

TAHRA
Spring Workshop
Registration Packet

Brighter Horizons

April 12-14, 2010
Embassy Suites Hotel
Murfreesboro, TN

*A new venue for a new era in affordable housing.
Workshop details are inside!*



Tennessee Association of Housing and
Redevelopment Authorities
9050 Carothers Parkway, Suite 104
Franklin, TN 37067

Your Personal Invitation From the President:



Our Spring Workshop will be held this year at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. Program Chair Joyce Floyd and her committee have again put together an excellent program on a wide range of pertinent topics. Presenters include Greg Byrne, Dick Santangelo, Nan McKay staff, Tim McConnell on employment law, Brian Alten with Asher and Company and many others. There will be sessions on HCVP updates, HVAC training, computer skill classes, and specific training for Commissioners. So come one, come all to enjoy the education and training opportunities and to enjoy fellowship with your peers from across the great State of Tennessee. I look forward to seeing all of you.

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TAHRA President
Chief Operating Officer, KCDC

HOTEL INFORMATION

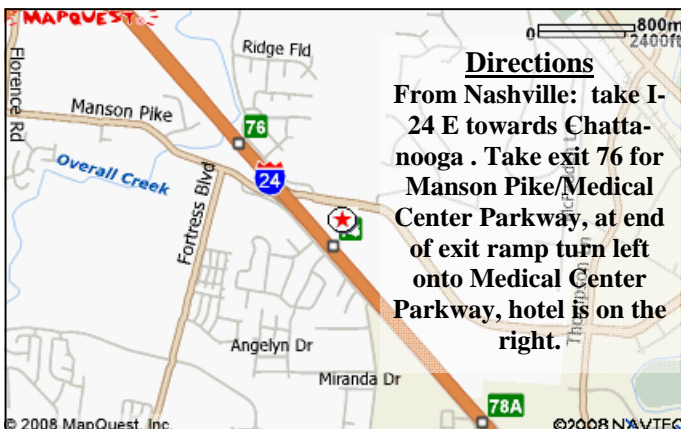
Embassy Suites
1200 Conference
Center Blvd
Murfreesboro, TN
37129



Reservations:

Reservations may be made by calling 800.362.2779 or 615.890.4464. A block of rooms is being held at the rate of \$135 until **March 15, 2010**. Reservations may also be made via the internet at www.embassysuites.com. Our group code is TAH.

Embassy Suites has a van available each day and evening to take guests to attractions, shopping or restaurants within a 5 mile radius of hotel. Please check with the bell stand personnel for departures. A fully cooked to order breakfast is available to hotel guests at no charge.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Online Registration

Registration is available online at the link on our website, tahrnet.org. If you have questions or problems with the online service please contact the TAHRA office at 615-661-5204. Be sure to print a copy of your registration or invoice and include with your payment.

Registration Fee

Registration payments should be postmarked by the deadline date to prevent late registration penalties.

EARLY Registration—by April 1

Member Agency Attendee	\$395
Non Member	\$450

LATE/ON-SITE Registration—After April 1

Member Agency Attendee	\$450
Non Member	\$500


Cancellation Policy

Workshop registrations cancelled on or before April 1, 2010 will receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee. Workshop registration cancellations received after April 1, 2010 will not be refunded. A substitute registrant may attend.

Accessibility

TAHRA is committed to providing access to all individuals. Please advise us of any special needs that may require our consideration with your registration.

Sessions At A Glance

MONDAY, April 12	
8:00am	Registration
9:00am	Opening Session Washington Update: Saul Ramirez, Executive Director, NAHRO
10:45— 4:00pm	HUD Update: Greg Byrne, HUD Washington DC
	Section 8 Update: Carissa Riddle, HUD
	Maintenance Vendor Roundtable: Various vendors
	Section 3 Compliance: Keith Swiney, Motivation Inc., Dallas, GA
12:00pm	Lunch (provided)
1:15— 4:00pm	HUD Federal Labor Standards Workshop: Dondra Merrell and Melanie Dalton, HUD, Atlanta, GA
	Strategic Planning for Commissioners: Joyce Floyd, KCDC, Knoxville, TN
5:00— 6:00pm	Reception
8:00- 10:30pm	Evening Entertainment 

TUESDAY, April 13	
8:00am	Registration
9:00am- Noon	PHA Green Criteria: Dick Santangelo, retired HUD, Washington DC
	Basics of MS Word 2007: New Horizons Learning Center (preregistration required; limited audience of 15)
	Commissioner Legal Issues for Board Meetings: Jeff Jones, Wimberly Lawson, Cookeville, TN

Please note that sessions, speakers and times are tentative and may be changed without notice. More detailed program descriptions will be available on the TAHRA website soon!

TUESDAY, April 13 (cont.)	
9:00am- 4:00pm	Housing Choice Voucher Training: Nan McKay and Associates
	Property Management Essentials: Cara Gillette, Nan McKay and Associates
	Accounting and HUD Update: Brian Alten, Asher PHA Finance, Philadelphia, PA
	Maintaining your HVAC Units: Paul Rhodes, HD Supply
	Pella Window and Door Plant Tour: Murray, KY (pre-registration required; transportation and lunch provided)
12:00pm	Lunch (provided)
1:15— 4:00pm	Employment Law: Technology and Privacy Issues: Tim McConnell, Baker Donelson, Knoxville, TN
	Panel Discussion for Commissioners
	Basics of Excel 2007: New Horizons Learning Center (preregistration required; space limited to 15 people)
5:00— 6:00pm	Reception

WEDNESDAY, April 14	
9:00am- Noon	Housing Choice Voucher Training: Nan McKay and Associates (continued from Tuesday)
	Property Based Management Essentials: Cara Gillette, Nan McKay and Associates (continued from Tuesday)
	New Auditing Standards and the PHA Role: Jean Sickels, Decatur, GA
	Got Bed Bugs?: TBA
	Speak So People Listen—How to Make a Great Presentation, Handle a Media Interview and Respond to Tough Questions: Mimi Bliss, Bliss Communications, Nashville, TN
9:00am- 10:30am	Certification Completion: For those Commissioners who need to complete the NAHRO Certification Program offered at the Spring 2009 Workshop.
	Technical Assistance for PHAs Opting Out of Asset Management
	Technical Assistance for PHAs Doing Asset Management



Looking for some ideas on what to do while you're in the 'Boro'?
Check out the Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau website for tons of ideas!
www.rutherfordchamber.org/cvb

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MONDAY, APRIL 12
8 PM
EMBASSY SUITES
MURFREESBORO, TN

What does the survey say about this night of fun to raise money for the TAHRA Scholarship Fund? Pre-selected “families” will demonstrate how well they know TAHRA and the housing industry as they answer questions that YOU have answered in the TAHRA Survey. Your contributions will help determine which family plays in the final round. By the time the last question is answered, this is bound to be renamed “TAHRA’s Dysfunctional Family Feud”. Come and join in all the fun!!



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