**TEXAS HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

**General Session Minutes**

**August 16th, 2016**

President Cal Davis called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

President Cal Davis recognized new board members serving on the board and the regional organizations.

**MINUTES**

Beth Niemi, with the Denison Housing Authority, made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 18th, 2015 general session meeting. Jeanette Castaneda, with the Midland County Housing Authority, seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT PRESENTED BY ROBBY CROW**

Robert Crowpresented the financial statement. The report is on a cash basis and will not reflect all the money coming in through conference. Treasurer Crow stated that THA has been doing well. THA had $71,000 in net income last year and funded the scholarship reserve fund. This had been estimated to take four years to fully fund. 2015 was one of THA’s best years ever. Arnold Padilla, with the McAllen Housing Authority, moved to approve said report; Rudy Ramírez, with the Edinburg Housing Authority, seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by all.

**TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL ANNUAL REPORT**

Jeff Thompson, Deputy Executive Director of TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool, presented the Annual Report to the members. This has been a very busy year with claims for TML. Hail had hit every area of Texas in degrees that had never been experienced before. Some communities were hit multiple times. There were 13 separate events over $1,000,000 each. There was a lot of flooding and a high frequency of claims. TML hopes not to have repeat years such as this. If you have issues with your claim, please get on the phone with your adjuster to help resolve the issues. There have been unscrupulous contractors trying to take advantage of the situation.

Rate changes for the year

Workman’s Compensation: 0%

General Liability: +10%

Public Officials Liability: -10%

Automobile Liability: +10%

Property: +10%

Cyber Liability and Data Breach coverage is a new addition to the coverage offered. TML appreciates the business and told PHAs to "thank your neighbor as TML is a collective trust."

**TEXAS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL**

Wes Drury presented information regarding “A Second Chance – Developing a sustainable, scalable, replicable model for re-entry & re-integration”. Texas Workforce Commission is the official workforce organization of Texas. There are eight state agencies within it.

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS RECOGNIZED BY CAL DAVIS**

The committee awarded four scholarships at $4,000 each to the following recipients:

Brittney Dube – San Antonio

Kara Pohl - Yoakum

Landon Rafay - Bartlett

Elizabeth Ramirez – Brownsville

**TRAINING COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED**

THA had a good year with well attended trainings. Cal Davis recognized the THA volunteer trainers, Cal Davis, Cristi LaJeunesse, JoAnn Rodriguez, and Naomi Byrne. Special recognition was given to trainer MaryAnn Russ.

**YEAR IN REVIEW BY CAL DAVIS**

President Cal Davis provided a summary of the “big”changes to hit our industry in 2016.

**THE THIRD ANNUAL THA CERTIFICATIONS**

Certifications were awarded by JoAnn Rodriguez to the following:

**Texas Certified Housing Administrator - Public Housing**

AMBER COOK (Colorado City Housing Authority)

ARKITA DOWELL (Malakoff Housing Authority)

STAN DULANEY (Gladewater Housing Authority)

BEVERLY HADEN (Tatum Housing Authority)

MELISSA HANCE (Alba/Van Housing Authority)

CRISTI LAJEUNESSE (Kenedy/Beeville Housing Authority, et al)

KERRY MAGEE (Gatesville Housing Authority)

JO MCCARTY (Mineola Housing Authority)

SUSAN MOONEY (Beckville Housing Authority)

CINDI NICHOLAS (Avery/Clarksville Housing Authority)

JULIA RICHARDSON (Granbury Housing Authority)

LORI SARVIS (Yoakum Housing Authority)

DENYCE SCOTT (Anson Housing Authority)

MELISSA SOLIZ (Beeville Housing Authority)

RANDY WATTERWORTH (Bartlett Housing Authority)

STACY WINDHAM (Center Housing Authority)

**Texas Certified Housing Administrator - Housing Choice Voucher**

BEVERLY HADEN (Tatum Housing Authority)

CRISTI LAJEUNESSE (Kenedy/Beeville Housing Authority et al)

SUSAN MOONEY (Beckville Housing Authority)

LUIS RIOS, JR. (Starr County Housing Authority)

MELISSA SOLIZ (Beeville Housing Authority)

JOEL TABAR (San Antonio Housing Authority

**Texas Certified Occupancy Professional - Public Housing**

LINDA BEGGS (Haskell Housing Authority)

HEATHER CANTU (Haskell Housing Authority)

TERESA CRAWFORD (Trinidad Housing Authority)

DEBORAH DOSS (Kemp Housing Authority)

ARKITA DOWELL (Malakoff Housing Authority)

VONNECIA HAYES (Center Housing Authority)

CECILIA PRIETO (Round Rock Housing Authority)

JULIA RICHARDSON (Granbury Housing Authority)

LUIS RIOS, JR. (Starr County Housing Authority)

CASSANDRA ROBINSON (Killeen Housing Authority)

LUCIA RODRIGUEZ (Killeen Housing Authority)

JOANNE SERRANO (Travis County Housing Authority)

SHERI SIMPSON (Granbury Housing Authority)

TRICIA TAYLOR (Beeville Housing Authority)

STACY WINDHAM (Center Housing Authority)

**Texas Certified Occupancy Professional - Housing Choice Voucher**

JESSICA CARDENAS (Gonzales Housing Authority)

CARISSA CORPUS (Gonzales Housing Authority)

DIANA GUERRA (Odessa Housing Authority)

CECILIA PRIETO (Round Rock Housing Authority)

CASSANDRA ROBINSON (Killeen Housing Authority)

LUCIA RODRIGUEZ (Killeen Housing Authority)

JOANNA SOLIZ (Beeville Housing Authority)

TRICIA TAYLOR (Beeville Housing Authority)

**MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING AWARDS**

The Out of the Box awards were presented as follows:

Small – Denison Housing Authority – POOF (Pictures of our family) project

Large – Baytown Housing Authority – Fraud: You can make a difference

Naomi Byrne presented the The Above and Beyond HUD awards for 2016 to:

Fort Worth Field Office – Garrett Sauve

Houston Field Office – Rita Vaz

San Antonio Field Office – Tom Romero

Meeting adjourned at 11:56.

Submitted by Cristi LaJeunesse, Secretary