

**NJNAHRO BOARD MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

**THE RUTGERS CLUB, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY**

**PRESENT:**

**John Clarke, Executive Director of New Brunswick Housing Authority**

**Maria Maio, Executive Director of Jersey City Housing Authority**

**Joe Billy, Jr. Executive Director of Middletown Housing Authority**

**Louis Riccio, Executive Director of Madison Housing Authority**

**Jack Warren, Executive Director of Edgewater Housing Authority**

**Madeline Cook, Executive Director of Edison Housing Authority**

**John Mahon, Executive Director of Bayonne Housing Authority**

**Kimberly Woodhull, Executive Director of Newton Housing Authority**

**Eric Chubenko Executive Director Carteret Housing Authority**

**Maria Marquez, Executive Director Housing Authority of the City of Camden**

**Victor Cirilo, Executive Director of Union City Housing Authority**

**Dennis Salerno, Executive Director Brick Housing Authority**

**William Snyder- Service Officer**

**Richard Fox**

**1. John Mahon opened the meeting. We are still waiting for a quorum, but we will get started.**

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes moved by John Mahon.  
All in favor.**

**John Mahon mentioned he didn't have minutes from the retreat yet.**

**Bob Di Vincent said this should go on record that this was the best retreat ever! Was well received and everyone seemed to have participated.**

**John Mahon thanked Bob Di Vincent He mentioned that it was so successful, because all of you were involved.**

**3. Reports:**

**Maria Maio, Professional Development: Spoke about the PHAS training, which will be done by Asher on May 10, 201 in Jersey City. On June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at John Clarke's Housing Authority New Brunswick there will be a class on budget for non-budget people. Will be a day and half sessions.**

**Maria spoke about the JIF courses coming up. If you're not in the JIF you can not attend. Some NAHRO members are not part of the JIF.**

**John Mahon said if some people show up for the JIF courses they can attend, as long as its held at a Housing Authority that is a member of the JIF.**

**Maria said a couple of us went to the Financial Training at HUD, it was for Executive Directors and Commissioners. Maria said it was only her and Victor Cirilo form New Jersey and all the rest were from New York.**

**Victor Cirilo said he brought his new Commissioners and it a great introductory and very informative for them.**

**Maria said she will contact Wendell for the November Conference on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. She suggested doing some sites tours on housing authorities so we can publicize what we do.**

**John Mahon said it was a good idea and will tie it in with getting things for the newsletter.**

**Maria asked to forward her an email if you are interested in doing this.**

**Gary Centinaro, Member Services- Absent.**

**Lou Riccio- Legislative- Absent**

**John Mahon asked if anyone had any legislative matters they would like to go over?**

**John said from the state level we are going to get killed with our pensions...**

**Joe Billy, Jr.-Housing-Absent**

**Jack Warren-Insurance-Absent**

**E. Dorothy Daniels- Commissioner-Absent**

**Douglas G. Dzema, Treasurer Expenses are in line. The overall picture for the agency is excellent. We have over \$200,000 in two CD's. All in total we have \$325,000. Also, there is a bill list out and would like a motion to approve the bills.**

**Motion to approve.**

**All in favor.**

**Deborah Heinz, DCA- Absent. John Mahon said that Deborah will be at the MARC Conference.**

**John Clarke asked if we have any thoughts on approaching Deborah Heinz as a group on the State voucher program. The State has 21,000 vouchers and they turn over roughly 15,000 a year.**

**John Mahon suggested approaching Deborah at the MARC Conference next week.**

**Sandy Niemiec-Section 8 and Contract Administration-: Absent**

#### **4. Approval of Bills**

**There was no quorum.**

#### **5. Old Business:**

**John Mahon congratulated everyone on the retreat. We did a good job and covered a lot of space. I feel it's only going to get better for us.**

**John gave an update on the MARC Conference.**

**Registrations are approximately 115.**

**We have 23 to 25 vendors.**

**Adolph Carrion will be speaking on Monday and Courtney Watson.**

**Jane Vincent is coming and she will be speaking on Tuesday.**

**We have a full slate of sessions scheduled.**

**A kindle give away, 50/50's and tricky trays will be some of the things taking place at the Conference. Madeline helped with the trays and got volunteers to help her.**

**John Mahon said the MARC Conference should bring in \$36,000-\$41,000 in sponsorships. We have 115 registrants and I anticipate on making money on this conference. The Hilton has been asking for an ST-15 form, which will save the conference on the sales tax of 7%. We never had this form and we have applied for it.**

**Dick Keefe said he has been using it for years with the ST-4. He suggested calling the Hilton and letting them know and maybe we won't have to pay the 7% tax.**

**Bill Snyder- Service Officer- Spoke about the updated agenda with all the sessions. Also, a list of registrants for the conference and about 40% of them are from New Jersey. Money is coming in from vendors. He spoke about the newsletter. He asked if anyone with information pictures or articles to please send them to him. He'll be putting a mailing list together. Also, looking to put together a list of all State legislators and their aides.**

**Bill spoke about the website and it should be up and running soon.**

**John Mahon said we will be doing a newsletter and thinks we should discuss further about the advertising.**

**Lillian Ciufu said when she did the newsletter there was no advertising in it and was just about us, exclusively for NAHRO!**

**John Mahon said he felt if we are going to do the newsletter once a year we should no advertise in it.**

**Bob Di Vincent said he thinks the initial newsletter should be solely about the organization.**

**John Mahon mentioned Ed De Paula's retirement dinner on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Carteret. He hoped we would buy a table or two. We will make a presentation to Ed De Paula.**

**Lillian Ciufu suggested giving a gift travel certificate.**

#### **6. New business-None.**

**Maria Maio introduced Alison Recca-Ryan, Director of Corporation for Supportive Housing, she briefed us on the various programs her organization is involved with and how the programs work.**

**She spoke about the vouchers and how units can accommodate the homeless.**

**Ed Murphy, Executive Director of Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey. He spoke about the program for special needs people and how his organization has many programs that help people with special needs.**

**and Arnold Cohen,**

**John Mahon thanked all of them for coming and explaining the many different programs that are out there and how we all have common problems and it's a good idea to reach out to one another.**

**7. Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by John Clarke  
Seconded by  
All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**John T. Mahon**