

Texas NAHRO Housing Committee Meeting  
San Marcos  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Present: Lisa Garcia, Barbara Bozon, Riza Nolasco, Daisy Flores, Cynthia de Luna, and Ebby Green

Members Excused: Brian Gage, Wayne Pollard, and Sandra Soucie

Members Absent: Nona Eath, Nellie Rios, and Earnest Burke

Guests Present: Rudy Ramirez, Mae Lewis, and Patrick Howard

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Introductions by all members and guest
3. Visit from Mark Thiele, President and Beverly Banks, Senior Vice President
4. Election of Officers – Vice Chair – Barbara Bozon nominated Brian Gage. Motion was seconded by Riza Nolasco and approved by the Committee.

Secretary – Cynthia de Luna nominated Barbara Bozon. Motion seconded by Daisy Flores and approved by the Committee.

5. Discussion of establishing sub-committees to encourage participation from all committee members and increase efficiency in establishing and achieving goals, recommending resolutions and reporting out on specific topics. The following sub-committees were recommended by the committee with suggested subcommittee chairs.
  - a) SW Housing Committee Report – Riza Nolasco
  - b) National Housing Committee Report – Lisa Garcia
  - c) Legislative Committee Report – Brian Gage
  - d) HUD Updates and Regulatory Reform Report – Wayne Pollard
  - e) Small Agency Task Force subcommittee report – Ebby Green
  - f) Homeless subcommittee report – Patrick Howard
  - g) Innovation and Industry trends – Sandra Soucie

6. The Committee discussed the importance of information sharing between Committees and Housing Authorities and will encourage TXNAHRO and SWNAHRO to develop a method for Committees to share ideas and best practices between Committee members and Housing Authorities.
7. The Committee discussed Notice PIH 2017-17 and the deadline to apply for additional VASH vouchers by October 31, 2017. Members discussed the difficulty in getting a letter of support from the VA and possibly discussing this at the NAHRO National Conference.
8. Discussed providing meaningful training ideas to PR&D for future TXNAHRO conferences to increase attendance at conferences.
9. Lisa provided a SWNAHRO report. She said there was a Resolution presented by the Oklahoma Chapter of NAHRO in support of the elimination of the utility reimbursement when the tenant/participant rent amounts results in a negative amount according to the rent calculation. The SWNAHRO Housing Committee discussed the proposed resolution and agreed to further research this topic prior to approving the resolution. There was some concern expressed by the Texas NAHRO Committee members regarding the elimination of the utility reimbursement for negative rent amounts as referenced above. This has been put on hold pending further research. There was discussion about PIH Notices 2012-2 and 2011-4 and the limited ability for PHAs to borrow against capital funds. SWNAHRO Housing Committee will further research this topic and discuss the topic at the next SWNAHRO Housing Committee meeting.
10. There was some discussion of what the history/purpose is of the Housing Committee. Lisa stated that we should discuss current and proposed regulations and other relevant topics that impact our industry. The Housing Committee can present Resolutions to suggest changes to regulations or provide comments on proposed regulations, which would then go to the TXNAHRO Board for approval. If the TXNAHRO Board approves the Resolution, it then goes to SWNAHRO for consideration and approval and from there on to the National NAHRO Housing Committee for consideration.
11. The Committee set a schedule for future Housing Committee meetings for bi-monthly conference calls on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The next Housing Committee meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
12. Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Garcia, VP of Housing