



**March 13, 2020**

**Good afternoon to the Florida Community Development Association (FCDA) Family**

**SUBJECT: RESCHEDULING THE FCDA ANNUAL TRAINING MEETING**

In response to the public health emergency surrounding the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, The Florida Community Development Association (FCDA) Board has advised that the Annual Training Meeting/Conference originally scheduled for April 28-May 1, 2020 is being rescheduled to October 27-30; or November 10-13, 2020. The good news is that the availability of the hotel, room rate, and most presenters seems to be intact but we will advise you more in the future about the final dates for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Although taking this action is most unfortunate, we are fiercely committed to protecting the safety and well-being of our conference participants, and as good citizens, to doing what we can to cooperate with efforts to limit the spread of this evolving global emergency. Rest assured that as this health challenge continues to develop, we will rely on the guidance and recommendations of local public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to shape our plans and activities going forward.

Now more than ever we want you and your families to be safe, and maintaining your own personal wellness starts with a serious focus on self-care and preventive measures. Further, although we may be in a period of unpredictable consumer demand it would not be a bad idea to ensure you have the products on-hand you would need if you had to self-quarantine. Moreover, please try to eliminate all non-essential travel and take the precautions advised by your own medical professionals to preserve your wellness.

Thank you for your support and consideration. **It is still going to be a great Annual Training Meeting/Conference ... but “free” of health threats...!**

Respectfully,

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