



West Virginia/Maryland Caucus Agenda Wed., Feb. 24, 2021, 11 am – 3:00 pm via Zoom

Take Aways:

1. Positive movement on Jim's 4 Corners: Increased Investment (\$58M of \$100M raised), Expanded Capacity (\$4M grant funds avail. to Members 1st half of FY21), Building New Narrative (interviews underway for new Communications Team), Strength in Numbers (hiring Leadership Dev. person)
2. Resource Development Plan – Watch for email requesting volunteers to invest time and brain power for a discussion group on what resources Members need, coming in the next few weeks.
3. WVHDF – Rental Assistance Program: <https://www.wvhdf.com/programs/mountaineer-rental-assistance-program> (not yet open for applications, see more info below) Also: **HOME/AHTF – May 20 apps due; Save the date: ZOOM webinar March 17**
4. USDA – HPG Program should be opening soon – expecting additional \$\$ this year.
5. Caucus Subcommittee (Karen, Erin, Dave – welcome others to join) to meet and possibly draft talking points and plan for the CITC by the next Caucus Meeting. Be thinking of possible partners.
6. Survey on how you prefer to receive information from Fahe. If you did not participate in the Poll during caucus, the 1-question survey can be accessed [HERE](#)
7. FHLB - Welcome Home – **opens March 1**, funds are usually all reserved in the first 6 weeks. Reserve your spot with JustChoice Lending – contact [David Brock](#)

Notes:

- 1) **Welcome & recognition of Special Guests** (Dave Clark, Vonda Poynter)
Sherry Trent, Eastern 8 CDC, TN Caucus; Cathy Colby – WVHDF; Penny Thaxton, USDA-RD;
- 2) **Review Previous Minutes and Action Items** – all reviewed, no changes noted
- 3) **Message from Jim** – important work, important message. Going over that – 40 years, some good work over the years and we want to build on that... the next 40 years. Creating the communication in Appalachia where we want to live. Thought about our foundation as actual four corners; Davd Kreher's comment on rebar – good catch. We don't all have to be experts, we rely on each other. The progress we are already making:
 1. Investment - Money In - More Capital and resources to the region. Some resources – philanthropic and federal – don't get to Appalachia as it flows to other parts of the Country. Taking advantage of attention from corporate America, Fahe has established the Appalachia Opportunity Fund - \$58M of a \$100M fund has been identified.
 2. Expanding Capacity – Money Out - How do we expand the capacity of the Members - \$4M from the CARES Act – better in some of the other states than in WV. We are having some success \$60M in loans in the first ½ of the year, getting \$ in the hands of where it needs to go. Made a loan to HomeSource etn in conjunction with CARES \$, a line of credit to have the money available, while waiting to be by the state; making the money work better. Served over 200 families in a couple of months. John Niederman is volunteering with Fahe and learning about Fahe's social enterprise work in terms of building capacity. Pilot: Search Engine Optimization with E8 in TN, working with a google grant to elevate the business, let families know we are here.
 3. Building a new narrative – As we are building the American Dream, we want to work with our neighbors and our communities. The region isn't compelling to others as it isn't their own story. Some of the things we battle here speaks to other folks – how do we share our narrative? As we push this, we want people to see our work in Appalachia as what's possible for other regions. Building the communication team and having assistance right now from Sarah Weintraub, AmeriCorps VISTA. Fahe was in a New York Times Article – Jim

and three other Member representatives from WV – seems incredible during this moment and time and it increases our ability to build that new narrative.

4. Strength in Numbers. Strength in Numbers – that is who we are, how we behave. If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go with Friends. We can build on the work we have done but achieve a bigger vision. Investing more in Members via a Leadership Development Director will help us learn to work together better. WE can provide a model that we can build on and grow the tent to provide a model and example in our country that helps us unify our voice in the authentic work that Members do. Hiring a consultant, Michael Jacoby Brown, who has lots of experience (4 decades) working with communities and companies on how to build coalitions. Jim's colleague, Jean Dubois, worked with MJB to get a new train line stop. People with a common need have to work together.

Rebar is embedded – that is the Members – figuratively and literally.

Dave Clark – 4th corner really speaks to where we are right now. Resources need to flow to you in a manner that makes sense; sometimes we wait for the dollars to arrive and just make it work.

Karen – What about the Spring Meeting?

Jim - Thinking about an inward look, looking at ourselves. In what ways do we need to strengthen our individual organizations? Rebuild from Covid-19 and the related economic turn. It's hard to plan when and where that is going to go but we want to be ready. How to do it? What is the state level policy work that we need to do? How do we want to be seen and show up in national work, a high form of collaborative work? We want to be on point with that as a membership. If the narrative and voice of Appalachia is showing up, now is the time. Great time to hear if that is hitting a spot for the Members.

Karen noted it is a great time for the Members. There's a lot to learn from each other on how the last year went. What we know now that we didn't know before.

Jim: What looked like 2 weeks is now a year. Prolonged stress, that's when the strengths and weaknesses shine the most. It's like I will host a conversation but no actual answers, NOT been here, done this before.

Vonda – we are shifting things around, comment/suggestions are welcome, sooner rather than later. Will firm up the agenda following the Board Mtg. next week.

4) Resource Plan (Sara Morgan)

Considering what funds are needed and how capital is raised for the Network with a 3 year plan.

1. What capital is needed to invest in the region – money for lending
2. What resources you guys need to run the operations
3. What resources do we need to fund Fahe operations

Jim mentioned the Persistent Opportunity Fund – closed a \$4M loan with Truist – 10 year money that is priced at a great rate and it goes out to members in an affordable way. Feel less informed on the resources that Members need to move the needed – Dave's comment on the investment and flexibility. Dan at Bank of America - investors want to do good in communities – they are thinking about FDIC – deposits; terms of 2/3 years with market rate return. What flavor of financing would move the needle for you guys? Example: CITC – banks have been making affordable. The need for the tax credit is waning for the banks – is that a flavor we can replicate? A resource, grant support, loan resource. A pitch deck for the products and the grant as well as an impact model. Sara needs help from the Members to inform the flavor of resources – an email will come out that invites the members to lend their brain power to make sure we are driving resources that help Members move the needle. Asking for a time investment for meetings – sign up for the Member Resource Club. Opportunity Appalachia Initiative this afternoon. If you can only contribute via email, send those to her: sara@fahe.org

5) Around the Room – Dave- a catch-up question for Members – Last year it has been tough – we have talked previously about how we are serving clients, but would like to hear how your organizationally?

RCCR - Kevin: Looked for opportunities. House clients for up to 2 years with wrap-around case management. Sold the RCCR building and eliminated debt. Currently completing the addition to Samaritan's Inn for the office space. Lots of modification at the beginning of CV-19; back in the office at June. It slowed down development but currently have 4 houses pending with City of Charleston HOME and two more in the wings. Kept staff motivated – did some CV-19 bonuses. No CV-19 outbreaks.

Emily – WDG: Going gangbusters, lots of applications for funding in process. 2 projects under constr. MF and a couple more getting ready for the Spring, a home and an LIHTC. Some unexpected funding, recovery loan program being deployed. Providing TA/\$\$ to local businesses. Development Group – increased costs, 1 quarantine situation, never really shut down but did affect some of the timing. Increased tourism in the area – thinking about workforce housing, need units. Median home price in Tucker Co. just jumped to \$300K!! Increase material costs. COVID has really opened up some options for a more diverse board, availability to meet virtually.

Karen – RCHA – different and positive: forged much more granular relationships with residents and stakeholders. Food Program, Changed up the way they could apply for assistance, saw the need and had the resources to pivot and do work safely, we got to a better place. Much closer to understanding and responding to what the community needs. Stronger relationships with the donors and to the national orgs. that they partner with. New Staff – harder to get to know folks working remotely or staggered. How do we get our “groupness” back. That’s part of how we move things forward together.

Christal – FMHA – same things as R Telework & Teams – positive 3 day weekend – paperless – growing pains but well worth the effort. Shift to videos and paperless applications. Looking to add a kiosk for folks that don’t have internet at home. Tenant outreach – COVID packets – Food Drive – 36K # of food to distribute. Homeless Camp – lots of initiatives to try to address that effort. Down payment CDBG funds with the city – MRAP? Working to dev. new partnerships, talking to ppl they’ve never talked to before. Using funds to renovate the lobby, like workstations – staff on one side, public on the other – safe/sanitary for all. Picked up some mainstream vouchers – foster kids aging out 18-24yrs. very exciting. Supplies/Costs for maintenance of their units.

Erin – ASP: able to do some work over the summer – 40 projects across their whole area. Suspended volunteers for summer, had some in the fall, hosted them in the Tri-cities, could spread out in small groups of vols – exterior projects only. Cancelled vols again and will reassess at the end of March. Trying to figure out how to get a similar amt of work done again this summer knowing that it will still be not back to normal. Utilize more sub-contractors and have been actively pursuing more grants – used to be vol. mission fees – materials for home repairs. Less dependent on vol. fees. Working on systems for grant compliance, hadn’t had to do that previously. Matching clients with the right kind of funding based on their income. New Build – delays with materials. Less risk of exposure so they didn’t require many changes to how that ran, less risk. ASP at home – experience for the volunteers, haven’t cancelled summer vols yet. Virtual program to engage vols in their home communities. But also bring it back to Appalachian, understand the challenges and support the work here. Can’t forget the volunteer program.

Shawnda – Mon Valley HFH – finished 4 homes in 2020, looked a lot different, no vols, increased cost due to using contractors. At a halt right now, looking at what can be done, smaller groups of vols. Local groups normally supply vol. labor, that’s been a struggle. ReStore – have utilized staggered shifts – revenue has been increasing. Only the staff person on the operational side. Events/Fundraising has also been a struggle.

John – SALS – Struggling and mending from quarantine. The whole office tested positive, but getting back on track. 2 Homes under construction and rehabbing some donated/tax sales housing. A lot of work with social services – several food pantries that we run. Face up to it, SALS has you covered – 4600 masks disturbed. Self-help program with SALS – offered for people to do the work themselves if SALS can bring materials. Using trees to create their own lumber supply. A number of volunteers, faith based and community based have said they are coming back – no the school-based groups. Beards Fork SALS Rail Trail – Walk the Talk – the trail – social distancing for walks, Arthritis Foundation – special shoes, canes, - expanding

what we do to serve the community. Struggling and looking at different ways to do the work.

NCWVCAA – will try to get an update from Erin, had left call.

6) Partner UPDATES

a. **WVHDF Updates** (Cathy Colby)

If you know of landlords with tenants (80% AMI or less), Dept. of Treasury – WV has \$200M of Emergency Rental Asst. not yet open (goal was March 1st).

Treasury released new guidance 2-23-21. Must tie non-payment to CV-19 Go to website – Mountaineer Rental Assistance. Tenant or Landlord can pre-register. Checks will be issued directly to the landlord. Please share this info. 1800 pre-registered a couple of weeks ago. Checks are issued directly to the landlord. Please refer landlords/tenants to participate.

AHFund – due 2-19-21; contact Darlene King.

HOME/AHTF – May 20 apps due; Save the date; Zoom webinar March 17 – talk about the application – Q&A. Some heads up on document review. Any questions – please don't hesitate to call Cathy Colby.

2021 – virtual public hearings – March 9th – CDBG, HOME – comments....

b. **USDA** (Penny Thaxton):

HPG – March/April – Grant for repair individual homes or rental property – something coming in to your nonprofit – grant or loan at low interest rate to repair HO or Rental Property – put back out the door as either a grant or loan. Some leftover from last year that hasn't been spent. Hard to reapply for new money if you haven't spent the old. Foreclosure moratorium extended until June 30.

Funding should be coming, backlogged. Getting the same amt. of money but the cost of housing is going up. Help with leveraged funds. People are also having a hard time finding housing. Loans are barely holding at last year's level because of unemployed people aren't looking for homes. Remote work is possibly, working through email and video/calls. Email or call with questions at any time.

Dave – HPG – if put out as loans, are their restrictions on how the money recycles? Penny will check the regs and get back to us on that. Has to adhere to the income guidelines.

Karen – if you own rental units or are concerned about housing stock. This is a great resource for that.

Dave – any work for any new state director?

Penny: SF director announced. Alan Harrison is the acting State Director – he may or may not be appointed. Could be as late as September. Alan is doing a good job and is knowledgeable..

Penny is over WV SF housing. HPG moved back to SF (although it had previously existed in MF). MF housing is now regionalized. All MF loans is done by Ora Rawlings in Richmond VA.

Community Facilities contact (water and waste with community facilities) so now it is Community Programs – Jana is over that at the state office.

c. **Community Works – Dave**: HOC up and running – built next to office in Big Chimney, WV. Mary will be with CW for 20-21. Starting a search in March. Conference dates in October in person, at Embassy Suites in Charleston. Dave will check dates.

Membership renewal for CW – is there something that identifies the benefits being a CW member – Dave will share. CW received some financing to put out to members for low-interest loans, 2%, 25 years, for business with a housing component/benefit.

7) **CARES Act Funding – WV Status** – ESG funding and ESG CARES – RCCR has used that funds well. RCCR and Municipalities – eviction prevention funds with the county; Kevin – also applied for and rec'd CARES & ESG – applied for CDBG Dave – it's not typical that those funds were available for demo – that's a good sign!

8) Recovery Housing – Ryan Brown applications submitted?

RCCR submitted for renovation – were approved and did a matching grant and they will meet the NARR certification. Decided not to create a new program and strengthen their existing program. 13 to 12, then to 9, this assisted in adding 2 additional beds. Straightforward application, approval 2 weeks ago, next is an agreement. SAD grant already SALS - Service provider was a condition of a successful application. Had a question on continued funding. They are using opioid settlement funds – not sure how it will continue, but are anticipating that it could be an ongoing funding.

Dave asked if there was interest in keeping this as a topic on the agenda – worth keeping it front and center?

Karen noted that she thought we should – the guy running the program has a good strategic plan – it is such a big problem in the region. Looking to get an inspire grant and if they are awarded, several conversations about gaps, who do we work with, and inform additional recovery steps. Housing and the need to address treatment options.

Pam shared that Fahe has done some research about recovery programs and could have some folks share as speakers at a caucus. USDA, the Fund, hear about what is going on with recovery housing and treatment. Build relationships. WV is well-suited to plan how we can Christal wants to keep it on the agenda – WVHDF has more interest. Planning is so important as we don't know all the sides to the recovery work.

Karen – will reach out to the guy. Bob Hanson – need to find wherever he went..... Karen and Pam will track that down.

Jim – comment on Drug Recovery – not chasing money, but addiction as a crisis in our region affects every community and our work. Addiction is a pervasive in everything we touch and do and requires a holistic response. Where a person works, where a person lives, addition or in recovery – there is a stigma; everyone deserves a second chance. Think about the whole person, housing, services, support, treatment. Joe Manchin cares about this – some value here that is complementary to the work we do. We give second chances all the time.

Recovery is part of that work, holistically.

Invite other Recovery folks – maybe next meeting!! **Pam/Karen will look into it.**

Jim – wouldn't advocate that we chase money but there is something about addiction in our region that affects all of our work. Not just an issue - but pervasive and needs a response – where you can work, where you can live – need to think about that. Don't limit yourself to only recovery housing – we're missing that holistic approach – funding available – important to Sen. Manchin so real value and complementary to our work.

Break for lunch...

9) Advocacy (Alex Dadok, Josh Stewart)

Alex noted that Jim covered the Strength in Numbers. You will hear about federal and state priorities. Hiring update from Alex – Advocacy Director open, Leadership Development and Jim is hiring a Communication Director. Think about how we work together intentionally – advocacy positions are about being behind the Members, an intentional level of support for the Members. Works with Sara's Resource Plan that will support the Members. They can be based anywhere around Appalachia. If any suggestions on candidates – please share; John David has shared a couple of folks.

a. Federal update: From Dec - CRBill – CARES.4 – ERA, Unemployment benefits plus ups – this is the driver for the deadline.

There is a new relief bill working its way through congress. Budget reconciliation process; Financial Services Cmte - Highlight some of the Housing Draft bill – the Byrd Rule – provision in the way we control budget reconciliation – if it changes policy, not budget, it is not permissible in a budget reconciliation – may impact the \$15 minimum wage but not impact the House Financial Services bill - highlights:

- More rental \$
- Homeowners Assistance Fund – looks like Hardest Hit –
- \$100M counseling – looks lik NFMC
- New HOME \$ - \$25 add'l – earmarked for TBRA; can be used for existing HOME

purposes – adding some activities – purchase rehab or non-congregate shelter; renovate into permanent housing

- \$5B housing choice vouchers..... temporary vouchers – no longer than 10 years and directly targeted to folks with housing issues due to CV-19. Those vouchers roll out – if a family becomes ineligible, the voucher disappears. Special purpose voucher with a clock on it. Has learned a lot on the housing choice voucher program.
- CDFI's funding? More directly on what was left out of the December stimulus package. The leadership is sitting hard on this.

Dave - Point of reference of \$5B in HOME? Josh noted \$1.3 and \$1.7B over the past couple of years nationally. Any child care money in there? Josh will check.

Karen asked about TBRA – not a firm set aside – WVHDF – public meetings – note that they could use the HOME as TBRA.

For HOME during the 10 years, move from TBRA, less call, and more for building repairs.

Duane asked about allocation; Josh noted the usual allocation process..

10) Possible Guest Speakers – Member discussion, State Community Investment Tax Credit

Dave noted this has been an emerging conversation over the past couple of Caucus Meetings. State subsidies and Claire's research has been excellent. Close to home, both MD and TN utilize CITC for housing and potential other pieces. There is potential to make a case legislatively with the WV groups possibly leading the charge.

Duane Yoder, Garrett County Community Action – CITC in MD: – Child care, revitalization, the state restricted funds. On capital projects, must be in a capital funding area.

Have to make the process easy for the donor – have to know the forms, be able to complete them.

Marketing – best success has been to find some interest already to make those contributions for the project – one major donor on the Train Station Process was retired military – Mayor worked with them.

Administered by the Dept. of Housing and Revitalization – it's a one year tax credit., WV Revitalization Tax Credit sounds similar.

Karen asked if it was very competitive. Duane: If you have a good project, it will get funded. Typical criteria – there is. Have a points system – readiness and leverage is important. Does it tie into another plan within a community – revitalization, land use – adds points. An open window cycle. They also have a State Historic Tax Credit in MD.

Josh noted – eligible activities list – is that attractive to folks? It's not the checklist that is the limiting factor; limiting factors is finding the donor.

Sherry Trent, Eastern Eight CDC – CITC in TN: Much different than what Duane just explained. THDA is the administrator. It is a credit for franchise and excise tax for the financial institution. The banks can make a loan for development of affordable housing and get a tax credit. \$1M LOC that renews annually – 4% below prime – now it is 0%. 10% cash credit to the bank. Due on sale of the house and no interest in the interim.

It has been a great vehicle for Eastern Eight in building homes. 2% below prime is a 5% tax credit. WV doesn't have a franchise tax – only on beer cigarettes – may need to find another tax to utilize. Better appetite with a regional bank instead of national banks. The bank also gets CRA credit. It is for affordable housing – using it for 6 townhomes they will be building with HOME and the LOC will work with that as well. Great development tool. The hard part is finding the contractors; they usually can find the capital. Affordable housing; build the capacity of nonprofits - available for nonprofits, public housing agency, development districts.

Dave asked about CDFIs? Not available to for-profits? The bank still gets the credit whether the organization uses the loan or not. Sherry: CDFI loans may get credit for each year of the term up to 7 years.

Some years the banks haven't needed the credits. In Knoxville, some of the LIHTC deals are taking the available need for credit from the banks... not happened here yet. No limit at the state level on the amount of the credit.

2% below prime, the 5% credit can be termed out over the length of the investment up to 15 years. (ties to the LIHTC).

Jim asked about CITC came into being 15 years ago and increased the capacity of nonprofits across the state. TNAHC came together first and that is where the idea came from – what is the advantage of the banks if we could work with them to design something that would work. More stakeholders and more insight.

Dave noted that there was some interest from the local banks in his area. With some other partners at the state level, there would be advocates that could move this along? Asked if the creation of this type of program of any interest to the Members?

Erin ASP noted that it is worth pursuing even though it may not impact ASP. The growth and support of housing in communities is important. Kevin, RCCR.

Duane – worked in WV – he thinks it would be worthwhile and sees several advantages – it would be a long-term strategy. It would be a great resource for a project in WV. He would also like to see this in MD – he can use existing partners to share and advocate that.

Karen – one way to get input is Tucker County – Michael Mills, architect, who is working with a Tucker County official on a development. Talk with them about short term, medium term long term as well as the sensible delegate in Randolph County. Banks are concerned and activity, this would provide additional incentive.

Emily – State Historic Tax credit – steering committee of the Abandoned Property Committee. Increase from 10% to 25% - lots of increase in Part 2 and Part 3 with historic tax credits. Golden Rule project in Bellington. Did lots of education work, but there was a sunset at the end of 2022. This year, pushing legislation to eliminate the sunset and the annual state aggregate cap and per project cap. Senator Weld from Wheeling area introduced and we are currently working with the finance committee to support it. Little afraid it will get ignored with the tax reform, but continuing to work to get it through this year.

No one had any particular requests on the TN or MD CITC. **Do we continue to meet with the small working group to move something forward?** Start identifying partners – who in the industry will be with us on this? Small community bank – Small bank association that would be advocates for this? Emily may be able to identify other key allies. Karen – does it make sense to include the banking industry – local bank or maybe someone who works for a state association that focuses on legislative action.

Who would be the most likely group to jump at this from an investment point of view? No private investment like Duane mentioned, but small local banks are sitting on some cash – there may be a benefit to providing the credit and they invest in their community. Banks are the better opportunity to pursue, but it is a hidden question as to whether there are high-wealth individuals that might invest. Interesting question to post to Chris Frye – a money manager locally? We don't know if there may be investors. Duane noted that was the hardest part was to find the “donor”.

Caucus Subcommittee to meet and possibly draft talking points / plan for the CITC by the next Caucus Meeting. If we look at the TN CITC, we would want to include the CDFIs, nonprofits, affordable housing developers.

- 11) **WV Caucus Nominating Committee Representative** - with Claud's departure from Coalfield DC and the Caucus, we need a new representative to the Nominating committee. That person cannot run for the board and also assists when caucus chair elections come up. Not a heavy lift. Volunteers? Kevin Smith from RCCR Volunteered.

12) **Fahe Updates – Memo Attached**

a. Fahe Member Updates (Vonda)

- Reporting – QE 12-31-20: fell from 98% QE 9-30-20 to 78% for QE 12-31-20. Information on WV the Fahe Network in the packet. We are working on the Impact Model but the information gathered via your reporting is how we tell our collective story. It also bring Members NWA training slots, attracts funding, it's important. We are NOT on track to meet our “people served” goal at this point.
- Training for 2021; Member Trainings below; we are working on a way to share that information back out with you for your use as well. Our FY21 trainings have dealt with

operational capacity – the next one is Thursday and is a 502 refresher – great for new staff or a review. Some opportunity for housing counseling certification by HUD – being mindful of the deadline August 1st.

- Jackie shared a poll on communication – being mindful to use our time best for the Members, we want to know how Members prefer to receive Fahe Membership communications. Will revisited when Fahe has a new Communication Team.

b. Lending

- Community Lending still has the referral program and is available to work with you on Guaranteed Bond Program funds – let Dwain know if you have a need.
- Just Choice Lending – Welcome Home Flyer is in the back of the packet – opens March 1st and per Cassandra, it is gone by mid-April and there are less funds available this year. Fahe tried to reserve all of our available \$200,000 each year. The Member only DPA program that was open last fall will open again this spring so watch for that opportunity.

- c. Fahe Board Report (Karen Jacobson, Christal Crouso) – Karen (on behalf of Christal who had to leave) Christal – noted that she enjoys the Big Picture Policy Committee and that the group has made a lot of progress, excited about a home loan/grant program. Alex and Josh have done well in leading our discussion. Board meeting next week – excited that we will be confirming the Alabama Caucus! – 4 groups with some that have been very active over the past few years. Also looking at 2 policies coming out of the Big Picture Policy Committee: Owner Occupied Home Livability Policy and a Rental Home Livability Policy and some time on other generative pieces. Justice at large and racial justice in Appalachia. How we want to further conversation in our communities. We always hear from each department and those reports are not only about impact of dollars but it ties in to how Members have been impacted. CL funds, programs, always gratifying and interesting to see the tie in.**

Duane noted there is a group of folks from Monongalia Co. and others MD group. Want to form a nonprofit and deal with racial justice issues in Appalachia – would Fahe be interested in connecting. Garrett Co is focused on their own issues, but region wide, there were several students at WVU. Karen noted she had not heard of anything.

Dave Clark asked for folks to submit any agenda items. Small items may be accommodated, but larger issues are harder to add. John David had asked that we include a discussion on LISC and access to their Membership/funding and suggested that we could (1) take up his request and put it on the agenda for the next Caucus meeting, or (2) couch this in a bigger discussion of Section 4 recipients & national intermediaries, and how they engage with NPOs like us. No one was interested in taking meeting time to discuss either. Karen suggested perhaps as a potential for a new resource. NWA, Enterprise, LISC, HFH, how can they benefit our work? No one stated interest for that to be added to the agenda next time around.

Upcoming Events

- **2020 MIT Student Report/Review Webinar** coming soon
- **Thurs. Feb. 18** – 2 pm: Monthly Training Webinar – 502 Updates/Refresher
- **Thurs. Mar. 25** – 11am: Monthly Training Webinar – Fair Housing Workshop
- **April 21/22 - Fahe Spring Retreat/Executive Director Symposium**
- **Thurs. May 27** – 11am: Monthly Training Webinar – TBD
- **Wed. June 23** - WV Caucus Meeting
- **Thurs. June 24** – 11am: Monthly Training Webinar – TBD
- **Sept. 21/22/23 – Fahe Annual Meeting**
- **Wed. Oct. 27** - WV Caucus Meeting

Sept. 21-22-23 - SAVE THE DATES!!

2021 Fahe Annual Meeting, MeadowView Conference Center, Kingsport, TN