Opening the Front Door to Equal Housing Opportunities
3rd Annual Fair Housing Conference
Thursday, April 16, 2015
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Indianapolis Marriott East – Indianapolis, IN

The following agenda is tentative and subject to change.

8:00 AM: Registration Opens/Continental Breakfast
Registrants should arrive by 8:30 AM to receive their registration packet and gather their breakfast – the conference will begin promptly at 9:00 AM

9:00-9:05 AM: Welcome & Introduction

9:05-9:45 AM: Bryan Greene, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Washington, DC.

Mr. Greene will provide an update on HUD actions, cases, and activities to ensure fair housing compliance.

9:45 AM-10:00 AM: Break

10:00 AM-11:15 AM: Workshop Breakouts – Attendees Choose One

Option 1: Ensuring Fair Housing Choice for Those with Disabilities: An Update on Fair Housing Case Law (Rental, Sales & Lending Focus): At this workshop, attendees will hear from fair housing experts on Indiana and federal cases to address housing discrimination against persons with disabilities, including actions related to reasonable accommodations and modifications, accessibility design and construction, and differential treatment in lending transactions. This will be a “beyond the basics” discussion of current case law.

Moderator: Amber O’Haver, Deputy Director, accessABILITY
Speakers:
  Jim McCarthy, President/CEO, Miami Valley Fair Housing Center
  Steve Dane, Partner, Relman, Dane & Colfax
  Tom Crishon, Staff Attorney, Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services
Option 2: Justice in Lending: An Update on the Department of Justice Fair Lending Actions (Lending Focus): At this workshop, attendees will hear an update from the U.S. Department of Justice on their federal fair lending actions, including as it relates to pregnancy/maternity leave discrimination due to gender, differential income lending requirements for those with disabilities, redlining actions, and predatory lending actions due to race, color, and national origin.

_Moderator: Jean Ishmon, Consulting Executive Director, Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance & National Community Reinvestment Coalition Board Vice Chair_

_Speaker: Steven Rosenbaum, Chief, Housing & Civil Rights Section, U.S. Department of Justice_

Option 3: Intimidation in Housing – An Update on Fair Housing Actions & Hate Crime Laws (Rental & Sales Focus): At this workshop, attendees will hear about Indiana and federally filed cases which have confronted hostile, threatening, and intimidating actions due to religion, race, color, national origin, and sexual orientation. Many do not realize that actions like cross burnings to intimidate persons of color and threats of violence due to sexual orientation and/or religion continue to occur in our country. Although such housing related actions are often covered under fair housing laws, learn about how Hoosiers could be better represented through additional hate crime protections. Currently, Indiana is one of only five states without a state hate crime law. Attendees will also hear about what does and does not define a hate crime and when fair housing laws can and cannot be used to address hate motivated actions.

_Moderator: Chase Haller, Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic_

_Speakers: Amy Nelson, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana  
David Sklar, Director of Government Affairs, Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council  
Miriam Ziedman, Midwest Civil Rights Counsel, Anti-Defamation League (invited)
Option 4: Fair Housing and Indiana Housing Protections for Survivors of Domestic Violence (Rental Focus): Gaining access to and maintaining affordable housing is essential to helping survivors of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault to escape abusive relationships and start new lives free of violence. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) protects individuals applying for or living in federally subsidized housing from being discriminated against because of their status as survivors of such assaults. Survivors who do not live in subsidized housing, and are therefore not covered by VAWA, may still be protected by fair housing laws. Additionally, Indiana has enacted specific protections for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking under Landlord/Tenant Law. At this workshop, you will learn about these laws to ensure housing choice in public and private housing for survivors.

Moderator: Devyn Smith, Compliance Manager, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

Speakers:
Erin Kemple, Executive Director, Connecticut Fair Housing Center
Kerry Hyatt Blomquist, Legal Director, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Caryn Burton, Training Director, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

11:15 AM-11:30 AM: Break

11:30 AM-12:45 PM: Workshop Breakouts – Attendees Choose One

Option 1: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing through Analyses of Impediments (Rental, Sales & Lending Focus): At this workshop, attendees will learn about the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing planning process and ways to play an active role. Attendees will also learn about new HUD requirements for entitlement jurisdictions in their fair housing planning. In addition, attendees will receive updates on recent challenges to cities and localities on lack of affirmatively furthering fair housing planning. Finally, attendance will also hear about the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) and how lenders must meet compliance in a capacity similar to affirmatively furthering fair housing requirements.

Moderator: Deb McCarty, Executive Director, Back Home in Indiana Alliance

Speakers:
Erin Kemple, Executive Director, Connecticut Fair Housing Center
Mollie Fitzpatrick, Associate, BBC Research & Consulting
Alicia Vaughn, City Consultants & Research, LLC
BMO Harris speaker pending.
Option 2: Foreclosures and REOs – An Update on Indiana Actions and National Fair Housing Cases for Stronger Neighborhoods (Sales & Lending Focus): This workshop will discuss the work of fair housing organizations to address discriminatory practices in the marketing and maintenance of REO properties in neighborhoods of color and why such cases have been filed. You will also hear from industry representatives on changes to the REO process. In addition, attendees will receive an update on Indiana legislation related to the marketing and maintaining of foreclosed and/or abandoned properties.

Moderator: Myra Lillard, Home Guide Realty Services/Past President Central Indiana Realtist Association

Speakers:
- Stephen M. Dane, Partner, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC
- Matthew Gaudin, Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- Lending Industry Panelist pending.

Option 3: Bridging the Gaps – How to Address Housing Choice for Those Denied: Visitability, Source of Income, Criminal History, & LGBT Discrimination (Rental & Sales Focus): In this workshop, attendees will hear about the most common forms of lawful housing discrimination and the impact of such barriers upon these populations. Hear about local, state, and regional efforts to provide housing opportunities to those underserved including re-entry efforts, source of income reports, visitability costs, and other topics.

Moderator: Andrew Crecelius, Director of Recruitment, VACO Staffing

Speakers:
- Amy Nelson, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana
- Julie Fidler, Department of Public Safety, City of Indianapolis
- Karl Zimmerman, Fair Lending Specialist, Miami Valley Fair Housing Center
Option 4: Promoting Cultural Sensitivity – Inclusive Practices for New Immigrants (Rental Focus): In a 2013 report, the FHCCI identified levels of housing discrimination against Hispanics/Latinos at rates of 70%. National reports have also found significant levels of housing discrimination due to national origin. Additionally, Indiana is home to a significant population of Burmese refugees. In this workshop, learn about recent reports and filed fair housing cases to ensure equal housing opportunity regardless of ethnicity or national origin. Attendees will also learn when federally assisted housing providers are required to provide meaningful access to people with limited English proficiency (LEP) and how to welcome those new to our country, including resources available to the housing industry.

Moderator: Zaida Maldonado-Prather, Attorney

Speakers:
Jim McCarthy, President/CEO, Miami Valley Fair Housing Center
James Budden, Housing Manager, Exodus Refugee Immigration
Jerry Htoo, Assistant Director, Burmese Community Center for Education (invited)

12:45-1:00 PM: Break

1:00-3:30 PM: Lunch, Fair Housing Program, and Keynote Address
Fair Housing in Action -- Hear about How Fair Housing is Working in Our Communities

Keynote Address, Coach Herman Boone

Closing Comments

3:30 PM: Autograph Signing with Coach Boone
A short autograph signing with Coach Boone will follow the closing comments.