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MN CARH 2021 Conference

Welcome Reception

Oct. 6th, 6 to 8 p.m.

Prizes ♦ Appetizers ♦ Drinks

Conference

Essentials for Affordable Housing
Needs of Rural Minnesota

Oct. 7th, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drawings ♦ Prizes ♦ Vendors

Breakfast, Lunch, Refreshments Provided



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Conference Schedule

7:30–8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Registration

8:30–8:45 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

8:45–12:00 p.m.

ADA, Section 504 & Fair Housing Accessibility

Mark English, Founder

E & A Team, Inc.

Learn to identify site accessibility issues and why being aware of tenant population that is aging is critical to accommodation requests. Various federal accessibility laws will be addressed, Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), Section 504, Fair Housing, and ADA. Receive a certificate of attendance and learn about current updates for The Fair Housing Design Manual, 504 Transition Plans, RD, and more!

Breaks & time to visit vendor booths will be provided.

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Lunch

CARH National and Legislative Updates

Colleen M. Fisher, Executive Director
CARH

1:00–2:00 p.m.

REAC Updates: Look to the Future in MN & Beyond

Ashley L. Sheriff, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for HUD
Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC)

Hear the latest from Washington, D.C., their mission, policies and procedures, and how inspection regulations are impacting affordable and rural housing in Minnesota. A must-have educational topic for all managers, owners, on-site employees, and maintenance personnel involved in rural housing facilities.

2:15–2:45 p.m.

Updates from Rural Development

Stephanie Vergin, Program Analyst &
Capital Sourcing Officer

Brian Boyda, Team Lead, Midwest Region

Multi-Family Housing (MFH) at USDA Rural Dev.

3:00–3:30 p.m.

Saving Energy in Multi-Family Buildings Through Utility Programs

Micah Broehm, Energy Analyst

Frontier Energy, Inc.

Energy efficient options are worth the investment. At its most basic, energy efficiency refers to a method of reducing energy consumption by using less energy to attain the same amount of useful output. Learn about great saving opportunities right here in Minnesota that you can apply to your facilities and visit Micha's vendor booth for all the tools you will need to begin new trends for energy savings.

3:30–4:00 p.m.

Rental Property Safety

Patricia L. Lammers, Crime Prevention Coordinator

Saint Paul Police Department

4:00 p.m.

Wrap-up and Drawings

Times and speakers are subject to change.

Continuing education credit was applied for and is subject to approval by the Department of Commerce.

Speaker Biography Summaries

Mark English has vast experience with multifamily housing programs, with particular experience concerning LIHTC and federal housing programs. E&A Team, Inc. performs accessibility site inspections, capital needs assessments, blueprint plan reviews and accessibility construction inspections on multifamily housing complexes to assess compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Federal Section 504 Requirements, and Fair Housing Accessibility issues.

Colleen M. Fisher has served as the Executive Director of the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing (CARH) since 1996. CARH represents the interests of over 300 companies that are involved in the building, development, financing, management, and ownership of housing in rural areas across the country.

Ashley (Ash) Sheriff is the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) where she works with many talented, dedicated team members to improve the quality of affordable rental housing for several million households. She has worked with government agencies at all levels and several non-profits in the housing, education, disaster recovery, health care, energy, and agriculture industries for over 18 years.

Stephanie Vergin is a program analyst and capital sourcing officer for Multi-Family Housing (MFH) at USDA Rural Development. She works with lenders, funders, and partners nationwide to support affordable housing production and the preservation of RD's MFH portfolio.

Brian Boyda has worked for Rural Development with their Rural Rental Housing Program for over 18 years. He is currently a Team Lead in the Midwest Region of the Field Operations Division for the Multi-Family Housing (MFH) Program.

Micah Broehm is an Energy Analyst at Frontier Energy, Inc. in Chanhassen, Minnesota. He has four years of experience helping implement Conservation Improvement Programs (CIPs) for Minnesota utilities. His primary focus is bringing energy-efficiency assistance and utility rebates to multi-family building owners in Minnesota through the Multi-Family Building Efficiency Program, a joint effort between Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy that is free to their eligible customers.

Patty Lammers joined SPPD in June of 2017. She previously worked in community organizing/community safety for 25 years for several St. Paul based non-profit organizations. In 1996, Ms. Lammers received the MN State Award for Promoting Peaceful Communities. Ms. Lammers holds a BS in Sociology with a concentration on social action and peace studies.



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