



Community Development Program Managers Training Conference Agenda

Monday, March 12, 2018

7:30 am –noon

Registration/Coffee and Tea Service

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Welcome and Washington Update (Joint with Homelessness and Housing)

Location: Dupont Ballroom

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (CPD) will provide an overview of CPD priorities in the coming year.

Speaker:

Neal Rackleff, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator:

Keith Heaton, CPM, COSCDA President and the Director, Community Development, Utah Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division

9:30 am – 11:00 am

HUD Guidance on Important Cross-Cutting Issues: (Joint with Homelessness and Housing)

Location: Dupont Ballroom

HUD Staff will discuss the following key topics:

- Field Staff relationship with HUD Headquarters
- HUD guidance on AFFH and State AFH Tool
- Uniform Administrative Requirements: Competition and Procurement

Speakers:

Renee Ryles, Director, Office of Field Management, Community, Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Jill Yu, Program Analyst, AFFH Desk Officer, Community, Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

James Höemann, Deputy Director, State and Small Cities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator:

Christine Whitz, COSCDA Board Member and the CDBG Program Director, Michigan Economic Development Corporation

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Networking Break (No Refreshments)

11:15 am – 12:30 pm

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Closeout

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Hear HUD staff provide guidance on how to close out Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants

Speakers:

John Laswick, Deputy Director, Entitlement Communities Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Marilee Hansen, NSP Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator:

Cindy Stone, COSCDA Board Member and the Director,
Community Programs, Maryland Department of Housing and
Community Development

CDBG Program Income and Revolving Loan Funds

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Come prepared to ask your questions about Program Income
and Revolving Loan Funds in the State CDBG Program

Speaker:

Robert Peterson, Senior Community Planning and Development
Specialist, Office of Block Grant Assistance - State and Small
Cities Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development

Moderator:

Cindy Stone, COSCDA Board Member and the Director,
Community Programs, Maryland Department of Housing and
Community Development

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch on your own

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

State CDBG Project Presentations

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Four states will highlight their recent State CDBG projects on
economic development, infrastructure, broadband development
and other CDBG projects.

Speakers:

LaSonta Davenport, Economic Development Manager,
Louisiana Department of Administration/ OCD-Disaster
Recovery Unit

Kay LeSage, Manager, Louisiana Department of
Administration/ OCD-Disaster Recovery Unit

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D., Associate Director of Policy and
Strategic Development, Virginia Department of Housing and
Community Development

Matthew Weaver, Associate Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

Suzanne Barnard, COSCDA Board Member and the Director of CDBG Programs, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs

Moderator and speaker:

Kent Archer, CDBG Director, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Networking Break (No refreshments)

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

COSCDA Community Development Committee Meeting

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Participate in developing COSCDA policy and positions related to the Community Development Block Grant program. Discuss any community development issues that are important to you. All Community Development Program Managers are members of the Committee and are welcome!

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Networking Reception

Location: Glover Park Ballroom

Meet and greet your colleagues attending the housing, community development, and homelessness conferences.

6:00 pm	<p>Regional Dinner (on your own)</p> <p>We encourage you to join your colleagues from your region (a list of COSCDA Regions is included as a part of your conference packet) to explore the many delightful dining options available near the hotel as you discuss organizational issues and initiatives and share information about regionally important topics in a casual environment. Note: See your COSCDA Regional Representative to confirm your attendance.</p>		
<p>Eastern Region</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Cindy Stone COSCDA Regional Representative Maryland</p> <p>States</p> <p>Connecticut, Delaware, Maine,</p>	<p>Southern Region</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Traci Watts COSCDA Regional Representative Louisiana</p> <p>States</p> <p>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida,</p>	<p>Western Region</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Jean Barrette COSCDA Regional Representative Nevada</p> <p>States</p> <p>Alaska, Arizona,</p>	<p>Midwestern Region</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Chris Whitz COSCDA Regional Representative Michigan</p> <p>States</p> <p>Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,</p>

Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont	Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia	California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming	Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin
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Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:00 am – 10:30 am

Coffee and Tea Service

8:30 am – 10:00 am

How to Stay Out of Trouble: HUD and IG Audits

(Joint with Homelessness and Housing)

Location: Dupont Ballroom

State Program Managers will provide advice on surviving HUD CPD audits as well as Office of Inspector General audits of State CPD Programs.

Speakers:

Mike Tondra, Chief of Housing and Community Development
Rhode Island Governor's Office of Housing and Community
Development

Gloria Paradise, Director, Housing Grant Programs
New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority

Rosemary Lockett, Manager, Project Administration
Kentucky Housing Corporation

Steed Robinson, Office Director, Office of Community
Development, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Moderator:

Steve Hardin, COSCDA Board Member and the Director of
Community Services Division, Mississippi Development
Authority

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Networking Break (No refreshments)

10:15 am – 12:00 noon

CDBG and HOME Planning and Reporting Documents

(Joint with Housing)

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Come prepared to ask HUD staff your questions regarding the E-Con Planning Suite, PER, HOME Reports, and IDIS.

Speakers:

Elizabeth Hendrix, Senior Community Development Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Robert Peterson, Senior Community Planning and Development Specialist, Office of Block Grant Assistance - State and Small Cities Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Vashawn Banks, Director, Financial and Information Services Division, CPD, Office of Affordable Housing Programs U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator:

Willie Fobbs, Associate Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Joint Networking Lunch

Location: The Dupont Circle Café

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Outlook on Our Federal Programs

(Joint with Homelessness and Housing)

Location: Dupont Ballroom

They are back! Hear national experts provide a Congressional outlook for our HUD programs (community development, housing and homelessness) in 2018, and discuss the importance of state and local advocacy of housing and community development programs.

Speakers:

David Hawkings, Senior Editor, Author of the [Hawkings Here](#) blog and column, CQ Roll Call, Washington, D.C.

Doug Rice, Senior Policy Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Daria Daniel, Associate Legislative Director - Community, Economic & Workforce Development, National Association of Counties

Moderator:

Garth Rieman, Interim Executive Director/ Director of Housing Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives, National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Networking Break (No refreshments)

This is the opportunity to engage with your fellow program managers to exchange program information and share effective strategies.

Get to know each other!

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Update from HUD CDBG Officials

Location: Dupont Ballroom

The Acting Director of the Office of Block Grant Assistance will provide an update on program guidance, regulations and the funding outlook affecting the Community Development Block Program.

Speaker:

Jessie Handforth Kome, Acting Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator:

Joanie Perry-Ward, COSCDA Board Member and the Director, Community Finance Division

5:00 pm

Conference Adjourns