



Homelessness Program Managers Training Conference Agenda

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:30 am – 12:00 Noon **Registration/Coffee and Tea Service**

8:30 am – 9:45 am **Welcome and Washington Update**
(Joint with Community Development 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.

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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 Community Development 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

Implementing Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
(Joint with Housing)
Location: Fox Hall A, B & C

HUD staff will discuss the critical elements of the law related to housing and homelessness facilities, as well as compliance issues providers and states should address. These include tenant notice requirements, lease bifurcation, and emergency transfer policies. COSCDA members also will provide their perspective and guidance.

Speakers:

- David Jones, Affordable Housing Specialist, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Rebecca Frawley Wachtel, COSCDA Board Member and Tax Credit and HOME Program Director, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
- Lisa Coffman, Senior Program Specialist, Office of Special Needs Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Gordon Calkins, Federal Grants Manager, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

Moderator:

- Matthew LaMantia, COSCDA Board Member and Deputy Chief, Ohio Development Services Agency

12:30 pm– 2:00 pm

Lunch on your own

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Using Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) in Decision-making

Location: Fox Hall B & C

HUD staff will present the methods and tools that will help communities use their LSA data for system performance analysis and modeling. Learn how to use LSA as a decision-making tool.

Speaker:

- William Snow, Senior Program Specialist, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Moderator:

- Shaye Rabold, Continuum of Care Planning and Technical Administrator, Kentucky Housing Corporation

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!

Committee Leadership:

- Matthew LaMantia, Ohio – Chair
- Rosemary Lockett, Kentucky – Co-chair
- Rebekah Zahn-Pittser, Oklahoma – 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.

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

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

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

8:30 am – 10:00 am **OPTIONAL SESSIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS**

OPTION #1

Addressing and Avoiding Audit Findings

(Joint with Community Development 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



OPTION #2

Homelessness Programs Toolkit – TA Resource for States

Location: Fox Hall B & C

A training tool providing an overview of HUD Homelessness Programs is now available. The session will be useful for new staff. Experienced staff will learn how to use the toolkit to train new staff and as a resource in presenting information about ESG, CoC, and homelessness programs.

Speakers:

- Scott Gary, Supportive Housing Manager, Ohio Development Services Agency

- Rosemary Lockett, Program Quality Manager, Kentucky Housing Corporation

Moderator:

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

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Networking Break (No refreshments)

10:15 am – 12:00 noon

Successful Rapid Rehousing Strategy

Location: Fox Hall B & C

Virginia and Maryland will present their strategy which significantly increased placement of homeless persons into permanent housing.

Speakers:

- Kathy Robertson, Associate Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
- Stuart Campbell, Director, Neighborhood Revitalization, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Moderator:

- Tricia Davis, Homelessness Program Manager, Utah Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division

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 Community Development 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 national perspective on HUD dynamics related to fair housing policy and other 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 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 funding outlook affecting HUD's Homelessness programs.

Speaker:

- Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs

Moderator:

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

5:00 pm

Conference Adjourns