

**Western Pennsylvania Housing Directors Association
Meeting Minutes**

April 26, 2011

**Holiday Inn Indiana PA
1395 Wayne Ave. & Rt. 422
Indiana, PA 15701**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve Bucklew in Ms. Straw's absence at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the April meeting at the Holiday Inn Indiana PA.

The minutes were read and approved as written. Motion by Ms. Rose Smith, Second by Ms. Sandy McGuire. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hall gave the Treasurer's Report for March.

- Reviewed the account balance as of the end of March; there is \$55,319.89 in the PNC account and \$30,327.11 in the CD at Citizens Bank for a total of \$85,647.00.
- Mr. Hall also noted that all Membership Dues have been collected.

Mr. Bill Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and the second was made by Mr. Carl DeChellis. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Report of Committees:

Training:

- The Accounting Seminar was held April 20-21 at the Chestnut Ridge Resort in Blairsville with Jack Blosky as the presenter. Feedback so far from those who attended has been positive.
- July 13-14 will be a seminar for housing staff. Day One will be REAC and Day Two will be on HQS Inspections.
- In October we will have a two day hands-on maintenance training that will focus on electrical and plumbing issues. This training will be repeated so that Authorities will have the opportunity to send all of their maintenance staff.

The May 24th meeting will be at the Clarion Holiday Inn in Clarion, PA and the topic will be our annual Director's Roundtable.

There will be no meeting in June.

July 26th we will meet in Indiana at the Holiday Inn. The speaker will be a representative from the PA State Ethics Commission. **Please note that this meeting will begin an hour earlier at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at noon. Lunch will be served immediately following the meeting.**

Steve mentioned that the officers are working on a revision to the By-laws. The revised by-laws will be mailed out in July along with a ballot. The announcement as to the decision will be made at the August meeting.

Other Business:

There was no other business at this time.

New Business:

Steve introduced Tom Harkless, Executive Director of the Fayette County Housing Authority. Tom introduced Debbie Gross and Jean Pugh from UCOMP.

UCOMP has developed a sister plan, UCARE to address the healthcare needs of housing and redevelopment authorities in the Western part of the State. UCARE was created through a partnership between the Municipal Employee's and Authorities Benefits Trust (MEABT) and the Delaware Valley Municipal Management Association (DVMMA). They are currently partnering with EATNA as their healthcare provider, which has been an issue for those who are in the northern part of the state. However, EATNA is now negotiating with UPMC so it may be beneficial in the future for those authorities who currently cannot take advantage of the offer.

Jean Pugh then introduced Steve Fallon from the Insurance Buyers Council who discussed Healthcare Reform.

Anyone interested in obtaining quote for health insurance should contact Steve Fallon at sfallon@consultibc.com (410-666-0500 X224), or Rick Lee at ree@dvit.com (267-781-0610). Debbie Gross and Jean Pugh are also can also be contacted to come out to your authority to talk with your staff. Jean can be reached at (717-2369469 #256).

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Carl DeChellis, second by Ms. Rose Smith.

**Next Meeting: May 24, 2011 at the Clarion Holiday Inn
 This will be our annual Director's Roundtable**

Respectfully Submitted:

Dusti Dennis
Secretary