

# Michigan Housing Directors Association



## Fall Conference

### Crystal Mountain

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### **Policies – Planning and Implementation – Lindsey Reames, Executive Director and Jose Capeles, Policy and Program Planning and Implementation Manager, Grand Rapids Housing Commission**

Policies are the backbone that provide the structure and framework necessary for Directors and administrative staff to effectively and efficiently run Housing Commissions. Policies are vital in establishing necessary procedures to maintain compliance with HUD and provide consistent practice for employees. We invite you to learn about policy framework and discuss required and optional elements for a myriad of policies to include Section 3, Procurement, Criminal Backgrounds, House Rules, Project Based Vouchers, and VAWA. **Participants will leave this training with a portable USB drive pre-loaded with sample policies!**

### **NSPIRE CERTIFICATION – John Emery, U.S. Inspection Group**

This **TWO-DAY** training is perfectly tailored for REAC preparation and extends its relevance to the Housing Choice Voucher program, providing comprehensive insights into NSPIRE-V, the replacement for HQS.

In our extensive in-person NSPIRE training session, we will make simple for your staff this entirely new protocol, distinctly different from the UPCS/HQS. Moreover, you will receive insights into the new capital improvements required for NSPIRE compliance. Attaining an impressive result in your first REAC/NSPIRE inspection doesn't have to be complicated. Our trainer will also assist you in adopting the most effective strategy for scoring, employing our unique methodology and priorities geared towards achieving high scores. NSPIRE-V Certification is **REQUIRED** to remain in compliance when conducting in-house Housing Choice Voucher Program inspections. **This training is also Capital Fund Grant eligible to cover costs.**

John Emery has been deeply involved in the field of REAC inspections since the 90's. He initially started as a REAC inspector as part of the pioneering REAC pilot program and quickly earned the distinction of being a HUD Certified Trainer, allowing him to conduct REAC training classes nationwide and certify some of the nation's very first REAC inspectors. In the year 2000, John embarked on a new chapter by co-founding the US Inspection Group. Utilizing his extensive knowledge of UPCS (Uniform Physical Condition Standards), he and his team set out to provide invaluable assistance to housing organizations in comprehending the intricacies of UPCS and its associated scoring methodology. Over the past two plus decades, John has remained committed to his mission of helping thousands of individuals and organizations elevate their REAC scores.

## **Commissioner Monitoring and Oversight – Sharon Carlson, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials**

Take a deeper dive into the monitoring and oversight functions of housing agencies. Commissioners will enhance their understanding of agency programs, policies, and budgets, while they learn more about ensuring their agency is on the right track and helping their agency achieve its mission and goals. This course covers the importance of a commissioner's involvement in strategic planning and the benefits this activity has in shaping the future of the agency and its ability to meet the unique needs of their community. Join us to build skills and comfort with all those acronyms and complex things going on within the agency. After completing this training, participants will be able to:

- Explore key financial documents and information.
- Set a vision and strategies for agency success through strategic planning.
- Identify the board's role in policy development.
- Determine key performance indicators for a variety of housing program

### **Round Tables**

As always, we have "Round Table Discussions" on Wednesday Afternoon where all your questions are sure to be answered! If you have never been to our round table, it's a "do not miss" event! You will most definitely learn something.

### **Wednesday Evening Hospitality Room**

Come and enjoy networking, drinks, and laughs on Wednesday after Round Tables, at approximately 5:00.

### **Thursday Evening Hospitality – Hosted by PRC**

MHDA has reserved the Crystal Coaster Alpine Slide for two hours of laughs! Come and enjoy a mountain of fun including a beautiful ski lift ride bursting with breathtaking fall colors before taking a ride filled with excitement! MHDA will also host the much-anticipated 50/50 raffle drawing! Cash in your drink tickets and share a wonderful, fun-filled evening with friends and colleagues!

**Come join us for another informative and memorable Conference!**

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Blocked rooms have been set aside until September 9, 2024. Please enter the following link to see reservations options and reserve accommodations:

<https://reservations.guestdesk.com/sites/CrystalMountain/?checkin=10/9/2024&checkout=10/11/2024&group=46N1TF#/room>

or

Members can call (855) 520-2974, ask for reservations, and mention **46N1TF** to get conference discount! A credit card is required to confirm registration.

**RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2024  
SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**