

# THE FLORIDA NONPROFIT HOUSING ADVOCATES NETWORK



At our in-person meeting (which takes place annually at the statewide conference) we reviewed our successes from last year, including:

1. Sadowski Education Efforts (ongoing) [www.sadowskicoalition.com](http://www.sadowskicoalition.com)
2. Inclusion of affordable housing as a cross cutting issue in the Governor's (DEO) 5 year strategic plan: <http://bit.ly/PBhxIE>;
3. Progress on financing for community land trusts (see article on page 10);
4. Recommendations to FHFC to improve the process for tax credit allocation;
5. Repeal of the section of 196.1978 that was threatening the future of affordable housing;
6. Ensuring that the AG Settlement monies were used for housing;
7. Progress in preventing and ending homelessness;
8. Fighting NIMBYism and Promoting Fair Housing;
9. Working on implementation of surplus land statute and land banking (See articles on pages 13 and 19)
10. Educating local and state elected officials on the importance of affordable housing (ongoing).



Three new items for 2013-14 put on the plate of the Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network, are:

1. Making the case for increasing operating and administrative support for nonprofits;
2. Additional capacity building trainings, including webinars, from the Florida Housing Coalition specifically targeted to nonprofits;
3. Providing regular updates on federal housing issues.

We will take on these issues and we will attend to issues that need to be readdressed. Most notably, the bulk of the work the FNHAN did last year on the Universal Application is no longer meaningful. The FHFC made a change this year from the Universal Application to a Request for Application process. The system put in place for tax credits has effectively turned tax credits back into a lottery in which for-profit developers can and have submitted multiple applications. Florida's community based nonprofits are again left without a reasonable opportunity to participate in the tax credit program.

The FNHAN meets the second Wednesday of every month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. It is open to all nonprofit members of the Florida Housing Coalition. There is no charge. If you want to join the FNHAN, just email [ross@flhousing.org](mailto:ross@flhousing.org) or call the Florida Housing Coalition at 850-878-4219 to have your name added. You will receive call-in information and the draft agenda for each monthly meeting by email. We also have ad-hoc subcommittees to address issues on our strategic plan. We welcome your participation! HNN

< **Florida Housing Coalition Board Member, Suzanne Cabrera, led the Florida Nonprofit Housing Advocates Network Caucus at the 2013 Affordable Housing Conference in Orlando, Florida.**

THE FLORIDA NONPROFIT HOUSING ADVOCATES NETWORK (FNHAN) WAS LAUNCHED IN FALL 2010 TO FURTHER THE FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION'S VISION THAT FLORIDA HAVE AT LEAST ONE COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT HOUSING PROVIDER WORKING IN EVERY JURISDICTION.