Wednesday July 13, 2016

6:30—8:30 PM Reception & Dinner

Special invitation dinner for RNN communities and staff for RNN retreat. Dinner will be a lively discussion and clarification of previously submitted RNN "Round-the-Table" Reports.

"Understanding the foundation of hazard mitigation, strategizing your jurisdiction's priorities, and assessing and documenting your risks will all help break the cycle of repetitive damage . . ."

Thursday July 14 , 2016

8:00 am—8:45 am Welcome & Introductions

8:45 am – 9:45 am Models of Effective DRR Community Engagement

For all the talk about motivating and sustaining local community action to reduce risks, there are often more examples of stalled efforts, or inaction at the local level that frustrate concerned community members, and also local government officials who understand the importance of reducing risks, but are stymied by internal political considerations of elected and appointed officials.

Two outstanding examples of how these obstacles have been surmounted in two jurisdictions, facing two different threats to public safety, will be presented in this session. David Vaughn will share his success in South Carolina; Chuck Wallace will describe how in Grays' Harbor, Washington a local school district galvanized voters to approve and dedicate the first tsunami vertical evacuation structure in the nation.

Their achievements are all the more remarkable because the obstacles they encountered will resonate with anyone who has ever attempted to effect positive change at the local level with primarily local resources being the core element Simply stated, these stories are inspiring because their constituents are safer now because of successful local engagement, and they are worth examining because they are illustrations of successful methods which can be applied elsewhere.

Thursday July 14, 2015 Continued

9:45 am—10:00 am BREAK

10:00 am – 11:00 am The Levee Approach

Levees can help to reduce flood risk. However, in almost all situations the benefits levees provide come with an accompanying "COST" well beyond just the expense of constructing the flood control structure. Whenever a community/organization works with levees they will inevitably assume some additional obligations and/or liability. This session will encourage participants to understand and help identify these ancillary risks.

11:00 am—11:45 am RNN Now: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT Analysis)

Facilitated Discussion

11:45 am—12:30 pm Defining Strategic Actions

Discussion: What actions are worth taking to fulfill the goal of the symposium?

12:30 pm—2:00 pm Working Lunch

Break-out groups develop defined steps and assignments to fulfill specific actions.

2:00 pm—2:15 pm BREAK

2:15 pm—4:00 pm NHMA RNN Strategic Vision

Break-out group presentations and prioritization of top recommendations

4:00 pm—4:45 pm Respondents Panel

National experts and funding representatives respond to the discussion

4:45 pm—5:00 pm Retreat Summary Ideas and Evaluation

Participants wrap up the day by completing an evaluation to capture suggestions and comments .

5:00 pm ADJOURNMENT

"Complacency, arrogance, and greed crowd out resilience. Humility and a noble purpose fuel it."
Rosabeth Moss Kanter
Harvard Business School

Friday July 15, 2016

9:00 am—12:00 pm Wrap-up Session for RNN
Community Members, NHMA Board Members, and NHMA Staff

During this session a specific NHMA RNN plan of action will be defined, including action tasks, metrics, and delivery dates.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Symposium this year!
This was a unique opportunity to help develop the strategic vision of NHMA and RNN and we really appreciate your feedback on the future of our organization!

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