals, public housing occupancy, voucher occupancy, management and operations, and many more. As a part of NAHRO faculty she has specialized in Commissioners Certification topics including Fundamentals, Ethics, and Executive and Board Relationships. During her faculty tenure Ms. Anderson has also delivered trainings in a variety of other specialist certifications including both Public Housing and Voucher Occupancy, Eligibility, Income and Rent Calculation.

Tracy Dahmer-Farris

Tracy Farris retired last year as the Special Programs Director for the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. Her main responsibilities included developing and coordinating training and education initiatives for law enforcement personnel, district attorneys and non-profit and community organizations as well as the business community in the areas of domestic abuse, human trafficking, sexual assault and elder abuse. In addition, she represented the Attorney General in several state initiatives including legislative issues involving violence against women, children and the elderly. She holds a Masters degree from Tulane University in Social Work and undergraduate degrees from Southeastern Louisiana University in Psychology and Social Work.

Tracy has conducted over 100 domestic violence and human trafficking training workshops training over 3000 peace officers and hundreds of Louisiana employees and has been a guest speaker at the Louisiana Municipal Clerk of Courts Convention on multiple occasions, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office Crime Victim Conference, many of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association Annual Conferences, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence STOP Conference on multiple occasions, the Probation and Parole Association Conference, the Pre-trial Intervention Conference. She was a regular speaker at the Louisiana Justice of the Peace and Constables Conference and the Bossier/Caddo Grass-Roots and Faith Based Conference, and most recently at the Louisiana Housing Council Conference.

Tracy has taken part in several national initiatives including development of both sexual assault and domestic violence model policies and recently was a major participant in developing the firearm divestiture protocol for domestic and sexual assault abusers. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and served as an adjunct instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University in both Criminal Justice and Sociology. She was the 2001 Annie Award Recipient; Outstanding Woman in Government and the Lee Ann Knot Memorial Service Award in 2010. Tracy is currently on contract with the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and continues her work on preventing violence against women and children.

Lorenzo Claxton

Lorenzo Claxton is a native of Greenville, Mississippi. He has approximately 15 years of housing, community, and economic development experience. Lorenzo has worked for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Community and Rural Development Division, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Nebraska, the Foundation for the Mid-South, the University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies, City of Atlanta Office of Housing, and the U.S. Department of the Army – Housing Division.

January 2016, Lorenzo joined HUD as a Northeast Region Rental Assistance Demonstration Portfolio Management Specialist. Currently, he serves as a Portfolio Management Specialist in the New Orleans HUD PIH Office.

His academic achievements include bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees. He enjoys spending time with family and friends.

John Tellez

John Tellez is a General Engineer that works in the Albuquerque HUD Field Office. He is a licensed Professional Engineer with a Bachelor and Masters degree in Civil Engineering. Prior to coming to HUD, he worked in the private sector for 12 years with three engineering firms. During his time in the private sector, he worked with Architect's on various projects. The work done on these projects included design, plans, specifications, bidding, and construction management. After leaving the private sector, he started working with HUD where he has been for the past 8 years. His work with HUD has included PHA portfolio management, SEMAP, Capital Fund, Two-year tool, PHA training in various topics, Procurement, Confirmatory reviews, Compliance reviews, and Inspections. He currently provides technical assistance to PHA's in Louisiana thru the New Orleans HUD Field Office.

Flora D. Chavez

Flora D. Chavez is a General Engineer for the Office of Public Housing in the Albuquerque HUD Field Office. She was born and raised in Albuquerque, where she still resides. Flora is currently responsible for all capital fund activities for her assigned portfolio of Public Housing Agencies in the State of New Mexico and Texas. She is a subject matter expert for EPIC and energy audits and has extensive experience with HUD's Capital Fund and Lead Based Paint. She has 8 years' experience working with HUD Programs. Flora received her B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Mexico in 2008.

Joey Sylvester

REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

In addition to his work as a producer assisting public k-12s, municipal governments, state governments, and public housing authorities, Joey focuses his time on Cyber placements for Gallagher's Mid-South region.

Joey has also developed Gallagher-exclusive products focused on terrorism, violent acts, and disaster recovery. In that role, he is responsible for all aspects of new insurance product development, from creation to completion, including the development of applications, quoting and binding coverage, the publication of marketing material and deploying internal and external communications. He also serves as liaison to Lloyd's underwriters. Joey brings a deep understanding of organizational culture and psychology to his clients in the public sector and is a frequent speaker and author on risk management and organizational culture.

EXPERIENCE

Former National Director of Gallagher Public Sector

Former Human Resources Professional specializing in Compensation and Benefits

Former member of US Technical Advisory Group to ISO 31000 having represented the US in international meetings

Experience in Management Consulting and Executive Coaching

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

- Bachelor of Science Degree from Louisiana State University

- Master of Arts in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from New York University

Byron Gulley

Byron Gulley, Division Director, has 16 years of experience with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Public and Indian Housing - PIH. He has 13 years of experience as a Financial Analyst in the San Antonio Field Office and 3 years' experience as Division Director in the New Orleans Field Office. As Division Director's he helps oversee the use of approximately \$431 million dollars in PIH funds on an annual basis. He is a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in funding, performance, and compliance aspects of the PIH's programs. He is a SME for the Southwest Network regarding mitigating and preventing the achievement of Substandard and Troubled Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) outcomes and Troubled Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) outcomes. His view is in order to achieve Standard or High Performance PHAS and SEMAP outcomes all concerned parties involved in helping achieve such outcomes must be ready, willing, able, and comply with applicable regulations to achieve such outcomes. The systems thinking approach is what he emphasizes and utilizes. Also, he is a SME for the Southwest Network regarding Asset Repositioning, such as Demolition and Disposition of Public Housing, Converting Public Housing to Vouchers, Mixed Finance Public Housing, and Rental Assistance Demonstration.

Katherine Taylor Williams

Katherine Taylor Williams, also known as KT. She is the wife of Keith and the mother of Robyne. She has two sisters and nine brothers. She is a graduate of Clinton High School (1978). Prior to 1987, she worked in the medical field. She moved to New Orleans in 1987 and began working for HUD in 1989. Her current position is Portfolio

Management Specialist. Upon retirement, she plans to continue her work with her church, performing charity work with the Order of Eastern Stars, fishing, dancing and exercising. Every day she thanks GOD for his goodness and mercy.

Kimberly Parker

Kimberly Parker is the Director of the New Orleans Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO). She been with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's FHEO Division since 2008. She is responsible for supervising all fair housing investigations conducted by the New Orleans Field Office, assessing the effectiveness of the fair housing policies and practices of recipients of federal funds throughout the State of Louisiana in order to secure compliance with applicable civil rights laws and regulations; reviewing investigations conducted by the Louisiana Department of Justice under the state's fair housing law; and conducting education and outreach to ensure that citizens and housing providers are aware of their rights and responsibilities. Kimberly is also a subject matter expert on fair housing issues related to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) for Region VI which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. She is a graduate of the University of New Orleans and the Howard University School of Law.

Donna Wickes

Donna Wickes, Regional Public Housing Director SW Network, Region 6

The SW Network Eagles – DARE to Soar ... DARE to Achieve Ms. Wickes has over 23 years of professional experience as an industry expert in strategic planning with a focus on increasing both affordable housing and self-sufficiency by Building a Sense of Community. She has direct experience bringing together public and private partnerships and working with all levels of elected officials to encourage the level of economic development needed to increase the resiliency and sustainability of our communities. She is expert in the management of certain HUD programs and has managed portfolios worth over \$250 million.

Ms. Wickes has been at Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since 2011. She is currently the Regional Public Housing Director for the SW Network which includes the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. As the Regional Public Housing Director, Ms. Wickes Manages 6 offices with over 80 employees. She

is responsible for the regulatory oversight of over 831 public housing agencies who are implementing two major HUD subsidized housing programs: public housing and the housing choice voucher program, including VASH.

During her tenure at HUD, Ms. Wickes was previously the Director of Community, Planning and Development (CPD) for the Oklahoma City Field Office in Region 6 and the Jackson Field Office in Region 4. Her management in CPD included the oversight of CDBG, CDBG-DR, HOME, ESG, CoC, and HOPWA.

Prior to working for HUD, Ms. Wickes worked in Community, Planning and Development for the City of Amarillo, TX and the City of Augusta, GA, implementing the HUD CPD Programs for those entitlement communities. While in Amarillo, she managed the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and supported participation in the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program which successfully provided housing to many first-time homebuyers.

Ms. Wickes was awarded a Region VI Regional Administrator Outstanding Award in 2013 for her work with the Chronically Homeless and was a Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Nominee in 2015 for her work in Disaster Recovery. Ms. Wickes received her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Rhode Island, her MBA from Albany State University and is a Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy and Administration, with her dissertation topic on researching the "Relationship of Social Integration and Homelessness". This research will provide insight into future social policy and social change that addresses the design of communities that foster inclusion and self-sufficiency and embrace those who have been disaffiliated from society through homelessness.

She is currently evaluating the homeless data within the City of Houston to understand the trend of housing tenure for the formerly homeless who have been housed. As part of this analysis, she is inquiring from those housed, the impact of social integration on their acceptance and re-integration back into community in the areas of membership, social inclusion and affiliation. By understanding the relationship of social integration to homelessness, socially focused interventions can be identified that support the overall increase in self-sufficiency and well-being.

2019
Upcoming Calendar of Events

Louisiana Housing Council Events:

Hearing Officer: November 2019 in Rayne, LA

Financial Training: December 2019 in Shreveport, LA

NAHRO Events:

NAHRO National Conference

San Antonio, TX - October 10-12

*Find out more about LHC and upcoming
events by visiting our website:*

lanahro.org

*For more information about the new Louisiana Housing Council
website, please contact Danyelle Sanders-Horton, Executive
Secretary / Service Officer at 866.210.1883 or dhorton@lanahro.org.*



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