



## **Homelessness 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 Community Development 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 Cross-Cutting Topics:** (Joint with Community Development 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 Manager, Michigan Economic Development Corporation

11:00 am – 11:15 am

**Networking Break** (No Refreshments)

11:15 am – 12:30 pm

**Statewide HMIS Data: From Overwhelming to Opportunity**

**Location:** Fox Hall B&C

States will discuss various efforts to develop statewide HMIS data repositories for reporting and analysis. This session will highlight the challenges and opportunities of working with data from multiple data systems and continua in order to improve the performance and outcomes of homelessness and supportive housing programs.

**Speakers:**

Stuart Campbell, Director, Office of Community Services Programs Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Katie Fallon, Director of Housing Policy, Ohio Housing Finance Agency

Madra Clay, Homeless Program Manager, Pennsylvania  
Department of Community and Economic Development

**Moderator:**

Matthew LaMantia, COSCDA Board Member and the Deputy  
Chief, Office of Community Development, Ohio Development  
Services Agency, Office of Community Development

12:30 pm– 2:00 pm

**Lunch on your own**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Coordinated Entry – New Requirements and Best Practices**

**Location:** Fox Hall B & C

Hear Norm Suchar, the Director of the Special Needs Assistance  
Programs, discuss ways to have effective state Coordinated Entry  
systems. Iowa will also present their Coordinated Entry System.

**Speakers:**

Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance  
Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Amber Lewis, Homeless Programs Manager, Iowa Finance  
Authority

**Moderator:**

Tricia Davis, Homelessness Program Manager, Utah Department of  
Workforce Services

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Networking Break (No refreshments)**

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

**COSCDA Homelessness Committee Meeting**

**Location:** Fox Hall B & C

Participate in developing COSCDA policy and positions related to  
the homelessness programs. Share your thoughts about various  
homelessness issues. All Homelessness 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><b>Regional Dinner (on your own)</b></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 align="center"><b>Eastern Region</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Cindy Stone COSCDA Regional Representative Maryland</p> <p><b>States</b> Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont</p>	<p align="center"><b>Southern Region</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Traci Watts COSCDA Regional Representative Louisiana</p> <p><b>States</b> Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia</p>	<p align="center"><b>Western Region</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Jean Barrette COSCDA Regional Representative Nevada</p> <p><b>States</b> Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming</p>	<p align="center"><b>Midwestern Region</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Chris Whitz COSCDA Regional Representative Michigan</p> <p><b>States</b> Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin</p>

**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

**Using Continuum of Care/Emergency Solutions Grants in Rural  
Areas**

**Location:** Fox Hall B & C

HUD Staff and state homelessness program managers will discuss  
challenges and solutions to providing assistance to rural Balance-of-  
State areas through CoCs and ESG recipients.

**Speakers:**

Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance  
Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Scott Gary, Supportive Housing Manager, Ohio Development  
Services Agency

Stephen Holt, Assistant Director, Homelessness Initiatives  
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Rosemary Lockett, Manager, Manager, Program Quality  
Kentucky Housing Corporation

**Moderator:**

Kathy Robertson, Associate Director  
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

**Joint Networking Lunch**

**Location:** The Dupont Circle Cafe

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Outlook on Our Federal Programs**

(Joint with Community Development 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 SNAPS Officials**

**Location:** Fox Hall B, & C

The Director of the Office of Special Needs Programs will provide an update on program guidance, regulations and the funding outlook affecting HUD's Homelessness programs.

**Speaker:**

Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Moderator:**

Matthew LaMantia, COSCDA Board Member and the Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development, Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development