



National Association of
Housing & Redevelopment Officials

Housing Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

10:30 AM

via zoom

AGENDA

Representing MassNAHRO Housing Committee: President Peter Proulx, Chair Colleen Doherty, Jeffrey Driscoll, Caileen Foley, Gina Govoni, Cathy Hoog, Michael Lara, Ken Martin, Margaret Moran, Jack Nagle, Paul Nowicki, Jennifer Polito, William Schrader, Jacqueline Sullivan, Thomas Thibeault.

Representing EOHLC: Fatima Razzaq, Courtney Curran, Carrie Sousa, Sarah O'Leary, Ashley O'Sullivan, Jason Wright, Matt Martin, Rob Garrit, Ayo Yakubo-Owolewa, Chris DeVore, Andy Clinton.

MassNAHRO Staff: Donna Brown-Rego, Cylas Martell-Crawford

CAFO Procurement Update: A layover issue from the last Housing Committee Meeting. EOHLC updated the Committee that the CAFO procurement documents were at the end stages of being created. This is only the procurement document. It will be structured as a prequalification and EOHLC is hoping for some LHAs, retired EDs, CPAs, and Attorneys.

C. Doherty asked if under this procurement guidance an LHA not in the CAFO program still bring in a consultant to help in areas of need. EOHLC responded with a no, as currently written this guidance would not allow that. However, they liked the idea and will bring that back to see if they can work it in. Under that situation the procurement of a consultant would be routed through EOHLC.

Budget Guidelines Overview: EOHLC started by noting it is a difficult year, but there was some good news. ANUEL will get a 5% boost; maintenance and admin salary lines will increase 3%. The ED salary is a 2% increase as we wait until the next study, which will line up with FY27.

This document is still internal and likely to come later in August, maybe closer to September.

C. Hoog suggested clarifying the "deadline" for submitting budgets. While it's more like a guideline or recommendation, some boards do not understand that and push for the deadline date which is causing issues. EOHLC will review.

Voucher Situation for Public Housing Innovations NOFA: There will be no new project-based vouchers available. EOHLC is considering if it can use some subsidy money instead.

Earmarks: EOHLC is not authorized to disburse any of the earmarked funds.

Streamlined Reporting for Small LHAs: EOHLC started reviewing what could be changed and realized that LHA input was necessary. They're going to organize a working group to start this process.

Other Items as the Committee Sees Fit: Aging in place awards will continue and will be extended to family programs.

Risk Management Update: For LHA >25 employees a new law will take effect in October providing them with the right to know their salary range for their position. This must be included in writing. This comes with an ability to bring a claim for retaliation if a person is fired after.

Procurement for legal services was discussed. The deadline is 8/8, and new firms have been joining, but EOHLC may make this a recurring RFP to ensure LHAs have the ability to select from a longer list of attorneys. There will also be a bump for legal funding for all.

EOHLC has been holding bi-weekly Vacancy coffee hours, hoping they are productive and that all staff are aware.

So far, no bids have been received for the next Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) study.

Minor changes to vacancy waivers: EOHLC said that LHAs will get the full number of days requested, regardless of when you submitted, but there were some IT changes that needed to still be processed.

RSC flexible funding with grants: LHAs with regional RSCs don't have the flexibility to spend the funds across multiple LHAs but must divide it equally among the LHAs. Suggestions to allow more flexibility in spending. EOHLC is reviewing and will reach out to LHAs to work through this.