



## **Housing 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 Community Development)

**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 Homelessness)  
**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 Homelessness)  
**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

**Instituting Homebuyer Policies for HOME Programs**

**Location:** Fox Hall A

HUD staff will review the changes in recent HOME Notice, such as underwriting and program policies that states and their providers should institute.

**Speaker:**

- Stephen Lathom, Senior Consultant, TDA Consulting

**Moderator:**

- Carrie Kronberg, Housing Programs Manager, Colorado Department of Local Affairs

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Networking Break (No refreshments)**

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

**COSCDA Housing Committee Meeting**

**Location:** Fox Hall A

Participate in developing COSCDA policy and positions related to the HOME Program, HTF, and housing issues. Discuss any housing issue that is important to you. All Housing Program Managers are members of the Committee and are welcome!

**Committee Leadership:**

- Rebecca Frawley Wachtel, Massachusetts – Chair
- Carrie Kronberg, Colorado – Co-Chair
- Bill Guinther, New Hampshire – 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>
Cindy Stone COSCDA Regional Representative Maryland	Traci Watts COSCDA Regional Representative Louisiana	Jean Barrette COSCDA Regional Representative Nevada	Chris Whitz COSCDA Regional Representative Michigan
<b>States</b> Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont	<b>States</b> Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia	<b>States</b> Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming	<b>States</b> 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 Community Development)  
**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                    **Local Housing Solutions: New Tool to Build Capacity for Local Housing**  
**Location:** Fox Hall A

Learn about new online, interactive resource to help communities create and implement comprehensive local housing strategies that promote housing affordability, providing planning and resource assistance.

**Speaker:**

- Jeffrey Lubell, Director of Housing and Community Initiatives, Abt Associates

**Moderator:**

- Pam Kestner, Deputy 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 Federal Programs**

(Joint with Homelessness and Community Development)

**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 HOME/HTF Officials**

**Location: Fox Hall A**

The Director of the Office of Affordable Housing Programs will provide an update on program guidance, regulations and the funding outlook affecting the HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Trust Fund Programs.

**Speaker:**

- Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs

**Moderator:**

- Rebecca Frawley Wachtel, COSCDA Board Member and HOME/Tax Credit Programs Director, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

5:00 pm

**Conference Adjourns**