

Fair Housing Matters: The Challenges of Housing Access in a Racially Divided Nation During COVID-19

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 1:00 to 4:05 PM EDT, via Zoom

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- 1:00 PM - 1:05 PM: **Welcoming Remarks by IAOHRA President Robin Toma**
- 1:05 PM - 1:25 PM: **Remarks by HUD FHEO Assistant Secretary Anna María Farías**
- 1:25 PM - 1:30 PM: **Remarks by HUD FHAP Director Joseph Pelletier**
- 1:30 PM - 2:20 PM: **Unique Fair Housing Issues Presented by COVID-19**
- Moderator:**
Paul Valenti, Pinellas County (FL) Office of Human Rights
- Panelists:**
Professor Michael Seng, UIC John Marshall School of Law
Michael Allen, Esq., Relman Colfax, LLC
Amy Nelson, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana
- 2:20 PM - 3:10 PM: **Best Agency Practices in the Age of Pandemic**
- Moderator:**
Melody Taylor, HUD Regional Director/NFHTA Senior Advisor
- Panelists:**
Jeffrey May, International Development & Planning, LLC
Steve Tomkowiak, Esq., Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit
Akita Smith-Evans, DC Office of Human Rights
- 3:10 PM - 4:00 PM: **Fair Housing & COVID-19 as seen through Race and Gender Equity Lenses**
- Moderator:**
Jean Kelleher, Alexandria (VA) Office of Human Rights
- Panelists:**
Stella Adams, SJ Adams Consulting
Lisa Rice, National Fair Housing Alliance
Megan K. Whyte de Vasquez, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice
- 4:00 PM - 4:05 PM **Re-Introduction of National Fair Housing Training Academy**
Melody Taylor, HUD Regional Director/NFHTA Senior Advisor
- 4:05 PM **Close by IAOHRA President Toma**