

Jim Wagenlander, UNAHA Attorney, gave an update on competitive grant appropriation process. This region took the lead and as a result, two years ago money was allocated under the same rules, but distributed in a different manner. This money is appropriated for competitive grants without any authorization. NAHASDA is still not reauthorized. The funding will be \$100 million each year for two years. We don't know if Randy Akers is going to be able to talk about the intent and expectation of this money. There is an intent for another \$100 million. HUD has not published the rules. There is 35 recipients of the \$100 million. We will see what the basis was for award of this money. We continue to draw attention to this issue. Dave is going to talk about reauthorization. Language placed in the legislation has impact. I am going to step aside and let Dave talk.

Dave Heisterkamp, UNAHA Attorney – One Bill is 4029 McKinney and Denny Hecht Congress 5319 – Proposed bill - Reauthorization of NAHASDA 2019.

New Congress and new staff. We won't see the 30% rule go anywhere. Staff and Congress had not highlighted that bill.

Tribe has to have need and capacity to meet criteria on Need & Capacity competitive grants. NAHASDA IHBG appropriations are still flatlined – some Tribes are still holding more than three years of grant funding, would have their grant cut off. To Congress it looks like there is a lot of money out there -- \$400 million in pipeline belongs to just one Tribe.

Competitive grant is in proposed bill, 30% rule is missing, VASH is a permanent authorization, This office did a lot of work on VASH. They are proposing reauthorizing Native Hawaiian's. NAHASDA, which hasn't been reauthorized since 2008.

Senator Lee from Utah opposed Hawaiian IHBG, it only takes one Senator to oppose a bill. House and Senate voted to authorize \$100 million for additional Need & Capacity Grants. There is supposed to be more emphasis on need. House said it should be given to people with need. Nobody knows if it will continue beyond 2021 at \$100 million. All of you in UNAHA need to continue to fight for future Need & Capacity grant appropriations.

Bob – To me the hurdle that presents us is we need to do a better job in showing need. We need to articulate the actual need in our Region, based on poverty numbers.

Is House bill 5319 subject to Negotiated Rulemaking? Formula doesn't do an adequate job on showing need.

HR 5319 has language that would include a set aside for USDA. There is an attempt to say you can blend IHS money with NAHASDA?

Randy Akers, HUD ONAP – How many Tribes or TDHE's applied in this Region for Need & Capacity Grants?

Who scored them?

Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Programs and Hilary Atkins from her staff will be here later.

Legislative – There is a one hour time set aside for updates on NAIHC Agenda.
HR 5319 elevates HUD position to HUD Assistant Secretary instead of Deputy Assistant Secretary.

Jim W. – The only bill for reauthorization passed is on the House side. The Senate bill won't pass due to the Hawaiian issue.

Gary Cooper, NAIHC Chairman is still in a meeting next door.

NAIHC

Legal conference will be here in December 2020.

Annual will be in Seattle in May with AMERIND.

Legislative is in February in Washington DC.

2021 Annual in Hawaii

Crime Prevention summit in February in Denver.

Patrick Goggles, Region V NAIHC Board of Directors

Much of NAIHC budget increase comes from training monies.

Tony Walters- NAIHC Director

With Jody's background with finance they have taken policies to the next level.

2CFR – Our work at the national level

Administrative Report

Bob Gauthier, – For administrative we have the Boot Camp, we need something for the blue collar people. They need an array of training in plumbing and electrical. Repairing the homes and taking care of them. This is a good argument for Maintenance Council.

Region III and Region V

They don't have the baggage like working on trust land

It starts at agency level. Discussion on length of time it takes for TSR

Bob is going to scan and send the documents.

Tony Walters- NAIHC

We will be working on advocacy and the training and technical assistance.

Next year the Training and technical assistance will expand to on line courses.

Prospective Homebuyers.

We are going to try to put all our courses online in 2020.

One course Indian Housing Management.

Crime Prevention is in February

Housing Summit in San Diego in March

Legislative Conference in DC in February

There is 755 million dollars in appropriations.

AMERIND

Lafe Haugen – Derek Valdo has been with AMERIND for 20 years and has been CEO for past seven years.

Derek Valdo

AMERIND has a lot of different things going on. Section 17 – Diversifying Core Program – IHBG

1st 3/4 of the year 11 1/2 million dollars in premium

Claims were 12 1/2 million - \$1.18

Investment income sustained our loss

60% costs of inflation adjustment

There are six other companies within AMERIND Risk, we can't cross budgets.

We collected \$1 and paid out \$.79

We added financial strength

We have \$140 million in the bank

\$80 million is free and clear

One of the things is we invested. Derek discussed other investments.

Derek said we have to buy reinsurance.

\$.85 of every dollar is claims submitted by you all. \$400 million paid in premiums. \$525 million paid out.

NPONAP update

Randy Akers -I would like to update you on the Competitive IHBG, but I can't.

1. My boss, Heidi Freschette will be addressing many of your questions.

2. Congressional Release process

Need for housing funding is a big deal, don't let it be lost. UNAHA has been a strong advocate of need. I was over in Nebraska a week ago.

Chairman Wright asked for pre disaster mitigation planning. FEMA has a tribal set aside.

\$20 million dollars Contact Carol Garcia Region III.

Omaha Tribe Farm Laborer Housing Grant \$3 million dollars through RD

Development of Affordable Housing Units and Operating Subsidy.

Tribal VASH

Blackfeet set aside – 20 units for veterans – Title VI.

Rosebud is also going to have 15 units under VASH

NPONAP Staff – In 2000 we had 26 folks now we have 12. Cheryl Cozad – Program Assistant for 30 years recently retired.

Formula IHBG submitted in October we are finalizing our reviews.

Accepting any request for interim IHBG funding. SF-425- encouraging HA to submit under EPIC. EPIC hour conference call every Thursday.

December 30th

ICDBG – HUD NOFA – two year maximum grant 1,500,000

Grant appropriations January 9 & 10

Grants Evaluation – Amber Hunter promoted to Grants Evaluation Director

Two new folks – Yvonne Perez – came from Veterans

Randall Nelson

APR – December 29, - 3/31
APR's in EPIC
Annual Audits - \$750,000 due 9 months after year end

New regulations don't require submission to HUD

On site monitoring – Tribes will be notified

Training and Technical Assistance – We will be working with UNAHA
184 – Maximum loan limits are applicable
Headquarters is consulting with Tribes.
Environmental Review update – HEROES
Check out CODETALK Website

Training/Technical Assistance
These folks put in a tremendous amount of time.

Bob G– “They worked with Jim and Dave on two occasions.
Patrick – Hearth Act – The Tribes consider this a major impediment
Hearth Act is now seven years old.

We are leasing on trust land and we put in a request to NAIHC. We want to know the components and requirements. We need to talk about that and get it going.

Training for Maintenance and Occupancy Council. What are the challenges in maintenance?
We are going to have it in February or early March.
Occupancy gathering in October was held in Billings, Mt. Very Successful

Two hour presentation on a contemporary meth study from an IHS person from the Great Lakes.
Hysteria about using dawn dish soap for cleanup.
California has a 1.5 level.
William Krump – IHS 100 times the standard
Rod Trahan – Northern Cheyenne

UNAHA is a catalyst for AMERIND
USDA has 13 housing programs
We sent out invoices or membership dues
We have three really good meetings each year.
We near finished with the \$300,000 Community Compass Grant

2020- New Construction
Boot Camp
Linda Retka provided an update of NAIHC Training plans for 2020.

Enterprise Grant update.

Tribal Leaders Guide to Tribal Lending was published by Federal Reserve.

NAHASDA never included the COLA that Public Housing gets for operating subsidy. We need to remember that and remind Congress.

UNAHA is focused on trying to help new Directors

Charmel McClure Sternick officially resigned

We are going to be filling that position. Twenty three members filled out the annual UNAHA survey/

Rent Survey – December 8, 2019
Salary and Unit Information

Old Business

Bob – I don't think it would be a bad idea for you and Jim and Dave to talk about the evolution of the organization. We made an effort to ask HUD. We (Wagenlander and Heisterkamp) have developed a very good relationship with UNAHA through the years.

UNAHA represent tribes that don't have a voice. OK, AK and CA, they all have strong voices. Alaska has strong leadership. We need to develop new strategy.

JasonAdams – We can go there now, we are trying to put side bars on the appropriations. That's not FAKE news. We have the poorest Tribes' in the country in our region. Of course, the resolution didn't pass.

Dave – Since they changed that there was a lot of interesting theories. Fast forward, Pinky Crawford notice on the LIHC became an issue. Seven different regional or national organizations. Alaska traveled to DC to meeting with the LIHC staff. Of course, they did sign on to the letter.

Rebecca K. – The letter sent by LIHC, isn't about us. Discussion on need and capacity. There is a need.

Bob – It is kind of a telling moment.

Jason – That needs to be said in the letter.

Gary Cooper will be here this afternoon. Discussion on the decisions made by the board. She would want to mention that. This is not a UNAHA thing, it is a poor Indian thing.

What those things lead to is moving money. HUD steps in and moves money.

Sylvia – One of the striking things about the letter, the letter said to send your letter. NAIHC is not your sovereign voice.

Diane Yentel NLIHC President stated in her letter that this is a NLIHC opinion.

Rebecca – It is a serious issue, it does not promote, endorse or advocate this position. It leaves a misimpression when it is on NAIHC letterhead. Take a position to retract. Dave discussed the letters.

Sharon and Stuart sent a letter.

Stuart – How do we go forward from here? At the meeting in Denver there was discussion on what Gary had done. There was really nothing other than that.

Rebecca discussed the NAIHC by-laws.

Jason- One of the concerns, we have again another reason that the organization would be violated.

Dave – They must think you are pretty powerful, they hit back pretty hard. The Competitive NOFA should come out in early January. They are talking about infrastructure and development. 90 day review out of the national office. Allocation of money as soon as May.

It will be based on capacity and no open audit findings. 1st 100 million was in 18, new congress comes in, they are still working on 19. \$200 million to go out in next year. Look for another funding cycle. If it works look at the possibility of it continuing.

Stuart – Remind HQ when they put something out, I don't want the process to repeat itself. It shouldn't be 1st come 1st serve.

Terri – 150 vacant units. They want to see stuff built. We have a number of old units; the formula is setting idle. The 30% rule – set flat rents. LIHC protested the 30% rule. 30% rule works differently in Indian Country. Indian country is not trying to charge more money.

Bob – 30% rule, PIH and Section VIII, have a different effect in Indian country. Heidi and her staff were surprised to get the comments that they got. It is important to get comments from everywhere.

Continuing consultation.

Dave – Bob's prediction is that the 184 rules are they are making it is an alternative to FHA.

Jason-As far as UNAHA knows there hasn't been a deadline. Do we want to comment on the little bit that is out there or wait for the whole picture? Dave- Jason is right it was an incentive for trust land.

Jason – Our position is that we don't want to comment on the regulations until there is more.

Bob – We had begged lenders to lend on trust land, 20% of the loans are on trust land. More discussion on 184.

Jason – We want it broke into 3 programs.

New Business

Bob – Training Update- We have 2 boot camps scheduled. It is going to be for new E D's. It is going to be like a degree in Indian Housing. 4 1/2 day course, the agenda has been approved.

Self – governance program- Thanks largely to Katie. June 28th – productive tools. 1st one at Lakewood, CO for Board members, new staff and Tribal council. Not much money went out of the Region.

Bruce and JC are here. JC – we are working with 9 Tribes. We hope to have 100 units built under the efforts of the grant.

Bob – What are we paying our maintenance men? UNAHA will be sending out a survey on wages. We will be getting an average of every position. We have 34 members, and this will be an average. New training survey will come out. Bob, Myrna and Charmel are the administrators for UNAHA. We want to do a pretty robust newsletter.

One of the things is Terry Red Fox has been with UNAHA 35 years. He has 3 years with HUD and after 8 years he went back to work for the Tribe.

Bob – The younger people need to step up.

NAIHC Report

Stuart I was at the meeting yesterday, Jason was at meeting at strategic planning document. NAIHC is working on legislative committee on potentially getting NAHASDA reauthorized. Tony Walters – Stuart is the Region III representative, it is always good to see the Regions come together. We will be conducting that hopefully by the end of this month.

Stuart -Does anyone have issues with Tony there is going to be an evaluation and that will go into the evaluation?

Blackfeet made a motion to approve Council on Maintenance and Occupancy Summits and recognizing both. 2nd by Sisseton Wahpeton. All in favor.

Northern Arapahoe made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Blackfeet. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.