



Road to Resilience



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## 2022 COSCD A Annual Conference – DRAFT AGENDA September 11–14, 2022

Sunday – September 11	Monday – September 12	Tuesday – September 13	Wednesday – September 14
1:00 – 4:00 pm	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:30 am
Registration	<b>Regional Breakfast</b>	<b>Treasury Senior Staff Briefing (TENTATIVE)</b>	<b>COSCD A Award Winners &amp; Sponsor Presentations</b>
	10:00 am	9:00 am	10:00 am
	<b>Welcome and Opening Plenary</b>  Gov. John Bel Edwards (confirmed) <b>Keynote:</b> Rich Overmoyer, President & CEO, Fourth Economy	<b>Programmatic Committee Meetings</b> (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area)	<b>Breakout Session C</b> (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area – options listed below)
	<b>Louisiana Program Overview</b>	10:30 am	
	<b>Federal Legislative &amp; Regulatory Update</b>	<b>Plenary Session</b> Resilience: Why it’s Important and How to Respond	
Noon	Noon	Noon	11:45 am
<b>Add On – Optional Tour(s)</b> TBA	<b>Box Lunch Pick Up</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Sponsor Presentation</b> LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans (Invited)
4:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	1:30 pm
<b>COSDCA Board Meeting</b>	<b>Sponsor Presentation &amp; Mobile Workshop</b>	<b>Breakout Session A</b> (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area – options listed below)	<b>Kevin Bush, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs</b>
			2:00 pm
			<b>HUD Senior Staff Briefings</b>
5:30 pm		3:15 pm	3:30 pm
<b>Welcome Reception &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee Acknowledgement</b> (All Conference Attendees Invited)		<b>Breakout Session B</b> (Four Simultaneous Sessions for Each Program Area – options listed below)	<b>Business Meeting and Closing Remarks</b>
6:30 pm	5:30 pm	4:45 pm	5:00 pm

<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>	<b>President's Reception/Awards Recognition &amp; Sponsor Presentation</b>	<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
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**Breakout Session List (See Session Descriptions Below)**

Date & Time	Community Development	Housing	Homelessness	Disaster Recovery
<b>Breakout Session A</b> Tuesday, 1:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 3 – Best Practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition of Manufactured Housing Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health &amp; Shelters: Vaccine Strategies &amp; Reconfiguring Shelters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managed Retreat Research and Buyout – Returning to Open Space</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout Session B</b> Tuesday, 3:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of CDBG for New Construction Housing (&amp; Infrastructure in support)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of COVID on Housing Construction, Design, and Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention Strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resiliency and Sustainability in Housing Construction</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout Session C</b> Wednesday, 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Economic Development during COVID</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USDA/Rural Dev. Housing Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizing and Prioritizing CDBG-DR investments in Community-Scale Infrastructure for LMI Communities</li> </ul>
<b>HUD Senior Staff Briefings</b> Wednesday, 2:30 PM	Jessie Handforth Kome, Director, HUD Office of Block Grant Assistance (invited)	Virginia Sardone, Director, HUD Office of Affordable Housing Programs (invited)	Norm Suchar, Director, HUD Office of Special Needs Programs (Invited)	Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issue Division (Invited)
<b>Add on Disaster Recovery Training</b> Thursday, September 15 (8:30 AM– 5:00 PM)		This day-long session will offer more detailed information for managers and staff. The anticipated topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressing mid-program issues such as Action Plan revisions and monitoring</li> <li>Data sharing and reporting concerns</li> <li>Sharing best practices from other states on DR program design and management</li> <li>New mitigation approaches including fortified housing options to address fire, flood and heat.</li> </ul>		

## Plenary Sessions

Keynote Remarks  
Monday, 10:00 AM

### **Rich Overmoyer, President & CEO, Fourth Economy**

Mr. Overmoyer will share his perspective on how the last two years can be a catalyst for throwing out the status quo. New and resilient approaches are critical to addressing a broad array of community needs, particularly for low- and moderate-income people. He will highlight the opportunities for states to re-examine how to best invest their community development, HUD, new federal infrastructure resources, and ARPA funding to create impactful change.

Plenary Session  
Tuesday, 10:00 AM

### **Resilience: Why it's Important and How to Respond**

A panel of three speakers will address this topic. A representative from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will describe the changes in weather patterns resulting in extreme conditions causing both severe storms and drought conditions. A national speaker will address how state governments and community leaders should advocate for, develop, and implement comprehensive disaster-resilience plans for various risks. Additionally, a presenter will discuss Louisiana's Climate Action Plan and the challenges of implementing resilience plans.

## Community Development Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session A  
Tuesday, 1:30 PM

### **Section 3 – Best Practices**

Several state agencies will present their approach to implement the new Section 3 regulation. The session will be an opportunity to discuss what works and doesn't work. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to share their experience and concerns.

Breakout Session B  
Tuesday, 3:15 PM

**Use of CDBG for New Construction Housing (& Infrastructure in support)**

While there is a general restriction on using CDBG funds to pay for new construction of housing, there are important exceptions. HUD staff and COSCDA members will present how to support new housing through CBDO, CHDOs, or infrastructure and land development that will support new housing.

Breakout Session C  
Wednesday, 10:00 AM

**Rural Economic Development during COVID**

Economic development in rural communities has always been different than other areas. Since the onset of the COVID, more changes are emerging. This panel will discuss empowering communities to lead initiatives in place-making and attracting/retaining businesses in non-metro areas. The panel will provide a broad overview of trends and specific examples of programs and projects to support rural economic development.

**Housing Breakout Sessions**

Breakout Session A  
Tuesday, 1:30 PM

**Acquisition of Manufactured Housing Parks**

This session will examine the trend to maintain affordable housing by purchasing manufactured housing parks/communities. Development pressures have led park/community owners to sell their properties and creating uncertainty for the residents. This session will highlight projects that have successfully transitioned to new ownership that maintains and/or improves the affordable housing.

Breakout Session B  
Tuesday, 3:15 PM

**Impact of COVID on Housing Construction, Design, and Development**

This session will offer presentations about how COVID is changing our work to provide housing. There are cost concerns, but also new approaches to design and development patterns that have emerged. The presentations are expected to include planners and private sector developers to discuss these new trends.

Breakout Session C

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

**USDA/Rural Development Housing Programs**

USDA's Rural Development agency provides significant resources to support affordable housing. Staff from the agency will provide an overview of those programs and how to partner with them to expand the supply of affordable housing. The session also will include discussion about how to coordinate these programs with HUD funds.

**Homelessness Breakout Sessions**

Breakout Session A

Tuesday, 1:30 PM

**Public Health & Shelters: Vaccine Strategies & Reconfiguring Shelters**

Hear presentations about making progress and changes to improve health conditions for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. These presentations will be particularly focused on programs/initiatives that are connecting those improvements to address COVID, but not limited to that. Other health conditions could be improved by reconfiguring shelters and providing better connection to health services.

Breakout Session B

Tuesday, 3:15 PM

**Prevention Strategies**

This session will address how homelessness prevention strategies are receiving increased attention at the national level, specifically from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. This session will address the challenges of prevention, systems change, and how to develop resources to support prevention activities.

Breakout Session C

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

**Rural Homelessness**

This session will feature presentations about the barriers of rural homelessness that are different than urban homelessness. Those barriers include transportation, capacity of rural nonprofits, developing partnerships with faith based entities. This session will also include presentations about an innovative planning process that simultaneously helped build the capacity of rural homelessness provider agencies in Pennsylvania.

## **Disaster Recovery Breakout Sessions**

Breakout Session A

Tuesday, 1:30 PM

### **Managed Retreat Research and Buyout – Returning to Open Space**

This session will highlight the research and impact done by New York of its buyout program. The presentation will examine where people moved and the effectiveness of incentives. The session will also highlight the lessons learned from buyout programs in other states.

Breakout Session B

Tuesday, 3:15 PM

### **Resiliency and Sustainability in Construction and Design**

This session will highlight resilient construction process and design features. The session will include presenters from private firms that are turning to resilient approaches that in the long-term are more effective uses of public resources.

Breakout Session C

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

### **Recognizing and Prioritizing CDBG-DR investments in Community-Scale Infrastructure for LMI Communities**

This session will examine how to identify effective recovery projects and assure connection t LMI communities. New York state will describe its planning process that provides “Procedural Justice” that connects data with a policy focus. Other states will provide their process to connect to LMI population groups.