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Spring Conference



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President's Message



Dear Members of the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I, along with the Officers, and Executive Committee members, extend a warm welcome, to each one of you as we gather for the 2024 Spring Conference of the Georgia Association of Housing

and Redevelopment Authorities here on Jekyll Island. This event serves as a vital collaboration, innovating, and shared learning experience as we collectively address the challenges and opportunities facing our communities in the realm of housing and redevelopment.

I am particularly grateful to the Professional Development Committee for their tireless efforts in organizing this conference. Their dedication and hard work have ensured that this event is poised to be a resounding success, providing valuable training, networking opportunities, and growth opportunities for all attendees.

As we come together over the next few days, let us embrace my theme “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.” With the changes occurring everyday in our Housing Industry, teamwork, collaboration, dialogue, and seeking out innovative solutions along with best practices are a vital part of the wheel to advance our shared mission of providing safe, affordable housing and fostering vibrant, sustainable communities across Georgia.

I am confident that this conference will serve as a catalyst for meaningful change and progress, and I look forward to the inspiring conversations and collaborations that will undoubtedly emerge. Thank you for your continued dedication to this important work, and may this conference be a source of inspiration and empowerment for us all.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Program Information

2024 Spring Conference

Jekyll Island Convention Center

Registration

Registration Booth - Oceanside Lobby
(Convention Center)

Monday, May 13

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Badges and Tickets

All persons attending the spring workshop sessions, breakfasts, luncheons and other scheduled events **MUST** wear their identification badge provided them at registration. Your honesty and cooperation is appreciated. Ushers will be present to verify you are wearing your identification badges.

Meeting Etiquette

During all of our training sessions and other events, please turn off or mute all electronic devices that may cause a distraction to speakers and attendees in your session or around you during the workshop.

Questions

If attendees have any questions concerning the Spring Workshop, members of the Professional Development Committee will be present to assist you at any time.

Extra Tickets and Guest Badges

(Contact Russell Nast for more information.)

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| Scholarship Luncheon GAHRA | \$40 |
| Membership Breakfast | \$35 |
| Continental Breakfast | \$30 |

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

Program Information

Registration

Oceanside Registration Booth
(Convention Center)
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

NO OTHER ACTIVITIES
PLANNED FOR THE EVENING

CONVENTION CENTER



TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Program Information

Continental Breakfast

Grand Ballroom
(Westin Jekyll Island)
7:00 am – 8:15 am

Registration

Oceanside Registration Booth
(Convention Center)
7:30 am– 9:00 am

Opening Session

Ballroom B
(Convention Center)
8:30 am – 9:45 am

Morning Break

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Breakout Sessions

Oceanside & Marshside
(Convention Center)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Ballroom AC
(Convention Center)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Poster Contest Winners

Ballroom AC
(Convention Center)
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Breakout Sessions

Oceanside & Marshside
(Convention Center)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Afternoon Break

3:15 pm– 3:30 pm

President's

Welcome Reception

Courtyard (Westin Jekyll Island)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Agenda

Opening General Session

Ballroom B
(Convention Center)
8:30 am - 9:45 am

Welcome

Marie Harris - President
Roberta Housing Authority

Invocation

Reta Thomas
Augusta Housing Authority

Pledge of Allegiance

Brenda Gay
Flint Area Consolidated Housing
Authority

Greetings from HUD

Speaker to Be Announced

Greetings from SERC

Anthony Goodson, Jr
Goldsboro Housing Authority

Workshop Overview

Russell Nast - Chairperson
Professional Development
Committee Tallapoosa Housing
Authority

Closing Remarks

Marie Harris- President
Roberta Housing Authority



Anthony Goodson, Jr **SERC President**

Anthony Goodson Jr., one of housing's most distinguished business and community leaders, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro, a high-performing agency that serves more than 12% of the citizens of Wayne County, NC.

His ability to see potential in people and structures has allowed him to hire and develop competent personnel, turn around a capsizing agency, expand its housing portfolio, and invest millions into its local community.

Over the course of the past 19 years, Anthony has been at the helm of numerous agency awards, he has served on several boards and held various leadership positions, but you wouldn't know it from his humble nature. What we do know is that Anthony is very passionate about investing in the next generation, making it a priority to take time from his hectic schedule to greet kids most mornings as they enter school. He has facilitated a book club for boys on his days off, and annually takes underprivileged youth outside of their typical environment with his signature program entitled, "Hangin w/the CEO!"

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

MAINTENANCE ROUNDTABLE

Location: Meeting Room 1

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Joe Wisniewski

Augusta Housing Authority

Moderator:

Michael Allen, Sylvester Housing Authority

This Maintenance session will be a very informative session that will cover many of the needs and problems that most Housing Authorities are dealing with on a regular basis. We will discuss a broad range of topics such as NSPIRE and some of the proposed changes, unit turnaround, and preventative maintenance. With all the changes going on with HUD it has never been more important to come together to look for new and better ways to address issues at your Authority.

BACK TO BASICS WITH THE CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

Location: Meeting Room 2

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Brandon Little

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Charlene Hutchinson, Ocilla Housing Authority

Engineer your Capital Fund Programs back to the basics. This presentation will include requirements concerning obligations and draws, eligible and ineligible items, and issues identified during reviews, etc. Come join the Atlanta Field Office HUD staff to hear this session.

PUBLIC HOUSING / HCV OCCUPANCY

Location: Meeting Room 3

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Susan Brooke

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Sandra Strozier, Newnan Housing Authority

Come join HUD staff for a presentation that will include ways to increase occupancy, Unit Status Change (UTSC), Units Months Leased (UML), and issues identified during HUD reviews.

RESIDENT SUPPORT AND TENANT PARTICIPATION PANEL

Location: Meeting Room 4

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Khristian Allen, Newnan Housing Authority

Reta Thomas, Augusta Housing Authority

Kerry Smith, Dublin Housing Authority

Casey Cravey, Hazelhurst Housing Authority

Sherrill Dunbar and Chantell Welch, HUD Atlanta

Moderator:

Shanicki Burton, McDonough Housing Authority

Resident services and tenant participation is one of the best aspects of public and affordable housing. Our goal of providing safe, decent and affordable housing is accentuated with providing residents with services to enhance their lives. By doing so, we must ensure that we are utilizing all the techniques and

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are abiding by regulations for the proper funding of resident services and tenant participation. This session will be on eligible and ineligible expenses and will provide more insight on what's allowable, not allowable, and what's required.

INTRODUCTION TO HUD's ABC's

Location: Meeting Room 5

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

[George Edge](#), Americus Housing Authority
[Shaundra Clark](#), Tifton Housing Authority
[Brenda Smith](#), Dublin Housing Authority
[Latonia Simmons](#), Albany Housing Authority

Moderator:

Heather McNair and Mikalah Stewart, Augusta Housing Authority

Commissioners will be introduced to the most commonly used HUD acronyms within this full day of discussion. A panel of experienced Executive Directors will go over the different acronyms and what they stand for.

ADVOCATING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE IN PUBLIC HOUSING

Location: Meeting Room 7

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

[Tonya Curry](#)
Public Health Law Center

Moderator:

Ariana Wilkins, East Point Housing Authority

Join this session to learn how the Public Health Law Center (PHLC) and its partners are petitioning HUD to enact regulatory changes that would address home health and climate preparedness. The PHLC has submitted a petition to HUD to phase out fossil fuel-fired appliances and gas stoves in public housing. You will not want to miss out on this informative session and how it could affect public housing authorities.

NAVIGATING A FHEO INVESTIGATION AND SECTION 504/ADA ACCOMMODATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Location: Meeting Room 8

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

[I. Stewart Duggan](#), Attorney at Law
Brinson, Askew, & Berry

Moderator:

Clara Graham, Douglas Housing Authority

Have you ever had a Georgia or Federal Fair Housing Complaint lodged against your Housing Authority? Be prepared with this training to address what to do upon receipt of such a charge of fair housing discrimination. Learn how to maneuver through a fair housing investigation; learn the trends in FHEO's approach to investigations and the neutrality of FHEO investigators and what are voluntary compliance agreements. You will hear of legal/case updates along with best practices in dealing with and documenting disability-related accommodation requests and how best to evaluate and respond to those requests. Come join Stewart Duggan, Attorney at Law, to get the best knowledge on this subject.

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UNLOCKING THE FUTURE: NAVIGATING THE LATEST HOTMA RULE IMPLEMENTATION IN HCV/PBV, MULTIFAMILY AND PUBLIC HOUSING- PART 1

Location: Meeting Room 9

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adelaide Hsu
NAHRO

Moderator:

Ann Dobson, Jasper Housing Authority

Part 1: (Multifamily) Embark on a transformation journey as we delve into the dynamic landscape of multifamily housing, navigating the intricacies of the latest HUD HOTMA rule implementation. Our comprehensive training session is designed to empower participants with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in the evolving regulatory environment. Come join NAHRO Faculty staff in decoding the intricacies of the HOTMA reg, exploring the intersection of HOTMA and RAD in multifamily housing, hear about practical insights and case studies for effective implementation, hear strategies for compliance and optimization in the ever-changing regulatory landscape and have interactive discussions and Q&A sessions with industry experts.

INTRO TO THE CAPITAL FUND PLANNING PROCESS & EPIC

Location: Meeting Room 10

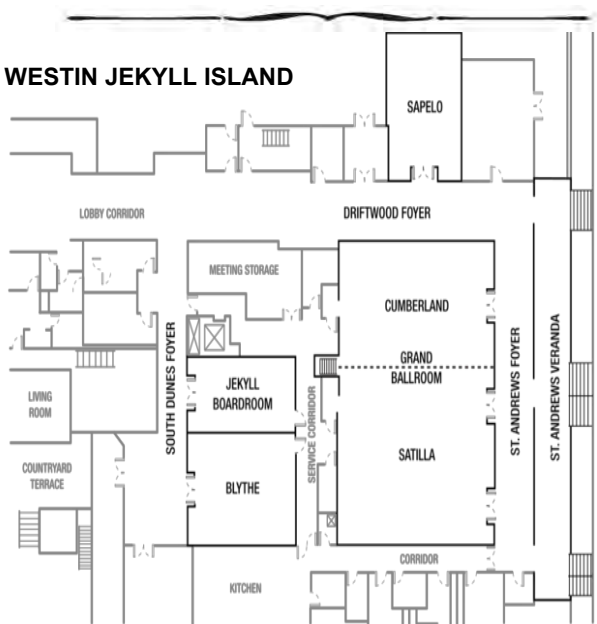
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Emily Haeckel, Erica Vilardi and Al Mourad
HUD Washington

Moderator:

Regina Delay, Marietta Housing Authority
Kerry Smith, Dublin Housing Authority

In this breakout session, participants will become acquainted with the Capital Fund planning principles and necessary steps behind the workflows in EPIC. PHAs are responsible for the long-term viability of the PHA and its properties. The Capital Fund plays a pivotal role in financing activities to achieve the PHA's mission and goals as it concerns their public housing properties. Annually PHAs are also required to complete the Capital Fund Submission and planning is major component, which is largely completed in EPIC. We will provide an overview of each of the modules in EPIC and explain how they relate to the Capital Fund submission and planning process.



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HUD'S LEAD-BASED PAINT REQUIREMENTS

Location: Meeting Room 1

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Brandon Little

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Joe Wisniewski, Augusta Housing Authority

This session will cover lead-based paint requirements that HUD will be asking about and looking for when you have your next NSPIRE inspection. All construction that was built before 1978 will be required to have proper documentation to show that the lead paint has been abated. This session will bring you up to date on the required paperwork and documentation that you must present at your next NSPIRE inspection. Come join the Atlanta Field Office HUD staff for an explanation.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

Location: Meeting Room 2

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Susan Brooke

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Charlene Hutchinson, Ocilla Housing Authority

This session will be presented by the Financial Analysis' from the HUD Atlanta Field Office providing a financial overview to include reporting timeliness, cash management, eLOCCS basics, and weaknesses identified during audits and reviews.

FINANCIAL Q & A WITH THE HUD FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Location: Meeting Room 2

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Katie Del Valle and Melissa Ramile

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Charlene Hutchinson, Ocilla Housing

This is your opportunity to strengthen your financial department by getting your Authority's questions answered by the HUD's Financial Analysis.

HUD ACRONYM FUN

Location: Meeting Room 5

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Brenda Gay, Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority

Heather McNair, Augusta Housing Authority

Mikalsh Stewart, Augusta Housing Authority

Moderator:

Fun Times - Review of Acronyms. Members of the Commissioners Committee will present an interactive game to help reinforce the new knowledge of the meanings of the different acronyms during the morning session.

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**SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
AUTHORITIES**

Location: Meeting Room 7

2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Tonya Curry

Public Health Law Center

Moderator:

Ariana Wilkins, East Point Housing Authority

Are you prepared to fill key positions in leadership, property management, housing choice voucher, and beyond? Join this session for tips for building your bench and encouraging growth within your organization as well as identifying key areas, key positions, key capabilities, knowledge transfers, and more!! Come listen to this from the senior legal staff of the Public Health Law Center.

**UNLOCKING THE FUTURE: NAVIGATING THE LATEST
HOTMA RULE IMPLEMENTATION IN HCV/PBV,
MULTIFAMILY AND PUBLIC HOUSING- PART 2**

Location: Meeting Room 9

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Adelaide Hsu

NAHRO

Moderator:

John Casteel, Columbus Housing Authority

Part 2: (HCV, PBV, Multifamily, and Public Housing) Continuations of the HOTMA session with NAHRO Faculty. The session will continue with an abbreviated version of NAHRO's HOTMA Change in Focus class. Income Calculations! Assets! Deductions! It's all there.

**CAPITAL FUND ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS AND EPIC**

Location: Meeting Room 10

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Emily Haeckel, Erica Vilardi, Al Mourad

HUD Washington

Moderator:

Kerry Smith, Dublin Housing Authority

In this breakout session, we will also cover different budget line items and which activities are eligible under the Capital Fund and how to fulfill the reporting requirements in EPIC. We will review each module in EPIC. For example, we will learn how to submit a document package and the 5-year action plan. Participants will also learn about making revisions to the 5-Year Action Plan and Annual Statement/Budget.

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Program
Information

GAHRA Membership Breakfast

Ballroom AC
(Convention Center)
7:30 am – 8:45 am

Legislative Update

Ballroom AC
(Convention Center)
8:20 am – 8:45 am

Breakout Sessions

Oceanside & Marshside
(Convention Center)
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Morning Break

10:15 am – 10:30 am

CASH PRIZE DRAWING

Prefunction Lobby
(Convention Center)
High Noon



*Jekyll Island Convention Center

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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Location: Meeting Room 1

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Brandon Little

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Joe Wisniewski, Augusta Housing Authority

This session will cover the requirements we must follow whenever maintenance receives requests from residents or staff in order to try and give residents and staff the proper accommodations, they may need to perform everyday activities or work. This will help maintenance understand what is reasonable and what is not when it comes to the work and money that may be required to honor the requests. This session presented by HUD staff should help everyone understand these requirements.

HUD's FINANCIAL UPDATE AND PANEL ROUNDTABLE

Location: Meeting Room 2

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sherrill Dunbar, Susan Brooke, Melissa Ramile and Katie Del Valle

HUD's Atlanta Field Office

Moderator:

Brenda Gay, Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority Michelle Butler, Eastman Housing Authority

Come join the Atlanta Field Office management team of William Biggs, Acting Georgia PIH Director, and Marzine Hudson, PIH Division Director with updates you need to know about Capital Funds, Financial matters, Public Housing Occupancy and Housing Choice Vouchers, and MORE!!!!

HIRING STRONG PERFORMERS & RELEASING POOR ONES

Location: Meeting Room 3

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Marya Calhoun, Atlanta Housing Authority

Jonelle Samuel, Atlanta Housing Authority

Moderators:

Constance Graham, Atlanta Housing Authority

This session will engage leaders on how to effectively hire high-performing staff. The session will also provide guidance on how to manage low-performing staff members into great employees and how to release poor performers.

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE: SAME GOALS, DIFFERENT ROLES

Location: Meeting Room 5

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Shirley Smith, Dallas Housing Authority

Jeanette Henderson, Albany Housing Authority

Moderator:

Brenda Gay, Flint Area Consolidated Housing

Commissioners will have this period to ask questions and hear answers to their many questions in this Q & A Round table. Come join two long-time staff members of housing authorities in Georgia who are now Commissioners of Housing in their communities.

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HOTMA: POLICY IMPACT AND ANALYSIS

Location: Meeting Room 7

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adelaide Hsu

NAHRO

Moderator:

Penny McPeck, Americus Housing Authority

The Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act (HOTMA) has made a myriad of changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Public Housing, and Multifamily Housing Programs. This session focuses on the policy changes and impacts that HOTMA will have on the agency administrative plan (ACOP/TSP). The session will cover only the program changes and how they impact your program and policy. We will discuss the pros and cons and provide a participant guide so that participants have useful tools to customize the policies and incorporate them into their agency documents. Come join Adelaide Hsu with the NAHRO Faculty to see what's in store.

PART # 1: PBRA CONVERSIONS, MOR's AND THE PBCA

PART # 2: VOUCHER PROCESSING: YOUR PAYMENT IS OUR PRIORITY!!!

Location: Meeting Room 9

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Janet Stokes and Shaila Grady

National Housing Compliance (NHC)

Moderator:

Veronica Forest, Winder Housing Authority

Part # 1: This informational session will focus on NHC's approach to conducting the Management and Occupancy Review. Topics covered include PBRA Conversions, MORs, the PBCA, HUD occupancy requirements, RAD guidelines, the latest HOTMA updates, and clarifications. Also covered are standard documents, e.g., the Tenant Selection Plan and EIV Policy requirement updates, with a discussion on how HOTMA affects your property and resident recertifications. Finally, a general walk-through of HOTMA implementation timelines, MOR submission deadlines, and frequently asked questions will be reviewed.

Part # 2: This will be a comprehensive training session on the Housing Owner's Certification and Application for Housing Assistance Payments (HUD 52670), which will provide an overview of the form and best practices to ensure requested payments are correct and paid promptly. You will also review with NHC staff the adjustments and additional add-on items, such as Special Claims and Repayment Agreements.

CAPITAL FUND GRANT LIFECYCLE AND EPIC

Location: Meeting Room 10

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Emily Haeckel, Al Mourad, and Erica Vilardi

HUD Washington

Moderator:

Angel Royle, Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority

In this breakout session, participants will learn about the importance of Capital Fund Obligation, Expenditure, and Fiscal Closeout. We will touch on procurement and contract management. In this session, it will cover additional features in EPIC such as how to use EPIC to exercise fungibility, how to report on RAD transactions, or Debt Service Obligations. We will briefly discuss when and how to submit Performance and Evaluations Reports, and the newer features available such as Monitoring and Close-out Packages. We will cover how to use EPIC for non-formula Capital Fund Grants, including Emergency/Disaster Capital Fund Grants, Emergency Safety & Security Capital Fund Grants, Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Grants, and Housing-Related Hazards Capital Fund Grants. Finally, we will touch upon how to request to use Operating Funds for Capital Fund purposes.

GAHRA's Legislative Liaisons

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John Haliburton

Thrash-Haliburton has been representing the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities on a state and federal level for nearly 8 years.

With a combination of expertise, energy, time, resources, and effective relationships, Thrash-Haliburton makes up one of the strongest government affairs in the state. Thrash-Haliburton represents many clients with unique and complicated legislative and business needs and have been highly successful in achieving their client's objectives. This includes the areas of legislation, budget matters, business development, procurement, and other types of requests from clients. Mo has been named the Top Independent Small Firm Lobbyist in Georgia by James Magazine, a highly respected and the most-read magazine dedicated to Georgia politics and the Capitol. Thrash-Haliburton continues to rank as one of the top lobbying firms every year. Voting on these honors is made by legislators and fellow lobbyists.

Thrash-Haliburton looks forward to many more positive developments and a strong future together. You will find no one more driven, hardworking, well-connected, focused, and prepared in the industry than Thrash-Haliburton.

Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee is a Standing Committee in accordance with GAHRA ByLaws and is responsible for the final development of stand-alone workshops, training sessions for the Spring Workshop and the Annual Conference. This committee consists of chairpersons from the following committees: IT, Assisted Housing, Commissioners, Financial Management, Human Services-Resident Support, Maintenance, Management, RAD/Multifamily and Housing and Redevelopment. The Committee is under the portfolio of the Vice President of Professional Development.

Your comments and suggestions concerning this and future conferences would be appreciated. Please contact or send your comments to the Vice President for Professional Development or the committee Chairs listed below.

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GAHRA is the resource to provide services to its membership and to assist in the development and management of diversified housing in the State of Georgia. If you are interested in working on any GAHRA committee, please reach out to the President, any Officer or any Professional Development committee member.

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Penny McPeek – Americus Housing Authority
Arianna Wilkins – East Point Housing Authority

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Reta Thomas – Augusta Housing Authority
Heather McNair – Augusta Housing Authority

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Regina Delay – Marietta Housing Authority

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Brenda Gay – Flint Area Consolidated
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Sandra Strozier – Newnan Housing Authority
Joe Thomas – Camilla Housing Authority

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Michelle Yawn – Winder Housing Authority
Penny McPeek – Americus Housing Authority

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Khristian Allen – Newnan Housing Authority
Arianna Wilkins – East Point Housing Authority

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAHRA

Youth Leadership Conference

Jekyll Island
July 15-17, 2024

Maintenance Workshop

Macon, GA
July 9-11, 2024

Commissioners Retreat

Jekyll Island, GA
July 21-23, 2024

Annual Conference

Savannah, GA
September 15-18, 2024

Resident Leadership Conference

North Augusta, SC
August 29-31, 2024

SERC-NAHRO

Annual Conference

Greensboro, NC
June 23-26, 2024

Fall Workshop

Montgomery, AL
November 10-12, 2024

GAHRA SPRING WORKSHOP

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