



## MNPCHA 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**November 23 & 24, 2016**

Manitoba's Largest Housing Conference

Mark these dates on your calendar. You don't want to miss the conference of the year.

Check [www.mnpcha.com](http://www.mnpcha.com) for updates.

Volunteers needed. Contact Laurie Socha, Conference Chair at 204-946-3600

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### UPDATES

We have some exciting things to update members about for the month of March:



Executive Director



The Board of Directors are excited to announce the hiring of Chris Rootsart. Chris will be starting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Chris has a real passion for housing and has been with Ten Ten Sinclair Housing Inc. for six years, with the last four years as the Housing Coordinator. I know Ten Ten is sad to see him go, but I know he will heighten the awareness for all of us on accessibility and visitability. Chris will be anxious to get to know our members and to help connect us all in the work that we do.

***Please welcome Chris to MNPCHA.***

SAVE THE DATE – November 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### ***Manitoba's Largest Housing Conference***

This year's conference has an exciting new format

- Local content. We will celebrate and feature work happening in our Province
- Larger trade show featuring companies that provide services to the non-profit housing sector
- Six education sessions in a variety of subjects
- Awards luncheon on Wednesday celebrating leadership in our industry
- Wednesday Reception "Grazer Style" from 4:30 to 6:00pm. Your evening is now free to enjoy!
- Thursday morning MNPCHA Annual General Meeting
- Thursday Youth lunch plenary and so much more!



## Education Sessions

### **Non-Profit Housing Manager Exchange – April & May**

This exclusive course for MNPHA members only is group coaching for ED's and General Managers

Rhonda Lorch from Lorch & Associates will lead the 4 sessions. A small group provides a safe space where you can discuss the challenges, frustrations and celebrations of managing a non-profit housing facility with other managers who often have the same concerns as you. Participation in the exchange will include brainstorming solutions and practical ways of dealing with common problems, sharing best practices and supporting one another to work through issues. Plus you will take away some great resources, templates and tools to use in your workplace.

Held at the Fort Rouge Leisure Centre, 625 Osborne Street, Winnipeg, the sessions will run from 9am to 12pm, Wednesday April 6, 20 and May 4 and 18, 2016. Go to [www.mnpha.com](http://www.mnpha.com) to register. Limited to 12 participants.



### Results of End of Operating Survey Session **April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch included**

The Institute of Urban Studies, University of Winnipeg was contracted by MNPHA to undertake research on the End of Operating Agreements (EOA) in Manitoba. This was made possible from a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation and funding from Manitoba Housing. The ultimate goal of the project is to assist social housing providers in Manitoba plan and prepare for the end of their individual agreements, to strengthen each provider's capacity, and to increase their sustainability. The primary intended outcome is the development of a comprehensive 'training' program or tool that can be used to assist individual providers with the creation of individualized plans for EOA.

#### **Results – Phase 1**

The Institute sent out 203 surveys to housing providers in December and received 85 completed surveys, constituting a 42% response rate.

Join Scott McCullough and Sarah Zell for the detailed response and what this means for next steps. We will also have some roundtable discussion and a networking lunch.

This session will be held at Riverside Lions Estates, 180 Worthington Avenue, Winnipeg. Lunch is included and there is no cost for this session thanks to sponsorship from Assiniboine Credit Union and CMHC. You must pre-register to attend. Please go to [www.mnpha.com](http://www.mnpha.com) to register for this upcoming session.

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## Rights to Housing



### Help Build Social Housing in Manitoba!

Join the Right to Housing Coalition for an Election Rally to call on all candidates to invest in social and affordable housing.

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 11am

**Where:** Manitoba Legislature

Swing by at 10:45 to help set up a display of 300 figurative units of housing.

For more information visit [www.righttohousing.ca](http://www.righttohousing.ca)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder to look for your 2016-17 MNPHA renewal form which will be coming out before the end of March. If you have any questions in regards to your membership, please don't hesitate to call our office or email us at [admin@mnpha.com](mailto:admin@mnpha.com). Remember that your membership helps to build our Association and strengthen our sector.

### MNPHA Membership gives you:

- Discounted registration fee for annual housing conference
- Discounted rates for educational sessions provided throughout the year
- Receive regular email blasts with up to date information on housing issues
- Website resources for member only section
- Exclusive education sessions offered to MNPHA members only
- Quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date
- Opportunities to network with other housing providers
- Discounts on products and services from our Associate members
- Exclusive offers to MNPHA members only
- Member run association allows for members to vote and participate in the Annual General Meetings
- Involvement in a variety of MNPHA committees to help shape the future of the association

With the variety of housing providers spanning across our province, it is important that our organizations collaborate to share our knowledge, brainstorm through challenges and celebrate our successes. We can all benefit in coming together with a united voice. We are all stronger when we work together. Become a member and make MNPHA your Association.

## CHRA CONGRESS – APRIL 12 TO 14 IN MONTREAL



**CHRA's National Congress on Housing and Homelessness** is a one of kind event, providing an exceptional opportunity to learn, network and engage with a growing body of Canadian and international practitioners, policy makers, front line workers, government officials and key stakeholders from across the affordable housing and homelessness sector.

Congress 2016 in Montreal will convene over 750 delegates for four days of professional development and engagement – offering a unique program of over 40 workshops, plenary sessions, social events, mobile tours, keynotes and more, to meet the needs and interests of our members and participants.

### OTHER NEWS

- The Assiniboine Credit Union (ACU) approached the Board of MNPHA with an exclusive grant program for MNPHA members. The Board agreed on the program. Watch for the details of the program in April.
- The Board is working on securing a working relationship with a benefit company to not only provide benefits for MNPHA's Executive Director but a program members could take advantage of. More details will follow in the next few months.

### NEWSLETTER OR EDUCATION IDEAS

If you have any ideas for the newsletter or submissions you would like us to include, please email us your information. If your project is having a celebration or has some good news or tips to share, we want to hear from you. We also would like ideas for education sessions.

### MNPHA – CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or comments, ideas or want more information about MNPHA, don't hesitate to contact us at [admin@mnpha.com](mailto:admin@mnpha.com) or 204-797-6746 or toll free 1-844-799-6746.