



**2019-2021 Member Services Emerging Leaders Subcommittee –
Conference Call
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – 3:00 pm-3:30 pm**

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<http://www.nahro.org/content/nahro-member-services-committee>

Attendance:

Those on the call: Keon Jackson, Rickey Bouffard, Aaron Cooper, Vanessa Gonzalez, John Hamilton, Sharita Oates, Betsy Soto, Vanessa Sanchez, Chonda Tapley and Matt York

Subcommittee Chair, Keon Jackson welcomed everyone on the call and thanked them for sharing their time. He said the main purpose of the call was to go over the remaining objectives and to discuss possible ideas for the Party with a Purpose, mainly if it could be done virtually.

Keon asked staff to review the items they already addressed. Staff said the Els and the full member services committee provided suggestions on how to create a networking opportunity between agencies, and the ELs suggested that Tess Hembree provide a possible advocacy training for them.

Keon asked if there were other items they needed to address. Staff said one of the objectives was to provide seminar topic suggestions for the professional development committees' consideration. She asked if anyone had ideas. Aaron Cooper asked if the topics had to be geared toward Els or if it could appeal to the entire membership. Keon said they could appeal to everyone. Aaron said he would like to see a training where attendees could learn from seasoned professionals – maybe suggestions on a career path to follow or things a new ED should know. Staff said this idea tied into the Els other objective, which was to work with the Fellows. Keon said he thought the Fellows were supposed to be on their calls, but staff said that had not been officially decided. She would reach out to the Fellows to see if they could be on the next Emerging Leader call.

Keon said the next topic for discussion was the Party with a Purpose. He said he was not sure how this could be done virtually, although if they could somehow still do the raffle or 50/50 that would be great. Staff mentioned she learned just before the call that President Shaw is going to do some type of fund raiser either in connection with the conference or after it, so the Els have been asked not to make any plans concerning a fund raiser right now. Instead they could come up with another “purpose” for the party, which is going to be in the form of a zoom reception. Staff said that purpose could be in the form of networking, information sharing or something else. Aaron asked about the scholarship fund. Was that for members to attend the conference or something else. Staff said it was for residents from member housing agencies to help with their college tuitions. Applications from the regions were submitted to the Housing America Advisory Committee for consideration and then scholarships were awarded to the qualified applicants. Vanessa suggested they consider inviting some of the past scholarship winners to be on the call to share their stories and encourage more people to donate.

Keon asked if there were any other ideas. Hearing none, the call ended at 2:35 pm.

Next call, October 27 at 2:00 pm ET