



# Perspectives

**JULY, 2009**

**2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2009**

**FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON**

**FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS**

**319 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY**

**FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208**

**PHONE 618-622-9500**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND PLAN TO ATTEND!**

**THE ECHO COUNCIL IS OFFERING A PROGRAM TO ENHANCE YOUR DAILY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

**10: A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**M&M Clinic Committee**

**11:00 A.M.**

**IAHA Executive Board Meeting**

**11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Registration**

**1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**ADVOCACY – You Can Make It Happen!**

Making a difference today and everyday for your residents, your agency, your community, your industry and the nation – YOU can make it happen!

A panel discussion on activities and attitudes that will bring credibility and respect for your endeavors to improve your programs and the quality of life for the people that you serve, while at the same time helping

all of us to better achieve our common mission of providing safe, clean and affordable housing in our communities.

Session Presenters: Susan Anderson, City of Rock Island, Chris Blechle, Randolph County; and Bill Jacobs, McDonough County

**2:00 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.**

**Break**

**2:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**ADVOCACY – (Continued):**

**3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**Springfield Office of HUD Update**

Information on resources services and/or programs this office maybe able to provide Housing Authorities.

**John Meyers, Field Office Director, Springfield**

**4:00 P.M.**

**Council Meetings**

**6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**Social Hour**

**7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

**AHRMA Annual Meeting & Banquet**

**8:30 P.M. - ?**

**Hospitality Room**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

**7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.**

**Breakfast**

**7:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

**Registration**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 (Continued)**

**8:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.**

**AHRMA PRESENTS – NEW MODEL PERSONNEL POLICY AND WILL UPDATE MEMBERS ON RECENT EMPLOYMENT LAW CHANGES**

**Presented by AHRMA’s General Counsel, Kevin Blaine**

**10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

**Break**

**10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.**

**AHRMA PRESENTS NEW MODEL PERSONNEL POLICY AND WILL UPDATE MEMBERS ON RECENT EMPLOYMENT LAW CHANGES – (CONTINUED)**

**12:00 Noon – 12:45 P.M.**

**Lunch**

<b>12:45 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.</b>	<b><u>SPEAKER – Mr. Steven E. Meiss, Director Illinois Office of Public Housing</u></b>
<b>1:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.</b>	<b><u>AHRMA PRESENTS IDENTITY THEFT TRAINING</u> Presented by AHRMA representatives and outside presenters. This training will address how to protect yourself, your employees and your residents.</b>
<b>2:45 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b><u>AHRMA PRESENTS IDENTITY THEFT TRAINING (CONTINUED)</u></b>
<b>5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.</b>	<b><u>Social Hour</u> – Cash Bar</b>
<b>6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.</b>	<b><u>IAHA BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET</u></b>
<b>7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.</b>	<b><u>Entertainment</u></b>
<b>9:30 P.M. - ?</b>	<b>Hospitality Room</b>

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

<b>8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.</b>	<b><u>Breakfast</u></b>
<b>9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.</b>	<b><u>TRAINING BY HUD</u></b>  <b>FY 2009 Recovery Act Update; Homeownership;</b>  <b>Capital Fund Financing Program (Bond Program); Recovery Act/Energy Conservation;</b>  <b>Training on the new PHAS and the most common problems identified by REAC in the physical inspections of housing authorities....and what you can do about it.</b>

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009 (Continued)**

<b>10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon</b>	<b><u>TRAINING BY HUD –(CONTINUED)</u></b>
<b>12:00 Noon – Adjourn</b>	

**Please complete the Registration form at the end of this newsletter.**

### **HUD ASSIGNS NEW OFFICE DIRECTOR TO SPRINGFIELD**

It has been over five years since HUD had a director in its Springfield office, but that changed May 18, 2009 when John Meyers reported to Springfield. Meyers who has been with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for eight years last served as Director of the Seattle Office.

The Springfield Office's jurisdiction covers the 83 central and southern Illinois counties, serving approximately 3.3 million residents (26% of the state's population).

Meyers said, "My assignment is to help reconnect with those downstate communities who might find Chicago a bit remote and confusing. While we have no program representation or program authority in the Springfield Office we can, and will serve as your Point of Contact. If you don't know who to call in HUD, call us (217 492-4120) and we will make sure you get to the right person."

Prior to joining HUD in 2001, Meyers owned and operated a small business management consulting firm, *The Washington Lincoln Group*. "It's kind of appropriate" Meyers joked, "that after founding a company I named *The Lincoln Group*, I end up in Springfield."

Meyers is married with two grown children.

The Springfield Office is located at 500 West Monroe, Springfield (217.492.4120) and is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Meyers can be reached by email at [j.w.meyers@hud.gov](mailto:j.w.meyers@hud.gov)

## **IAHA 2009 AWARDS APPLICATION**

**PURPOSE:** To give recognition to an Illinois Housing Authority and HUD Official for their outstanding achievement in housing. Outstanding achievement means techniques or procedures that are not in common practices among other agencies or officials.

**CATEGORIES:** Only one category may be chosen on each application.

- ❖ **HUD STAFF AWARD** – Recognizes a HUD staff for their outstanding leadership qualities and exceptional contributions to IAHA members.
- ❖ **DAVID W. MORGAN MEMORIAL AWARD** – Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding accomplishments at their agency and exceptional contributions to the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities. The David W. Morgan Award was initiated in 1987 by IAHA in honor of the late David W. Morgan, one of the leaders in the foundation and development of IAHA.

- ❖ **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RESIDENT RELATIONS** – Recognizes an agency or organization that has developed programs that enhance the lives of Residents.
- ❖ **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR CREATIVITY AWARD** – Recognizes programs that produce housing in an innovative manner, improve the efficiency of administrative operations or improve client services.
- ❖ **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE** – Recognizes exceptional qualified person who has made an outstanding contribution at their agency, improve the administrative operations and enhance the general functioning of the agency as documented by the performance standards established by HUD.
- ❖ **MISCELLANEOUS ACHIEVEMENT-Please explain in detail who this person or agency is, and why they should be recognized.**  
Recognizes anyone not fitting into the other categories.

**If you feel your Housing Authority is worthy of an award, we urge you to submit an application on your own behalf.**

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

**To the best of my knowledge, all information contained herein is accurate and complete.**

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**Signature**

All nominations shall be submitted to Judy Plummer, Union County Housing Authority, P. O. Box 317, Anna, IL 62906 FAX: 618 -833-3969 or by Email [uncoha@neondsl.com](mailto:uncoha@neondsl.com) by August 11, 2009..

## **IAHA 2009 AWARDS APPLICATION FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORIES**

The application must be prepared on 8 1/2” x 11” paper. The text portion must be no longer than one type written page. Include photographs if they help to explain the program or agency. Do not put applications in binders or notebooks, because they are copied and forwarded to the PublicRelations committee.

Address each of the following sections by number. Failure to do so renders the application incomplete. Page lengths are suggestions only.

1. **SUMMARY OF PROGRAM:** In no more than 100 words, describe the program or agency, the accomplishments and how it contributed to the success of the agency. (1/4 page)
  
2. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM:** Provide a description of the program including its objectives, the clientele being served, the agency's role, and the contribution, if any, of other partners. (1/4 page)
  
3. **THE RESULTS OR SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM:** Provide a description of success of the program. Provide specific examples.
  
4. **WORTHINESS FOR AN AWARD:** Describe why this program or agency is worthy of an award.

**IAHA 2009 AWARDS APPLICATION**  
**FOR HUD STAFF AWARD**

The application must be prepared on 8 ½" x 11" paper. The text must be no longer than 1 typewritten page.

1. **SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTION TO AGENCY OR IAHA:** In less than 100 words, describe what this person contributed to your agency, or IAHA and how it added to the success of the agency. (1/2 page)
  
2. **WORTHINESS FOR AN AWARD:** Describe why this nominee is worthy of an award. (1/2 page)

**IAHA 2009 AWARDS APPLICATION**  
**FOR DAVID W. MORGAN MEMORIAL AWARD**

The application must be prepared on 8 ½” x 11” paper. The text must be no longer than 1 typewritten page.

1. **SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT NOMINEE’S AGENCY OR FOR IAHA:** In less than 100 words, describe the accomplishments and how it contributed to the success of the agency or the Association. (1/2 page)
  
2. **WORTHINESS FOR AN AWARD:** Describe why the person is deserving of the honor. Do not repeat above paragraph. Highlight outstanding contributions through service in the field of housing and in support of IAHA. (1/2 page)

**IAHA 2009 AWARDS APPLICATION**  
**AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING**

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The application must be prepared on 8 ½” x 11” paper. The text must be no longer than 1 typewritten page.

This is a new award for that outstanding person you feel should have recognition and does not fit the criteria in the other awards. This person may be an ED, staff person, Board Member, or even someone from another agency (other than housing authority) that you feel is deserving.

1. **SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR REASON FOR THIS NOMINEE:** In less than 100 words, describe the accomplishments and why you feel this person or Agency should have recognition. (1/2 page)
  
2. **WORTHINESS FOR AN AWARD:** Describe why the person is deserving of the honor. Do not repeat above paragraph. Highlight outstanding contributions through service in the field of housing and in support of IAHA. (1/2 page)

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The IAHA summer sessions have been very successful this year. The first session was held in June on Fair Housing and 54 enthusiastic people attended. The second session will be held on July 20-21 and the topic is Property Managers and their Maintenance Personnel and 35 people have registered. The last training session IAHA has scheduled for this year will be held on August 17-19, and is on procurement with trainer Mike Gifford and 33 people have registered.

The IAHA Education Committee wishes to Thank all IAHA members for supporting IAHA's efforts to provide affordable training for all.

Please continue to support IAHA by attending and providing donations for the Golf Outing on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and plan to attend the IAHA Annual Meeting September 9-11 in Fairview Heights, Illinois.

1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL IAHA GOLF OUTING  
BENEFITING THE  
IAHA SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
The Rail Golf Course,  
1400 South Club House Drive, Springfield, IL

**TO: IAHA Members and Associate Members**

**FROM: Fred J. Clinton, Golf Committee Chairman**

We need your support and commitment to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual IAHA Golf Outing Benefitting the Scholarship Fund. Even if you can't play golf, your attendance is key to the success of our golf outing. To date we have 86 Executive Directors, PHA Staff and Vendors committed to participating in this important event.

The IAHA Scholarship Fund provides an educational stimulus to Public Housing and Section 8 adults, graduating seniors, and GED recipients who are prepared and ready to enter college, or a vocational school. These funds will be administered by the IAHA funds maybe used for; tuition, books, activity fees, necessities, work programs or other items at the discretion of the IAHA.

The Rail was the home of "The State Farm Classic" for many years. It is a challenging and beautiful course to play. The outing will be a scramble format with a 12:30 shotgun start. We will provide lunch, a catered dinner, entertainment, frosty beverages, and great company to share them with. The price of admission is \$100 per person, \$400 per foursome, and \$50 for all non-golfers.

**COMPLETE AND FOLLOWING REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN TO FRED CLINTON BY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009.**



**1st Annual IAHA Golf Outing  
Benefiting the IAHA Scholarship Fund**

**Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**The Rail Golf Course**

**1400 South Club House Drive**

**Springfield, IL. 62707**

**Phone: 217-525-0365**

**Check-in/Lunch 11:00 am    Golf & Dinner \$100**

**Shot Gun Start 12:30 pm    Non-golfers \$50**

For the golfers; Complimentary goodie bag, longest drive contest, closest to the pin, longest putt, betting holes, 50/50 raffle, mulligans and much, much more. For the non-golfers; Complimentary goodie bag, 50/50 raffle, free golf lesson, trivia contest, putting contest. Prizes for each activity will be awarded.

**For your comfort and convenience, a block of rooms at the Government Rate has been reserved by the IAHA at the Northfield Inn & Suites. Please contact them at (217)523-7900 for your reservations.**

Please complete the following information to register for this event, by August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Fred Clinton at (217)243-3338 or email him at [fclinton@net-axess.com](mailto:fclinton@net-axess.com) with any questions.

**Non – Golfers** \_\_\_ @ \$50

**Foursome/Golfer Information** \_\_\_@\$100

Primary Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company name \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer name \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Member (Vendor) Opportunities:**

**\* Pin sponsor \$100**

**\* Beverage cart sponsor \$500**

**\* Lunch sponsor \$500**

**\* Golf Lesson sponsor \$250**

**\*19<sup>th</sup> Hole sponsor \$500**

**We ask that participating Housing Authorities bring a *DOOR PRIZE* for the Goodie Bags, and Games on the Course.**

Contact Fred Clinton at (217)243-3338, fax (217)-245-1709, or email, [fclinton@net-axess.com](mailto:fclinton@net-axess.com), about your donation. Cancellation must be made three days in advance to avoid charge for meals and services

**Send check made payable to the IAHA & completed form to:**

**Fred J. Clinton  
Morgan County Housing Authority  
301 W. Beecher  
Jacksonville, IL. 62650**



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**319 FOUNTAINS PARKWAY**  
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Registration includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Thursday, September 10th and Breakfast on, September 11th. Rooms have been set aside at a rate of \$80.00 plus 10.624% tax. Please call the Hotel direct to make room reservations 618-622-9500. Be sure to specify that you are with the IAHA. Rooms will be held until August 26, 2009.

**REGISTRATION IS \$250.00 PER PERSON,  
PLEASE REGISTER AND MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY  
AUGUST 26, 2009.**

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Housing Authority: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MAY REGISTER ON LINE! –[www.iahaonline.org](http://www.iahaonline.org)**

**OR**

**YOU MAY MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO**

**IAHA TO: Vicki Miles, Executive Coordinator**

**350 State Hwy. Y**

**Jackson, MO 63755**

**Fax: (573) 243-9219**

**Phone: (573-243-4439**