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## HUD Peer to Peer Conference

ICAA Members Key to Making HUD Peer-to-Peer Conference Happen

For the eighth consecutive year, ICAA and the Chicago HUD Regional Office are collaborating to produce the HUD Peer-to-Peer Homeless Provider Conference on September 13-14. This year the conference will be held in Collinsville and Community Action is the key force making the event happen.

As you know, ICAA staffers Al Timke and Sara Ratcliffe are responsible for coordination and planning for the event. But community action involvement goes beyond that. For the second year, David Harrison of Madison County Community Development has been a key participant on the advisory panel that helps to determine what topics will be addressed and who the speakers will be. David has been especially useful this year since the conference takes place on his home turf in Madison County. He has been able to identify several local speakers and agency tour sites that will add considerable depth to the conference offerings. As it turns out, David chairs the Board of Directors for one of the tour agencies, Good Samaritan House. David and Walter Hunter have also served as liaisons to help bring Madison County Board Chair Alan Dunstan to the opening session to welcome conferees from across the state.



*McFarland Bragg welcomes attendees at last year's Peer to Peer Conference in Peoria*

In St. Clair County, it would have been difficult to function without the personable and resourceful Beverly Evansco of the St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department (SCCIGD) Community Action Agency. As coordinator of the St. Clair County Continuum of Care, Beverly has been an invaluable local connection for identifying local workshop speakers and tour sites. Beverly was also able to help us find program clients who were willing to participate in the conference's ever-popular Consumer Panel which gives conferees a chance to learn directly from the people they serve. SCCIGD Executive Director Alice Jackson was able to bring St. Clair County Board Chair Mark Kern to speak at the opening session. She was also helpful to ICAA's John Colgan in bringing State Rep. Wyvetter Younge to provide the opening keynote address for the conference. Representative Younge

is the Assistant Majority Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives.

Will County Center for Community Concerns (WCCCC) will co-present a session entitled "Law Enforcement and Continuums of Care: A Great Partnership" with a representative from the Joliet Police Department. Maureen Pool, Will County Continuum of Care Coordinator, will represent WCCCC.

Community Action will also offer a workshop on rural housing development at the Peer-to-Peer Conference. The presenters include the Illinois Community Action Development Corporation's Don Harris, Dan Little with MCS Community services, and Rob Schroeder with Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Corporation. Rural housing development is an area where Community Action has become a trend-setter.

ICAA's membership network always provides the Association with a distinct advantage in working with nonprofit organizations that serve low-income people. Having that local relationship allows ICAA to connect with communities making training, technical assistance, and other activities more relevant. At the same time, ICAA's statewide and national connections empower ICAA members, other nonprofits organizations, and low-income families.



# Public Board Manual

While the ICAA Board training is underway, the need to address the uniqueness of public boards has become apparent. The current ICAA board manual and the supplemental training are directed at non profit boards and the legal and social responsibility of board members. In contrast, public boards function in an advisory capacity and do not have the same legal obligations. Nonetheless, these boards do have a responsibility to be engaged and knowledgeable of the CAA's programs so that they can provide adequate recommendations on policies and programs.

A mini taskforce met in August to examine the board manual to make recommendations on how to customize it for public CAA boards. The committee consisted of George Davis, Executive Director of Rockford Human Services Department, Sharmin Doering, Executive Director of Sangamon County Department of Community Resources, Gina Strafford, CSBG coordinator for DuPage County, Michael Ayers, consultant and ICAA staff. A first draft of the public board manual was completed and provided to the taskforce for comments.

Any agency interested in viewing the draft and providing their suggestions should contact Michelle Pulce for a copy of the manual. The manual should be available by the ICAA Winter meeting. Public CAPs who have not scheduled training for their board should wait until the manual is completed.

## ***Time to Schedule Board Training***

**Training:** Minimum of 2 hours; it can be customized to areas requested by board.

Board members will receive a copy of the ICAA board manual for future reference

**Cost:** Approximately \$1,000 if agency does not request Michael Ayers or need two trainers for the size of the group. The cost also depends on the travel expenses for the CAA trainer. If Michael Ayers is requested or two trainers are needed the cost will be no more than \$2,150.

**Time:** Flexible - evening, weekends, or during the week day

**Contact:** Michelle Pulce at 217-789-0125 to schedule training

## FOD and FCD Photographs Still Available!

Photographs from Families of Distinction and the FCD graduation are available for purchase. These pictures, taken by Springfield area professional photographer Danny Flynn, are \$16.00 for an 8 x 10 and \$11 for a 5 x 7. Please let Christine Westerlund know as soon as possible if you need copies.

## FCD Specialist Training Dates for 2006

Planning is underway for the Fall 2006 FCD Specialist Training. This session will be the roll-out of the blended curriculum – 8 days in the Classroom and 4 units on-line, utilizing the University of Illinois – Springfield on-line website. The dates for the training are: October 30 – November 2 and December 4-7. Thanks to a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services, we are offering a tuition reduction – the cost of the training is \$290.

CEDA is hosting the training at their Head Start center in Orland Park. Watch your inbox for registration forms and hotel information. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Got questions? Call Christine at 217/789-0125.

*Save the Date!*

The Illinois Community Action Association  
Winter Membership Conference  
December 11-12, 2006

Embassy Suites Lakefront  
511 N. Columbus Dr.  
Chicago, Illinois  
312-836-5900  
(rooms \$139 - single, \$159 - double)

*\* Room Block Expires Friday, November 17, 2006 \**



# Peer-to-Peer Homeless Provider Conference

September 13-14, 2006  
Holiday Inn, Collinsville, Illinois

Workshop Tracks: Homeless Services (HS)  
Housing Development and Management (HDM)  
Continuum of Care Issues (CoC)

## Wednesday, September 13

8:30am-9:15am Registration & Continental Breakfast

### 9:15am-10:15am Opening Session

- Joe Galvan, HUD Regional Director, Chicago
- Ray Willis, Community Planning and Development Director, Chicago
- Dalitso Sulamoyo, President/CEO, Illinois Community Action Assoc.
- Rep. Wyvetter Younge, East St. Louis

### 10:15-10:30am Break

### 10:30-11:30am Breakout Sessions

- HS Consumer Panel
- HDM Universal Design and Persons with Disabilities
- HS Social Entrepreneurship

### 11:30am-1:00pm Lunch on your own

### 1:00-2:00pm Breakout Sessions

- HS Consumer Panel
- HDM Eviction Prevention
- CoC Prisoner Release into the Shelter System

### 2:00-2:15pm Break

### 2:15-3:45pm Breakout Sessions

- HS Framework for Understanding Poverty
- HDM Layered Financing
- CoC HUD Technical Issues

### 3:45-4:00pm Break

### 4:00-5:00pm General Session

Nan Roman, President, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, DC

### 5:30-7:00pm Reception

### 7:30pm Dinner on your own

## Thursday, September 14

### 7:30-8:00am Continental Breakfast

### 8:00-9:00am General Session

Illinois Rental Housing Support Program Implementation - Illinois Housing Development Authority

### 9:00am-9:15am Break

### 9:15am-11:30am Tours (descriptions in brochure)

#### Tour Registration:

The tours run concurrently. Only sign up for one. Registration limited to the first 30 people to register for each tour.

- Call for Help Jobe Center & the Family Living Center
- Bethany Place & Chestnut Health Systems Fairview Heights HUD III Supervised Living
- Theodoro Place Apartments & Good Samaritan House & Chestnut Health Systems Mainstay Center

### 9:15-10:15am Breakout Sessions

- HS Harm Reduction Approaches in Permanent Supportive Housing
- HDM Eviction Prevention
- HS Social Entrepreneurship

### 10:15-10:30am Break

### 10:30-11:30am Breakout Sessions

- HS Harm Reduction Approaches in Permanent Supportive Housing
- HDM Housing Development in Rural Areas
- HS Clients with Disabilities, Information and Referral and Advocacy

### 11:30am-12:30pm Lunch on your own

### 12:30-2:00pm Breakout Sessions

- HS Making it Work: Coordinating Clinical Care and Housing
- HDM Collaborative Supportive Housing
- CoC Crisis Intervention Teams/Law Enforcement and Continuum of Care: a Great Partnership

### 2:15pm-2:30pm

### Closing Remarks

## \* Registration Required \*

Registration brochure and form are available at [www.icaanet.org](http://www.icaanet.org)

## Hotel Information

### Holiday Inn Collinsville

1000 Eastport Plaza, Collinsville, IL 62234  
618-345-2800 or 800-551-5133

## \* Room Block expires on September 5 \*

Room rates are \$69.95/single and \$79.95/double + 11% tax, call 618-345-2800 or 800-551-5133 for reservations under the HUD Peer-to-Peer block.

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