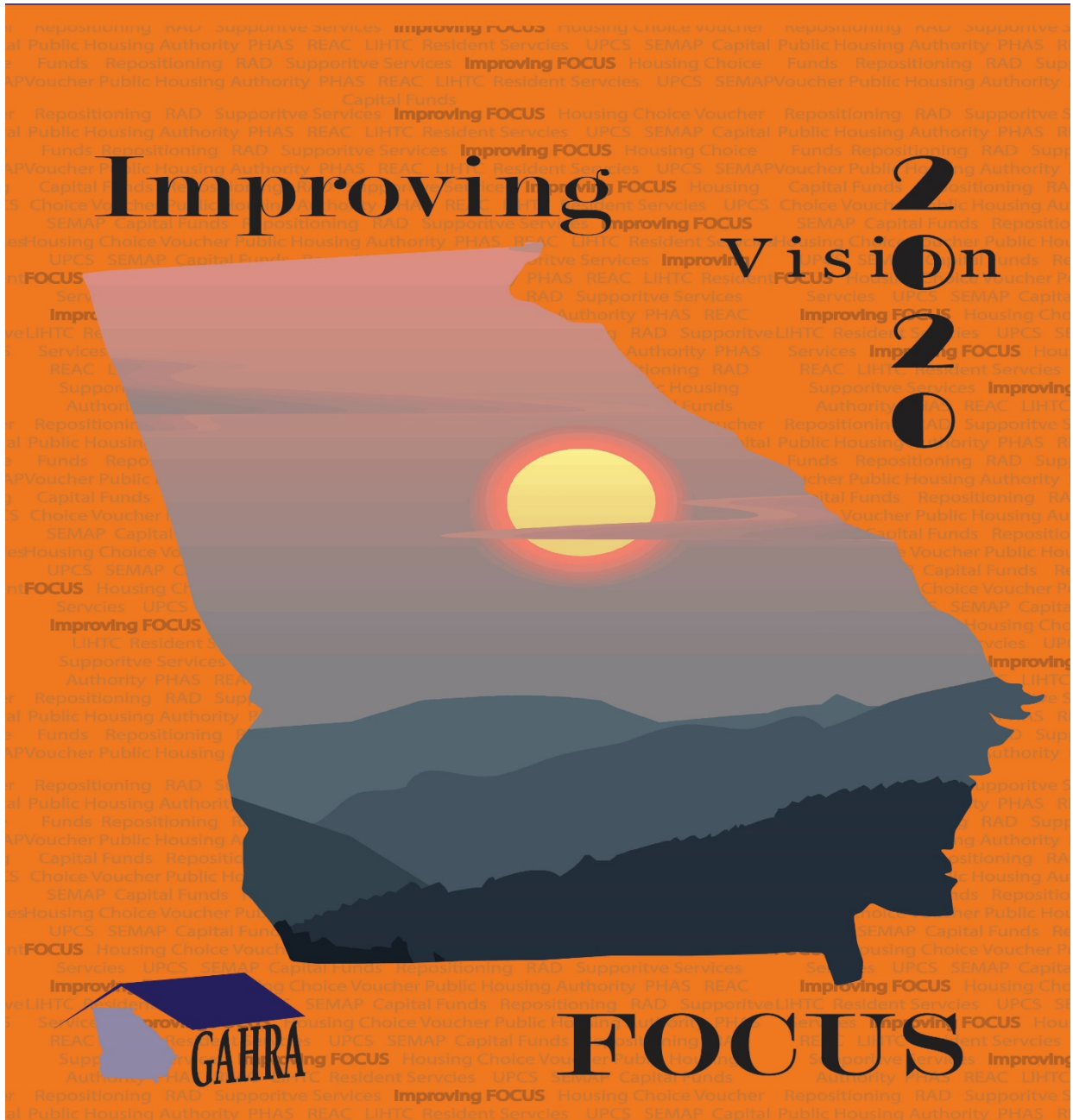


GAHRA'S 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE

May 17 - 19, 2020 - JEKYLL ISLAND, GA



Spring Conference Schedule

Westin Jekyll Island

May 17th – 19th , 2020

Sunday, May 17th

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration **(At CC)**

6:00 pm – 7:30Georgia Power Reception **(At Westin)**

Monday, May 18th

7:00am – 9:00amContinental Breakfast **(At Westin)**

7:30am – NoonRegistration **(At CC)**

9:00am – 10:15amOpening Session **(At CC)**

10:15am – 10:30am **Morning Break**

10:30am – NoonBreakout Sessions **(At CC)**

12:00pm – 1:45pmScholarship Luncheon **(At CC)**

2:00pm – 3:15pmBreakout Sessions **(At CC)**

3:15pm – 3:30pm **Afternoon Break**

3:30pm - 5:00pmBreakout Sessions **(AT CC)**

Tuesday, May 19th

7:30am – 8:45amLegislative Breakfast **(At CC)**

8:15am – 8:45amLegislative Update **(At CC)**

9:00am – 12:00pmBreakout Sessions **(At CC)**

Maintenance:

- **Drug Awareness --** Learn how to effectively and objectively recognize the signs of use and possibility addiction of various legal and illegal drugs. This session will also create awareness on how to effectively locate hazards within the workplace as well as the awareness of how drugs are used, where they are located and identifying drug paraphernalia.
- **Fire Prevention and Roofing Overview** – Session will focus on control initiatives to reduce frequency and severity of fires and other loss types as well as discuss different roofing material, types of damage on roofs and the importance of timely notifications.

Financial Management:

- **Financial Update on latest PIH Notices and GASB Statements....**A review and discussion will be held on the changes in reporting requirements, funding calculations, and auditing standards to determine how Housing Authorities will be impacted.
- **PHA Operating Budgets...**An open forum discussion the PHA Operating Budget and funding items pertinent to financial management for housing authorities.
- **Operating Fund Web Portal....**Join the Financial Committee for a presentation of the current uses of the Portal and other information of interest.

Management:

- **Executive Leadership...**Session will bring awareness to the understanding of the differences in leadership and management while learning the importance of both leadership and management within the workplace
- **Understanding FHEO's New Rule on Assistance Service Animals...**Session will provide in-depth knowledge of Fair Housing's new rule on assistance animals as reasonable accommodations. Learn best practices for procession animal requests. You do not want to miss this session.

RAD/Multifamily

- **Special Claims Processing for RAD Properties....** Learn how to maximize the Special Claims provision in the RAD program that makes available 80% of the contract rent for eligible vacant units for up to 60 days. Learn how to create and request Special Claims for regular vacancies.
- **Management & Occupancy Review Preparation (MOR) and EIV Readiness** – Session is designed to give an understanding of the MOR process from the desk review to the onsite review. Session will also provide you with everything you need to know about the requirements of the EIV system.
- **Public Housing Asset Repositioning Options --** Session will provide an understanding of the various options available to PHAs who want to reposition their properties out of the public housing program with RAD conversions, Section 18 dispositions, and Streamlined Voluntary Conversions. PHAs that have participated in RAD and Section 18 programs will share the lessons they have learned.

Human Services – Resident Support

- **Stop, Think, & Act...**Law Enforcement Officers are frequently requested by schools, businesses, and community leaders for direction and presentations on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter. Topics in this session include the history and prevalence

of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues and considerations for conducting drills.

- **Helping our TEENS WIN**...Session will provide adults that service and interact with teens and young adults with helpful information on the risky behaviors of teens and young adults.
- **Are you close to the Edge**...Session will help individuals reassess the importance of taking care of themselves. The more we ignore taking care of ourselves, the closer we get to the edge. Session will give you an understanding of the 5 areas of self-care and gain tips to rebalance and reset your lives.

Assisted Housing Committee

- **What's "HOT" with HOTMA** -- HUD representatives will discuss the new changes in the HCV program and how the new final rule will affect the program. Q & A follows.
- **Let's Get it Right HCV – Advance Rent Calculation**...Experts in the field of affordable housing rent calculation will give tips on how to ensure rent calculations are correct with a hands-on interactive session.
- **"GRAB THE VISION" with an Envision Center** -- HUD Regional representative for Envision Centers will provide insight on the HUD Secretary's initiative. Representative from two Georgia Authorities will be sharing how their vision center became a reality and what they are doing to enrich their communities.

Commissioners

- **Accountability and Responsibility - Understanding the Difference in Leadership**...The day and half training will increase awareness of accountability and responsibility as well as establishing expectations and standards for personal, professional and organizational behavior. Commissioners will learn the difference between accountability and responsibility for moving their housing authority forward.
- **New and Long-Term Commissioners**...NAHRO President Sunny Shaw will discuss the basic knowledge for new Commissioners and reiterate the information for the long-term commissioners. A must to be here for this presentation.

Housing and Redevelopment

- **Will Asset Repositioning Work for Your Agency**...Vantage Development will present a case study of three Georgia PHAs to determine if RAD or other Asset Repositioning tools will benefit their agency. Proformas of the 3 volunteer authorities will be presented and an open discussion on options and project viability will be discussed.

2020 GAHRA **SPRING** CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Registration Fees

Fees cover the cost of the workshop including meals, breaks, speaker fees and audio/visual equipment.

<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late/On-Site</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Guest Late</u>
\$350	\$450	\$200	\$300

The registration rate for non-GAHRA members will be \$700 for regular and \$900 for late registration, whichever applies. A guest is defined as a spouse or significant other of a GAHRA Member employee or Commissioner. A guest cannot be an employee of a GAHRA Member, serve on the Member's Board of Commissioners or otherwise have a business relationship with the GAHRA member.

Regular Registration

Regular Registration will end on Friday, MAY 1, 2020. Registration can only be done online on the GAHRA website. There will not be any paper registration form to be mailed in. You will be able to pay by credit card which will include a convenience fee for the use of the card or you can pay by company check after your register online.

Late or On-Site Registration

Late Registration will be accepted until May 8, 2020. After this date, all registrations will be on-site by cash, check or money order. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for on-site registration.

Method of Registration and Payment.

1. **Online registration is the only method** of registering for the Spring Conference. There are 2 different methods of registering online. Log into the GAHRA website, <http://www.gahra.org/> go to the Conferences tab and enter the 2020 Spring Conference link and register. Follow the directions given.
2. On-line registration using a credit card (VISA, MasterCard or American Express) is acceptable which will include a convenience fee charged by credit card companies.
3. On-line registration using a company check as payment is also acceptable. **The check must be received within 10 days or the registration will be void.**

Method 2 will provide an automatic receipt by e-mail. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the registration to the e-mail address listed. Method 3 will provide an invoice to send with your check payment.

When you register and choose to pay with check after registering, send payment to:

GAHRA
c/o Kevin Price
Wrightsville Housing Authority
P. O. Box 190
Wrightsville, GA 331096

Substitutions and Refunds

Substitutions for registered participants may be made at any time. Refunds will be made for cancellations less a \$25 cancellation fee if a notice of cancellation is received in writing, by fax (478-864-2842) or by e-mail to kevin@wrightsvillehousing.com no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 1, 2020**. **No refunds will be made after May 1, 2020.**

2020 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

May 17 – 19, 2019

Our Spring Workshop will be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center located adjacent to the Westin Hotel, Jekyll Island, 110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 31527.

The room rates are as follows:

Island View: \$215.00 per night
Ocean View: \$245.00 per night.

Your link for hotel reservations at the Westin, is found below.

[GAHRA 2020 Spring Conference Reservations - Westin](#)

Suggested overflow hotels:

Home2 Suites by Hilton (next door to the Westin), located at 101 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 912-319-6019. They are holding a small block of rooms at the government per diem rate of \$150.00. The cut-off date is April 20, 2020. See attached instructions sheet for reservations.

The **Jekyll Island Club**, located at 371 Riverview Drive Jekyll Island, GA 31527. See the attached reservations sheet for the Club room rates and directions on how to reserve your rooms.

Other Hotels include:

Hampton Inn & Suites Jekyll Island
200 S Beachview Dr, Jekyll Island, GA 31527•(912) 635-3733

Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Jekyll Island
60 S Beachview Dr, Jekyll Island, GA 31527•(912) 635-9800

Holiday Inn Resort Jekyll Island
701 Beachview Dr N, Jekyll Island, GA 31527•(912) 635-2211

ALL TAX-EXEMPT FORMS MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN

Acceptable methods of payment are Agency Check, Agency Credit Card and Cash. Personal credit cards will not qualify for tax-exempt status.



Home2 Suites by Hilton Jekyll Island (GA)
101 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA 31527
www.home2jekyllisland.home2suitesbyhilton.com

Booking Instructions for:
GA Assn of Housing & Redevelopment Authorities
May 17-19, 2020*

Room Type(s): 1 King Studio Suite OR Double Queen Studio Suite
(1 King Bed + Sleeper Sofa) (2 Queen Beds + Sleeper Sofa)
Rate: \$156.00 per night, plus applicable taxes*

**Rates: Taxes are not included in above rate. The current taxes and fees rate is 12% + \$5.00 per room, per night (7% State Tax, 5% Local Tax, and a \$5 per room, per night State-Motel Fee – House Bill #170, as of 8/20/2019), and are subject to change without notice. Group Rates are available 2 days Pre- and Post- Conference dates, based on availability. Contact Hotel for availability. Based on Double Occupancy. + \$10.00 per guest, more than 2 guests.*

All Studio Suites include a flexible Working Wall to customize the space to fit your needs. Stay connected with complimentary WiFi at the ergonomic, movable work desk or watch a movie on the HDTV. Prepare a meal in the fully accessible kitchen, equipped with a dishwasher, microwave, and refrigerator. Grab everything you need from our Home2 MKT®, and remember to pack the leash and bowl, as Home2 is your pet's home too. Pet Fee: \$95 (non-refundable)

TO CALL FOR RESERVATION:

Call Hilton Reservations @ **800/774-1500**
Specify this is a **Group Reservation**
Hotel Name: **Home2 Suites by Hilton Jekyll Island**
Group Name: **GAHRA 2020 Conference**
Group Code: **HRA**

ONLINE RESERVATIONS:

Go to: www.home2jekyll.com
Enter Arrival, and Departure Dates
Click on “+” Add Special Rate Code
Under “Group Code” enter “**HRA**”
Select “Check Rooms & Rates” (Each Room Type will show your Group Name, and Rate)
Select your Room Type, and enter your personal information**

***Hilton Honors members may add their HHonors account number to their reservation*

Cutoff Date for Reservations: April 20, 2020



371 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

The Jekyll Island Club has rooms available with a block of rooms for GAHRA. The Group rates are as follows:

Rooms: \$179-209 Island Suites: \$289 Ocean Suites: King \$319; Double Queen \$349

Guests may make reservations one of three ways:

- 1) They may call into the resort at 800-535-9547 and prompt their way to the reservations department. They will need to give the name of the group or the following group #23044987 along with all of their pertinent information.
- 2) They may email the reservations department at reservations@jekyllclub.com, giving all the same information.
- 3) Lastly, they may go to this link on our website and complete the form and submit it: <https://www.jekyllclub.com/group-reservations/> Then an agent will get back to them with a confirmation and to obtain a guarantee.

Should there be any issues with reservations, you can speak with Patty Henning, Director of Sales and Marketing