



## Community Development Program Managers Training Conference Agenda

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

7:30 am – Noon

**Registration/Coffee and Tea Service**

8:30 am – 9:45 am

**Welcome and Washington Update**  
(Joint with Homelessness and Housing)  
**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) deputy assistant secretaries and a new senior staff person will provide an overview of CPD and SNAPS priorities in the coming year.

### CDBG Opioid Housing Update

#### **Speakers:**

- Stan Gimont, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs
- Claudette Fernandez, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance
- Jemine Bryon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs

#### **Moderator:**

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

9:45 am – 10:45 am

**Legislative Update and Important Advocacy Issues**  
(Joint with Homelessness and Housing)  
**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

Hear COSCDA staff provide an update on Congressional actions and legislation being debated on the Hill. Also, hear about advocacy issues to support and potential actions members can take.

**Speakers:**

- Stockton Williams, Executive Director, National Council of State Housing Agencies
- Josh Shumaker, Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs, COSCDA

**Moderator:**

- Dianne Taylor, Executive Director, COSCDA

10:45 am – 11:00 am

**Networking Break** (No Refreshments)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Tools and Strategies to Improve LMI Surveys**  
**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

Session will cover a new Notice on LMI surveys, including information about updated ACS and new margin-of-error data. Also, HUD will present new electronic App and other tools to help complete surveys.

**Speakers:**

- 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
- Ray Robinson, Jr., Manager, Compliance Bureau, Community Services Division, Mississippi Development Authority

**Moderator:**

- Deborah Johnson, COSCDA Board Member and Director, Office of Community Development, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**Lunch on your own**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

### **Effective Management of Revolving Loan Funds**

**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

HUD staff will present “Top 5 Problems” and recommended solutions/proposals as well as steps to halt RLFs and reprogram funds. COSCDA members will present their keys to managing a successful RLF.

#### **Speakers:**

- 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
- Chris Whitz, COSCDA Board Member and Director, CDBG Programs, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- Debbie Beck, CDBG Program Manager, Kansas Department of Commerce (via Video Conference)

#### **Moderator:**

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

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Networking Break (No refreshments)**

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

### **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!

#### **Committee Leadership:**

- Joanie Perry-Ward, GA – Chair
- Josh Hanford, VT – Co-Chair
- Dennis Porter, ID – Co-Chair

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

**Regional Dinner (on your own)**

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.

| <b>Eastern Region</b>  | <b>Southern Region</b>   | <b>Western Region</b>   | <b>Midwestern Region</b>   |
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| Cindy Stone<br>COSCDA Regional Representative<br>Maryland  | Traci Watts<br>COSCDA Regional Representative<br>Louisiana   | Jean Barrette<br>COSCDA Regional Representative<br>Nevada   | Chris Whitz<br>COSCDA Regional Representative<br>Michigan  |
| <b>States</b><br>Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont | <b>States</b><br>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia | <b>States</b><br>Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming | <b>States</b><br>Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin |

## Tuesday, February 26, 2019

8:00 am – 10:30 am                      **Coffee and Tea Service**

8:30 am – 10:00 am                      **Addressing and Avoiding Audit Findings**  
(Joint with Homelessness and Housing)  
**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

HUD staff will describe the audit process and how to approach it. Second, they will offer a “health check” module to perform a self-assessment that determines potential problems for both audits as well as HUD monitoring. Finally, this session will cover trends and common problems found by the HUD OIG.

**Speaker:**

- Aaron Taylor, Management and Program Analyst, CPD, Office of Policy Development and Coordination

**Moderator:**

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

10:00 am – 10:15 am                      **Networking Break (No refreshments)**

10:15 am – 12:00 Noon                      **Problem-Solving: Lead-Safe Work versus Abatement**  
**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

Iowa struggles to have a successful housing rehab program with current LBP limit so low. Its pilot project helped staff understand the financial and time implications of going above the LBP cap and completing full abatement for a rehab project. This session will present the pros and cons and then start a discussion with conference attendees to share their experiences with other solutions and options.

**Speaker:**

- Nichole Hansen, Community Investments Team Leader, Iowa Economic Development Authority

**Moderator:**

- Leslie Leager, Division Coordinator, Iowa Economic Development Authority

12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm

**Joint Networking Lunch**

**Location:** The Dupont Circle Café

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Outlook on Federal Programs**

(Joint with Homelessness and Housing)

**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

This conference favorite is back! Hear national experts provide a congressional outlook for our HUD programs (community development, housing and homelessness) in 2019, and discuss the importance of state and local advocacy for housing and community development programs. Plus, hear a reporter's perspective on HUD dynamics related to fair housing policy and other federal programs.

**Speakers:**

- David Hawkings, Editor in Chief, The Firewall, formerly with CQ Roll Call
- Tracy Jan, Reporter, The Washington Post
- Doug Rice, Senior Policy Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

**Moderator:**

- Alison George, COSCDA Board Member and Housing Director, Colorado Department of Local Affairs

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

**Briefing with HUD CDBG Officials**

**Location:** Dupont Ballroom

The new Director of the Office of Block Grant Assistance will provide an update on program guidance, regulations and funding outlook affecting the Community Development Block Grant Program, as well as CDBG-DR and NSP.

**Speakers:**

- Claudette Fernandez, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance
- James E. Höemann, Deputy Director, State and Small Cities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance

**Moderator:**

- Joanie Perry-Ward, COSCDA Board Member and Director, Community Finance Division, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

5:00 pm

**Conference Adjourned**