

# THE OREGON AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Annual Affordable Housing Conference

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The Riverhouse Convention Center, Bend, Oregon

## Meet Our Presenters!

### **Clint Arp, Finnmark Property Services**

Clint is the Director of Renovations at Finnmark Property Services. Clint has more than 25 years of emergency response and management experience. Along with his extensive field experience, Clint draws from schooling and training which include specialized rescue training, hazardous materials technician training, Applied Structural Drying, Fire / Smoke Restoration, and Odor Control. Clint also holds a Fire/Science degree, Firefighter Level 2 Certification, Applied Microbial Remediation Specialist Certification, Hazardous Materials Technician Certification, and is certified as a Xactimate Level 3 Estimator.

### **Quinn Black, Schnitzer Properties**

Quinn is the HUD Properties Administrator for Schnitzer Properties. Quinn has extensive property management experience where it counts- in the trenches. She's a whirlwind of energy, enthusiasm, and efficiency, inspiring her staff to keep moving forward, even on the most challenging of days!

### **Jessica Blakely, Director of Development and Strategy, Salem H.A.**

Jessica's background in multifamily housing includes property management from development to disposition and managing buildings from acquisition through large-scale renovations. Property development has included both new construction and existing projects. Her project and portfolio management experience spans multiple states. Jessica's many years in multifamily housing have taught her a great deal about working with challenging tenants, and she enjoys sharing her insights, tips, and techniques with other housing providers.

### **Lynette Brown, Section 8 Manager, Salem H.A.**

Lynette is currently the Section 8 Manager for Salem Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. She is a strong advocate for continuing education for her affordable housing staff, making sure that they have the tools they need to do their jobs.

### **Melanie Fletcher, Assistant Housing Administrator of Operations**

Melanie has over 30 years of experience in various housing programs, primarily HUD, and is now getting more experience with LIHTC and other subsidy programs. She is extremely interested in learning how PHAs can better work with OHCS and management companies to be more efficient and have an easier time maintaining compliance with all the funding programs that are so vital in the development of more affordable housing.

### **Amanda Gross, Vice President of Training & Compliance Policy, US Housing Consultants**

Amanda Gross has over twenty years of hard-won, real-world knowledge and experience in all aspects of affordable housing and has leveraged that experience into becoming a nationally recognized trainer. Amanda's areas of expertise include the following programs: LIHTC, RD, HUD, HOME, Tax-Exempt Bond Compliance, and Fair Housing. Amanda is one of the top national trainers in the affordable housing community.

### **Debbie Howell, Schnitzer Properties**

Debbie is the Senior Building Engineer with Schnitzer Properties. Debbie has a sterling reputation in the industry, as noted by one of her professional peers: *"When there is an emergency or an early morning adventure to get something fixed, Debbie will often stay the night, sleeping on the makeshift bed in the maintenance shop."* "Been there, done that," covers it all when it comes to Debbie's experience as a maintenance tech for high rise multifamily buildings in downtown Portland!

### **Zach Howell, BEAR Consulting Services**

Zach holds a Psychology degree from Oregon State University. He is a nationally Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician and Uniform Physical Condition Standards inspector, carrying more than a decade of experience within the multifamily housing, development, and construction industries. Zach is LEED Certified and a valued advocate for the Apartment Maintenance trade, serving as Subject Matter Expert for the National Apartment Association, Training Director for the Apartment Maintenance Institute, and a Community Education Faculty Member at Portland Community College. Most recently, Zach founded BEAR Consulting, a company that provides professional consultation and support on a wide range of project-specific issues.

### **Our HUD Presenters**

Eileen Hearty is the Director of the Asset Management Division in the Denver office.  
Matt Naish is the Multifamily Regional Director in the San Francisco office.

### **Larry Keys, NAHMA**

Larry is the Director of Government Affairs for the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). Before joining NAHMA, Larry served as a policy analyst in the Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives for Public and Indian Housing at HUD.

### **Our OHCS Presenters:**

Andrea Bell is OHCS' Executive Director

John Cieri is a Senior Asset Management Analyst

Dan Elliott is a Senior Policy Analyst

Jodi Erickson is a Senior Asset Management Analyst

Eva Luna is a Compliance Officer

Allison McMurtrey is a Learning and Development Specialist, Human Resource Solutions

Janiel "JR" Rae-Ryan is a Senior Asset Management Analyst

Chrislyn Prantl is the Asset and Preservation Unit Manager

**Miley Stanton-Flowers, Schnitzer Properties**

Miley Stanton-Flowers is the Supervisor of Service Coordination and an Eviction Prevention Specialist for four subsidized housing buildings serving seniors and people with disabilities. With a degree in Psychology and over 15 years of experience in social services, Miley has found her calling in helping residents who struggle with hoarding and other situations that put them at risk of eviction. She brings valuable insights and resources to her role as an instructor for Oregon AHMA's CE classes.

**Leah Sykes, Attorney at Law**

Leah Sykes is a founder and partner in the law firm, Andor Law. Leah serves housing providers in all legal aspects of property management with a special focus on education and fair housing discrimination defense. Leah has over 20 years of experience as a landlord-tenant law attorney and is a deservedly popular speaker with housing providers!