



## **Community Development Program Managers Training Conference Speaker List**

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

### **Welcome and Washington Update**

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### **HUD Guidance on Important Cross-Cutting Issues**

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**CDBG Program Income and Revolving Loan Funds**

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**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**How to Stay Out of Trouble: HUD and IG Audits**

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**Outlook on Our Federal Programs**

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