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## Hello from Your MN CARH President

#### by Rodney Hestekin

Thanks to all of you that attended our annual conference. The speakers were excellent and I personally appreciated the oppor-

tunity to network with others in the housing industry. Your Board will continue to work with the National Office and keep you informed of new information and any changes at the national level.

If you have any questions or concern's we welcome them. We are here as your representatives.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Rodney Hestekin, President





# MN CARH Minnesota Council for Affordable and **Rural Housing**

LOOK FOR 2022 MEMBER-SHIP INFORMATION IN **DECEMBER 2021!** 



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## Historic Time at MN CARH 2021 Conference

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N CARH's return of their annual conference at Mystic Lake Casino on October 7<sup>th</sup> was a welcomed relief from the usual Zoom conferences and webinars we all have been dealing with for the last two years. It was great getting to connect with people again outside of the office. I want to thank our vendors, Frontier Energy, HD supply and the Saint Paul Police for all the advice, information, and savings they provided.

MN CARH's Essentials for Affordable Housing Conference turned into an historic time. Presenter Mark English from E&A Team, Inc. talked about the 10,000 people a day that are turning sixty-five years of age and how that will continue until 2030. Where we had 400,000 people of that age in 1940, we will have eighty-one million in 2030. This momentous fact alone with such increase in elderly citizens will lead to more need for accessible accommodations and units.

Executive Director, Colleen M. Fisher from National CARH presented and spoke extensively about CARH's advocacy in Washington leading to a proposed bill that includes \$3.2 billion to rural development for preservation and new development. If passed, it will be an historic number for rural development nationally. She talked about the Rental Assistance (RA) program and stimulus bills and their positive effect on the housing industry in these unprecedented times. Presenter Ashley Sheriff, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for HUD talked about historic changes coming to the REAC program for the first-time in over twenty-two years. The new NSPIRE program may consider city inspections and self-inspections as part of the new program. Presenters Karissa Stiers and Stephanie Vergin from Rural Development talked about the historic change in USDA structure and the re-alignment that is striving for increased consistency, streamlining business process, elevate employee experience and continue exceptional customer experience. They commented on all the RD staff movements causing issues for owners and managers and gave us information on how best to figure out who your contact is in Rural Development. Micah Broehm from Frontier Energy talked about an energy audit and direct install program that combines the efforts of two Minnesota utilities and how getting two utilities to work together is an historic achievement. (continued ...)

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Presenter Patricia Lammers from the St. Paul Police Department talked about creating a safe space and getting to know your police department and liaison's. She also commented on historic staff shortages and people that haven't been out in the field for twelve years are now out in the field, so liaisons are harder to find.

COVID, eviction moratorium's, staff shortages, re-alignments, and government travel bans have made this period in which we live and work historically different and more challenging. Keeping our apartments safe, compliant, and maintained during this turbulent time is difficult. It was great seeing people and finding out what problems we share, what solutions we have produced and what programs are out there to help us in this historic time.



Mark English, E&A Team



Tom Greathouse, HD (center) with conference attendees



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