



DRAFT AGENDA

Virtual 2021 Annual Conference – Reno, NV

Updated August 27, 2021

Monday, September 27, 2021	
10:15 a.m. Eastern 9:15 a.m. Central 8:15 a.m. Mountain 7:15 a.m. Pacific	<p>GoToWebinar Registration</p>
10:30 a.m. Eastern 9:30 a.m. Central 8:30 a.m. Mountain 7:30 a.m. Pacific	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Welcome to COSCSA 2021 Annual Training Conference.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Steven C. Hardin, COSCSA President and Community Development Director, Mississippi Development Authority <hr/> <p>Keynote Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto (Nevada) Invited <p>Nevada Program Overview</p> <p>Officials from Nevada will describe the program structure, method of delivery, and uses of HUD programs, including CDBG, HOME, Housing Trust Fund, and Homelessness Programs.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jessica Sanders, CDBG Program Administrator, Rural Economic & Community Development, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development ❖ Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas, Deputy Administrator, Housing Division, Nevada Department of Business and Industry

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12:15 p.m. Eastern 11:15 a.m. Central 10:15 a.m. Mountain 9:15 a.m. Pacific	Legislative and Regulatory Update COSCDAs staff will provide an update on Congressional actions and legislation being debated on the Hill, and program changes being developed by HUD and other federal agencies. Presenter: ❖ Josh Shumaker, Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs, COSCDA
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1:45 p.m. Eastern 12:45 a.m. Central 11:45 a.m. Mountain 10:45 a.m. Pacific	Community Development Session Coordinating Rural Infrastructure Resources with USDA & EDA This session will provide information on how to coordinate projects with the USDA (Rural Development) and EDA. The session will address common issues and obstacles that arise when using CDBG with these other funding sources. The session will focus on how to partner with these agencies. Presenters: ❖ Cheryl Couch, Community Programs Director, Nevada State Office, Rural Development, USDA ❖ Carleen M. Herring, Acting Area Director, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration ❖ Jason B. Cooper, CGFM Administrative Services Officer III, NV Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ❖ Jessica Sanders, CDBG Program Administrator, Rural Economic & Community Development, Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development Moderator: ❖ Christine Whitz, Director, CDBG Programs, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
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12:15 p.m. Pacific	<p>This session will examine how are downtowns are emerging from the Pandemic and opportunities to use CDBG and other public funds (including ARPA) to support Main Street revitalization efforts.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Kelly Humrichouser, Director of Government Relations, Main Street America ❖ Kayla Savage, Director, Community Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce ❖ Aubrey-Ann Gilmore, Lead Program Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture ❖ Mike Lamberson, City Manager, City of Slaton <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Kimberly N. Carter, Division Director, Community Finance Division, Georgia Department of Community Affairs
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	<p>Hear from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) senior officials regarding the direction of HUD policy and program actions under the new Biden Administration, including direction of new infrastructure investment funding.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Adrienne Todman, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Invited) ❖ Matthew LaMantia, Director, Office of Community Planning & Development, Columbus Field Office, HUD <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Deborah Johnson, COSCDA Board Member and Director, Office of Community Development, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development
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<p>12:15 p.m. Eastern 11:15 a.m. Central 10:15 a.m. Mountain 9:15 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>Joint Session HOME-ARP – New Homelessness Resources</p> <p>This session will provide an update on the supplemental HOME Program funding included in the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). These funds have aspects that address emergency housing and service needs. Staff from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will cover key program requirements and provide an opportunity for questions and answers regarding those requirements and program status.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Virginia Sardone, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ❖ Brett Esders, Senior Program Specialist, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Janice Waddell, COSCDA Board Member and Federal Programs Branch Chief, California Department of Housing and Community Development
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	<p>This session will review programs that provide assistance to install and/or retrofit housing with energy efficiency improvements. The session will also include information about potential funding sources to support these programs.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Craig Shields, Chief, Climate Investments Branch, California Department of Housing and Community Development ❖ Dan Farrell, Associate Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development ❖ Rachel Davis, Senior Vice President, Petros Partners <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Julia Zaffarano, Housing Portfolio Manager, Division of Housing, Colorado Department of Local Affairs
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	<p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cindy Stone, COSCDA Board Member and Director, Community Programs, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development <p>States Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Mid-Western Regional Meeting</p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Christine Whitz, COSCDA Board Member and Director, CDBG Program, Michigan Economic Development Corporation <p>States Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin</p>
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Wednesday, September 29, 2021

<p>10:15 a.m. Eastern 9:15 a.m. Central 8:15 a.m. Mountain 7:15 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>GoToWebinar Registration</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. Eastern 9:30 a.m. Central 8:30 a.m. Mountain 7:30 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>Crosscutting Plenary Session Doing More without Enough Staff & Support: Maximizing Capacity by Building Cross-Sector Partnerships</p> <p>This session will outline the challenges of new resources and programs to meet increased housing and homelessness needs, but without enough staffing and operational capacity. Solutions can be found by developing operational partnerships to implement these expanded responsibilities. The session will provide examples from Nevada and around the country of how to develop such partnerships.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Christine Hess, Executive Director, Nevada Housing Coalition ❖ Brooke Page, Director, Southwest at the Corporation for Supportive Housing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Manager, Clark County Social Service (Invited) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Alison George, COSCDA Board Member and Housing Director, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing
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<p>12:15 p.m. Eastern 11:15 a.m. Central 10:15 a.m. Mountain 9:15 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>Homelessness Session VI-SPDAT: Moving Beyond Assessment Tools</p> <p>With the phasing out of VI-SPDAT, states and Continuums of Care are looking for new options to replace this commonly used assessment tool. This session will review options for assessment tools and, more importantly, improving the assessment process, with or without a formal tool. There are issues of equity and fair housing that will also be covered in considering how to update coordinated entry procedures.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Gordon Levine, Continuum of Care Manager, Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care, Louisiana Housing Corporation ❖ Jason D. Alexander, MPP, Principal, Capacity for Change, LLC ❖ Alissa Parrish, Lead Homeless Services Specialist, ICF, Inc. <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tricia Davis, Assistant Director, Utah Office of Homeless Services
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<p>1:45 p.m. Eastern 12:45 p.m. Central 11:45 p.m. Mountain 10:45 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>Joint Session Conversion of Lodging into Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness</p> <p>Starting early in the Pandemic, states and local agencies have been using funds to convert temporary lodging (hotels/motels) into housing options for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This session will highlight such projects and funding sources used.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Geoffrey Ross, Deputy Director, Financial Assistance - Federal Programs, California

	<p>Department of Housing and Community Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ron Rupp, Director of Federal Housing Programs, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board ❖ Kristin Toombs, Director, Office of Homeless Initiatives, Colorado Department of Local Affairs <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Steve DiLella, Director, Individual and Family Support Program Unit, Connecticut Department of Housing
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<p>3:15 p.m. Eastern 2:15 p.m. Central 1:15 p.m. Mountain 12:15 p.m. Pacific</p>	<p>HUD SNAPS Senior Officials Session</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Invited) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Nichele J. Carver, Associate Director, Homeless and Special Needs Housing, Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)
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	<p>States Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>COSCD A Western Regional Meeting</p> <p>Facilitator: ❖ Pauletta Bourne, COSCDA Board Member and Grants Administrator III, State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development</p> <p>States Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming</p>
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Thursday, September 30, 2021

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10:30 a.m. Eastern 9:30 a.m. Central 8:30 a.m. Mountain 7:30 a.m. Pacific	Plenary Session Mobile Workshop Tour The site visit will showcase Housing, Infrastructure, Community and Economic Development, and Homelessness Projects funded throughout the State of Nevada. Locations/Project Sites: ❖ Nevada Cares Campus in Reno ❖ Village on Sage Street ❖ Hope Springs ❖ Rural Nevada Projects ❖ Nevada CDBG-CV Project Overview
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<p>12:15 p.m. Eastern 11:15 a.m. Central 10:15 a.m. Mountain 9:15 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>Disaster Recovery Session Resilience planning: Doing it Now to Preserve the Future</p> <p>States and localities have been increasingly impacted by natural disaster events experiencing severe damage to infrastructure, housing, and related community facilities. Federal resources including HUD’s CDBG – Mitigation grants reinforce public preparedness and strengthen the ability of communities to withstand harsh environmental conditions moving forward. The session will explore state-led engagement on resiliency and lessons learned in implementation.</p>
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<p>1:45 p.m. Eastern 12:45 p.m. Central 11:45 p.m. Mountain 10:45 a.m. Pacific</p>	<p>Disaster Recovery Session DR/MIT Action Plan Development and Insights for Grant Start Up</p> <p>Before accessing federal resources, states must develop comprehensive proposals on post-disaster recovery and mitigation activities. Extensive time and effort is involved in determining how funding will meet specific jurisdictional needs. This session will feature tips on developing action plans and getting started with grant implementation.</p>
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COSCD A Business Meeting/ Conference Wrap Up

The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to discuss organizational issues, and provide input to the COSCDA Board of Directors. Officers and Board members will be elected. Conference attendees will receive an update on COSCDA's training activities and financial status.

Presenters:

- ❖ Deborah Johnson, COSCDA Treasurer and Director, Office of Community Development, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development

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