

**GAHRA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2007  
PROPOSED SESSIONS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

**ASSISTED HOUSING  
Room – Hallmark**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“HQS”**

*This session will address HQS inspections – abatements, damages, etc.*

**Speakers:** Michael Timm, Program Director Department of Community Affairs  
Mike Austin, Housing Assistance Director, Macon Housing Authority  
Barry Troutman, Revitalization Specialist, U. S. Department of HUD

**Moderator:** Bob Wade, Section 8 Coordinator, Columbus Housing Authority

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“HUD Issues – “Roundtable”**

*Join your fellow professionals in addressing the latest issues affecting Assisted Housing.*

**Speaker(s):** Sue Barron, Supervisory Loan Specialist, Atlanta Office of Multifamily Housing, U. S. Department of HUD

Brenda Shavers, Deputy Director/Atlanta Program Director, Atlanta Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U. S. Department of HUD

Barry Troutman, Public Housing Revitalization Specialist, Georgia State Office, U. S. Department of HUD

Ada Caro, Housing Assistance Specialist, Single Family Homeownership Center, U. S. Department of HUD

Conni Perteet, Housing Program Specialist, Single Family Homeownership Center, U. S. Department of HUD

**Moderator:** Michael Timm, Program Director, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

**COMMISSIONERS**  
**Room – Chancellor I & II**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Ethical Issues for Commissioners”**

*So well received at the Spring Conference, this one is back by popular demand. The session will once again provide information on ethics presented by the “Ethics Team.”*

**Speakers:** Ray Buday, Executive Director, Marietta Housing Authority

John Hiscox, Executive Director, Macon Housing Authority

Charlie Maddox, Board Chair, Athens Housing Authority

**Moderator:** Russell Nast, Executive Director, Tallapoosa Housing Authority

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Financial Management Required for Commissioners”**

*Explore the financial management responsibilities required of your service as commissioner of a public housing authority.*

**Speaker:** Kevin Darnell, Certified Public Accountant, Darnell & Thompson

**Moderator:** Russell Nast, Executive Director Tallapoosa Housing Authority

**FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**Room – Fulton**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Living on 70 Cents”**

*This session will teach participants how to live on 70 cents of their income & get out of debt.*

**Speaker:** Mechel Glass, President, Beat Debt, Inc.

**Moderator:** Roslyn Foster, Director of Resident Initiatives, Macon Housing Authority

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Partnering with Georgia Dream – Homeownership Down Payment Assistance”**

*Partner with Georgia Dream for your: Financial Assistance,  
Training Needs, etc.*

**Speaker:** Samuel Noel, Business Development Coordinator, Office of Homeownership Department of Community Affairs

**Moderator:** Shara Armstrong, FSS Coordinator, Housing Authority of Marietta

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**Room – Ascot**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Project-Based Accounting and Management”**

*This all-day session will highlight the most recent changes in the implementation of project-based accounting and asset management.*

**Speaker:** Michael Petro, Vice President - Outsourcing, Casterline Associates P.C., Certified Public Accounting & Management Consulting Firm

**Moderator:** Pat Bennett, Director of Operations, Housing Authority of Marietta

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Project-Based Accounting and Management” - Continued**

**HUMAN SERVICES**

**Room – Waverly**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Making A Difference for the Senior Resident”**

*This session will cover a potpourri of issues and concerns related to working with Seniors living in public housing.*

**Speaker:** Jerry P. Howard, Service Coordinator, Augusta Housing Authority

**Moderator:** L. Reta Thomas, Resident Services Coordinator, Augusta Housing Authority

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Today’s Technology and Youth Culture”**

*This will be an interactive session exploring the use of popular web sites such as Myspace, Facebook, and Bebo to gain in-depth knowledge of the manner in which today’s youth communicate. Participants will also gain a basic understanding of the youth sub-culture that dominates this interaction.*

**Speaker:** Percy Chastang, Youth Development Coordinator, Georgia Department of Human Resources, South Health District, Valdosta Georgia

**Moderator:** Jadonna Johnson, Resident Services Manager, Tifton Housing Authority

**MAINTENANCE  
Room – Galleria**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 with Break**

**“Cover Your Assets...Are We Having Fun Yet???”**

*Participate in an in-depth discussion of how various-sized housing authorities are addressing maintenance under new asset management rules.*

**Speakers:** Jake Oglesby, Executive Director, Augusta Housing Authority

H. L. Brantley, Executive Director, Northeast Georgia Housing Authority

Brenda Smith, Executive Director, Dublin Housing Authority

Mary Walker, Executive Director, Southeast Georgia Consolidated Housing Authority

Charles Alexander, Executive Director, Warner Robins Housing Authority

Ruth Bass, Executive Director, Lafayette Housing Authority

**Moderators:** Terry Altman, Director of Maintenance, Hinesville Housing Authority

Harold Reynolds, Director of Maintenance Cordele Housing Authority

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Cover Your Assets...Are We Having Fun Yet???” - Continued**

**MANAGEMENT**  
**Room – Wilton**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“The Legislative Process & Advocacy for Busy Professionals”**  
*Find out how you can effectively advocate for those issues  
vital to the success of our industry.*

**Speaker:** Vonda Coleman, Executive Director, Eatonton Housing Authority

**Moderator:** Mirian Brown, Executive Director Byron Housing Authority

**1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Break**

**“Sexual Harassment in the Workplace”**  
*Sexual Harassment defined and prevention strategies discussed.*

**Speaker:** Mark Watson, Executive Director, Jesup Housing Authority

**Moderator:** Marie Harris, Executive Director, Roberta Housing Authority

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007**

**ASSISTED HOUSING**

**Room – Hallmark**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

**“HUD Update”**

*Hear the latest on the HUD rules and regulations as they pertain to assisted housing.*

**Speaker:** Barry Troutman, Revitalization Specialist, U. S. Department of HUD

**Moderator:** Mike Austin, Housing Assistance Director, Macon Housing Authority

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Room – Chancellor I & II**

**9:00 a.m. – Break**

**“Oath of Office & What’s In Your By-Laws”**

*This session will provide a review of the Commissioner’s Oath of Office and consideration of the important elements of your authority’s by-laws*

**Speakers:** John Marria, Executive Director, Cairo Housing Authority  
Russell Nast, Executive Director, Tallapoosa Housing Authority

**Moderator:** Russell Nast, Executive Director, Tallapoosa Housing Authority

**Break - 12:00 p.m.**

**“Mock Commissioner Board Meeting”**

*So, now you understand the ethical issues involved in your role as Commissioner; you understand your fiscal responsibilities; you’ve taken your Oath of Office and you understand the by-laws under which you will operate. Now it’s time to put all of this vital information to work! Through role-play, this session will lead you through a “typical” public housing board meeting.*

**Speaker:** John Marria, Executive Director, Cairo Housing Authority

**Moderator:** John Marria

## **FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**Room - Fulton**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

### **“Do’s and Don’ts for First Time Home Buyers – Foreclosure Prevention”**

*Get the inside scoop on pre-qualification, identifying “teaser offers,” the types of mortgage products that are available, creative down payment options, and the overall loan process.*

**Speaker:** Arnold Martin, III, President/CEO Absolute Lending & Mortgage.

**Moderator:** Phillip Francis, Financial Analyst, Housing Authority of Fulton County

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**Room – Ascot**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

### **“EIV – Basic & Security Training”**

*This session will review the basics of EIV, including how to access the system, how to run and utilize reports. In addition, security requirements will be reviewed.*

**Speaker:** Doris E. Doyle, HUD Program Analyst/EIV Coordinator, U. S. Department of HUD

**Moderator:** Jane Smith, Director of Finance, Athens Housing Authority

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

**Room - Waverly**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

### **“Promoting Mental Health”**

*This session will provide an overview of emotional and psychological well-being.*

**Speakers:** Renaultha Houston, Addiction Counselor & Consultant

Gwendolyn Skinner, Division Director MH/DD/AD, Georgia Department of Human Resources

**Moderator:** Robin Chandler, Social Worker, Cedartown Housing Authority

## **MAINTENANCE**

### **Room - Galleria**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with Break**

#### **“Maintenance Roundtable”**

*Join the Maintenance Committee to discuss problems and brainstorm solutions to ensure that PHA housing meets and exceeds HUD criteria.*

**Speakers:** Maintenance Committee Members

Alice Mann, Valdosta Housing Authority  
Efrain Aquino, Tifton Housing Authority  
Terry Altman, Hinesville Housing Authority  
Richard Moody, Milledgeville Housing Authority  
Michael Boatwright, Moultrie Housing Authority  
Clara Graham, Douglas Housing Authority  
Robert Motley, Greensboro Housing Authority  
Sam Beck, Clayton Housing Authority  
Harold Reynolds, Cordele Housing Authority  
Joe Wisniewski, Augusta Housing Authority  
Earl Thomas, Eastman Housing Authority  
Freddie Childress, Roberta Housing Authority  
Melvin Moore, Dublin Housing Authority  
Mary E. Walker, Southeast GA Consolidated Housing Authority

**Moderators:** Earl Thomas, Eastman Housing Authority  
Melvin Moore, Dublin Housing Authority

## **MANAGEMENT**

### **Room - Wilton**

**9:00 a.m. –Break**

#### **“Making the Most of the New Procurement Handbook”**

*This session will provide information regarding the new Procurement Handbook and provide suggestions for designing your PHA’s procurement policy*

**Speakers:** Dan McCarthy, Executive Director, Albany Housing Authority  
Shaundra Clark, Executive Director, Tifton Housing Authority

**Moderator:** Barbara Robinson, Deputy Director of Administration, Albany Housing Authority

**Break – 12:00 p.m.**

**“Move Them In – Move Them Out”**

*This Session will provide a basic overview of the admissions and the evictions process for public housing with a special emphasis on eviction as a last resort.*

**Speakers:** Laurie Chapman, Chief of Admissions, Macon Housing Authority

Sevi Roberson, Director of Management, Augusta Housing Authority

**Moderator:** Marie Harris, Executive Director, Roberta Housing Authority