



Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network

The Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network (FNHAN) meets regularly throughout the year by teleconference and in-person at the Florida Housing Coalition's statewide annual conference. The FNHAN was launched in fall 2010 to further our vision that Florida have at least one community-based nonprofit housing provider working in every jurisdiction.

The 2013-2014 Work Plan developed at the Annual Meeting is:

1. Sadowski Education Efforts

- Using Sadowski Coalition materials, members will meet with legislators in district offices; provide feedback to FHC; respond to *Action Alerts*.

2. Include affordable housing in the Department of Economic Opportunity's Five Year Plan (<http://bit.ly/PBhxIE>)*

3. Financing for Community Land Trust Homebuyers

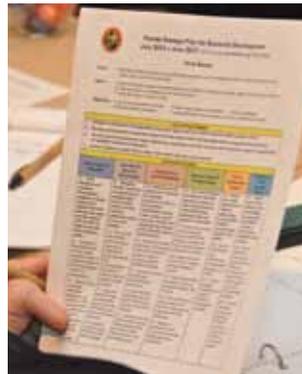
- Follow up with HUD to ensure that FHA is a viable option for CLT homebuyers.

4. Advocate for Nonprofits in the Universal Application (Tax Credits)

- A subcommittee of the FNHAN will continue work with FHFC to ensure that nonprofit developers and those serving special needs and homeless populations are able to obtain tax credit financing.

5. Address the Property Tax Exemption for limited partnerships, section 196.1978 F.S.

- Working with FHFC and / or the Florida Legislature, address the threat to affordable housing which may result from the property tax exemption for limited partnerships.



6. Ensure that Florida Attorney General (AG) Bank Settlement Monies are Used for Housing

- FHC members already provided substantial input to the AG office and will now be supporting the AG in her efforts with the Florida Legislature.

7. Prevent Homelessness

- Advocate for preservation of project-based properties; housing homeless veterans; and support the efforts of housing and supportive service providers for the homeless.

8. Fight NIMBYism and Promote Fair Housing

- Through education and advocacy, support affordable housing developers facing NIMBY issues and coordinate efforts with Fair Housing agencies, especially during Fair Housing Month each year.

9. Surplus Land / Land Banking

- Evaluate whether the surplus land statute is being implemented throughout Florida and whether land banking is being used to the extent that it should be in Florida.

10. Educate Newly Elected Officials (Local and State Level)

- This could be about affordable housing in general, as well as advocacy for the state and local housing trust funds.

* Upon return to Tallahassee after the FNHAN meeting in Orlando, Jaimie Ross worked on this issue by providing written comments and meeting in person to discuss the importance of including affordable housing as a cross-cutting strategy in the Five Year Plan. Our advocacy was effective—the Plan now includes affordable housing, a cross-cutting issue. Go FNHAN! [HNN](#)