



COSCDCA Program Managers Training Conference
Washington, D.C.
March 16 - 17, 2026
Speaker List

Monday, March 16, 2026

Welcome and Opening Plenary **Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten**

Moderator	Rebecca Frawley Wachtel	COSCDCA President and Tax Credit and HOME Program Director	Massachusetts; Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities	Rebecca.frawley@mass.gov
Speakers	Bryan Horn	Deputy Assistant Secretary	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
	Francis Torres	Director, Housing and Infrastructure Projects	Bipartisan Policy Center	ftorres@bipartisanpolicy.org

Program Track Breakout Sessions

Community Development Track: Using CDBG to Convert Underutilized Buildings to Affordable Housing **Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten**

Speakers	Mollie Kaylor	Director of Housing and Community Development	New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority	mkaylor@nhcdfa.org
	Felicity Gasser	Community Development Branch Chief	California Department of Housing and Community Development	felicity.gasser@hcd.ca.gov
	Julia Connell	Community Development Specialist	Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development	julia.connell@vermont.gov
	Tamra Fabian	Director, Bureau of Community Development	Wisconsin Department of Administration	tamra.fabian@wisconsin.gov
Moderator	Tricia Davis Winter	COSCDCA Board Member and Director of Housing and Community Development	Utah Department of Workforce Services	tadavis@utah.gov

Housing Track: Revised HOME Final Rule **Location: Meeting Room Three Lobby Level**

Speakers	Virginia Sardone	former Director, Office of Affordable Housing	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
	Jennifer DiGiallonardo	Federal Housing Assets Team Manager, Division of Housing	Colorado Department of Local Affairs	jennifer.digiallonardo@state.co.us
	Keli Reynolds	Assistant Director, Housing Contract Administration, Single Family Programs	Kentucky Housing Corporation	keli.reynolds@kyhousing.org
Moderator	Bill Lord	Director, Community Housing	Tennessee Housing Development Agency	blord@thda.org

Homelessness Track: Addressing New CoC NOFO Requirements **Location: Meeting Room Eleven**

Speakers	Katie Kitchin	Senior Advisor for External Affairs	Corporation for Supportive Housing	Katie.kitchin@csh.org
	Marcy Thompson	Vice President of Programs and Policy	National Alliance to End Homelessness	mthompson@naeh.org
	Jenna Pomponi	Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs	Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCDCA)	jhampton@coscda.org
Moderator	Joe Tielke	Continuum of Care Administrator	South Dakota Statewide Continuum of Care	joseph@sdhda.org

Disaster Recovery Track: Challenging Financial Requirements: Managing Multiple DR Grants & Recaptured DR Funds **Location: Meeting Room Seven and Eight**

Speakers	Jane Brogan	Director	CohnReznick	Jane.brogan@cohnreznick.com
	Kathleen Tremblay	Program Director, CDBG-Disaster Recovery	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	kathleen.tremblay@dca.ga.gov
	Travis Weber	Branch Manager for Housing and Community Projects	Kentucky Department for Local Government	travis.weber@ky.gov
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	Molly Keller	Deputy Director of Operations and Chief of Staff, Community Development & Revitalization	Texas General Land Office	molly.keller@glo.texas.gov
Moderator	Angela Susten	Director, Center for Community and Housing Development	Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development	asusten@pa.gov

Program Track Breakout Sessions

Community Development Track: Creative Options to Train Local CDBG Administrators **Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten**

Speakers	Lisa Maxwell	Deputy Director	Mississippi Development Authority	lmaxwell@mississippi.org
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	Andrew Hayman	CDBG Director	Kansas Department of Commerce	andrew.hayman@ks.gov
	Kathleen Weissenberger	Principal and Owner	KW Consultants, LLC	kathleen@kw-consultants.com
Moderator	Jean Noble	Grants Division Director	Arkansas Economic Development Commission	JNoble@arkansasedc.com

Housing Track: Effective Financial Management of HOME Funds: Handling Program Income, Reuse & Recaptured Funds **Location: Meeting Room Three Lobby Level**

Speakers	Rebecca Frawley Wachtel	COSCDCA President and Tax Credit and HOME Program Director	Massachusetts; Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities	Rebecca.frawley@mass.gov
	Ariel Cisneros	Associate Director of the Office of Housing Finance and Sustainability, Division of Housing	Colorado, Department of Local Affairs	Ariel.Cisneros@state.co.us
	Shawna LaRue Moraille	Director	ICF	Shawna.Moraille@icf.com
Moderator	Kimberly Polm	HOME & HOME-ARP Program Manager	Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development	kpalm@pa.gov

Homelessness Track: CoC Collaboration with Other Sectors (Early Childhood Education, Schools, Criminal Justice, Child Welfare, and Workforce Services) **Location: Meeting Room Eleven**

Speakers	Katie Kitchin	Senior Advisor for External Affairs	Corporation for Supportive Housing	Katie.kitchin@csh.org
	Steve DiLella	Director, Individual and Family Support Programs Unit	Connecticut Department of Housing	Steve.dilella@ct.gov
	Rosy L. Falcon	Homeless Programs Manager	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	rosy.falcon@tdhca.texas.gov
Moderator	Whitney Whitaker	Homelessness Resolution Program Manager, Division of Housing	Colorado Department of Local Affairs	whitney.whitaker@state.co.us

Disaster Recovery Track: Model Economic Revitalization & Mitigation Activities				Location: Meeting Room Seven and Eight
Speakers	Marion McFadden	Vice President for Disaster Recovery	IEM	Marion.mcfadden@iem.com
	Tina M. Hines	Staff Officer/Program Manager, Community Incentives Division	Mississippi Development Authority	thines@mississippi.org
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	Micaela Coner	Assistant Executive Director of Policy, Planning, and Regional Support Operations	Louisiana Office of Community Development	micaela.coner2@la.gov
Moderator	Chris Whitz	Managing Director, Federal Programs	Michigan Economic Development Corporation	whitzc@michigan.org
Plenary Session: Update on Congressional Policymaking for HUD and Addressing the Affordability Crisis				Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten
Speakers	Kellie O'Brien	Senior Policy Advisor	Congressman Liccardo's Office (D-CA16)	kellie.obrien@mail.house.gov
	Eric Mendoza	Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director	Congressman Monica De La Cruz (R-TX15)	eric.mendoza@mail.house.gov
Moderator	Jenna Pomponi	Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs	Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCD A)	jenna.hampton@coscda.org
Plenary Session: Advice on HUD's New Grant Agreement Requirements				Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten
Speakers	Gina Campo	COSCD A Board Member and Executive Director	Louisiana Office of Community Development	Gina.Campo@la.gov
	Kimberly N. Carter	COSCD A Treasurer and Deputy Commissioner of Community Development and Finance	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	kim.carter@dca.ga.gov
	Susanne Barnard	COSCD A Vice President and Director for CDBG Programs	Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs	susanne.barnard@texasagriculture.gov
	Tricia Davis Winter	COSCD A Board Member and Director of Housing and Community Development	Utah Department of Workforce Services	tadavis@utah.gov
Moderator	Curtis Stauffer PMP, HDP	COSCD A Board Member and Managing Director, Housing Contract Administration	Kentucky Housing Corporation	cstauffer@kyhousing.org
Tuesday, March 17, 2026				
Plenary Session: Update on Congressional Appropriations and FY 2027 HUD Spending				Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten
Speakers	Tushar Gurjal	Senior Policy Manager	National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)	Tgurjal@nahro.org
	Tess Hembree	Executive Director	Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCD A)	thembree@coscda.org
Moderator	Jenna Pomponi	Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs	Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCD A)	jenna.hampton@coscda.org
Program Track Breakout Sessions				
Community Development Track: Stretching Boundaries of CDBG: Examples of Nontraditional Activities				Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten
Speakers	Travis Weber	Branch Manager for Housing and Community Projects	Kentucky Department for Local Government	travis.weber@ky.gov
	Jennifer Domenici	Assistant Director, Housing and Community Development Division	Utah Department of Workforce Services	jdomenici@utah.gov
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	Dominic Carew	Small Cities Team Leader	Connecticut Department of Housing	Dominic.Carew@ct.gov
	Dona Sorce	Assistant Director, Community Development Programs	Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	dona.sorce@maryland.gov
	Christina Carver	Division Director	Missouri Department of Economic Development	Christina.Carver@ded.mo.gov
Moderator	Katherine Easterly Martey	COSCD A Board Member, Executive Director	New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority	keasterly@nhcdfa.org
Housing Track: Using New Markets Tax Credits for Housing Development				Location: Meeting Room Three Lobby Level
Speakers	Brad Elphick	Partner	Novogradac	Brad.elphick@novoco.com
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	Ariel Cisneros	Associate Director of the Office of Housing Finance and Sustainability, Division of Housing	Colorado, Department of Local Affairs	Ariel.Cisneros@state.co.us
Moderator	Felicity Gasser	Community Development Branch Chief	California Department of Housing and Community Development	felicity.gasser@hcd.ca.gov
Homelessness Track: Data Driven Approaches for ESG Application Decision Making				Location: Meeting Room Eleven
Speakers	Shaye Rabold	Continuum of Care Planning and Technical Administrator	Kentucky Housing Corporation	srabold@kyhousing.org
	Rosy L. Falcon	Homeless Programs Manager	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	Rosy.falcon@tdhca.texas.gov
	Samantha Spergel	Chief Community Programs and Services Officer	Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	sspergel@ihcda.in.gov
	Gordon Calkins	Director of Individual Homelessness Systems	Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities	Gordon.Calkins@mass.gov
Moderator	Seila Mosquera-Bruno	COSCD A Board Member and Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Housing	seila.mosquera-bruno@ct.gov
Disaster Recovery Track: Multifamily Housing using DR and LIHTC				Location: Meeting Room Seven and Eight
Speakers	Jennifer Siegel	Affordable Housing Development Project Manager	ICF	Jennifer.Siegel@icf.com
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Moderator	Chuck Bearman	Director of Community Incentives	Mississippi Development Authority	cbearman@mississippi.org

Program Track Breakout Sessions				
Community Development Track: Community Development Strategy Session				Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten
Speakers	Vicki Watson	Executive Director	National Community Development Association	vwatson@ncdaonline.org
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	Jenna Pomponi	Director of Advocacy and Federal Programs	Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSFDA)	jenna.hampton@coscda.org
Moderator	Suzanne Barnard	COSFDA Vice President and Director for CDBG Programs	Texas Department of Agriculture	Suzanne.Barnard@TexasAgriculture.gov
Housing Track: Housing Strategy Session				Location: Meeting Room Three Lobby Level
Speakers	Xavier Arriaga	Associate Director, Policy	Enterprise Community Partners	xarriaga@enterprisecommunity.org
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Moderator	Curtis Stauffer, PMP, HDPF	COSFDA Board Member and Managing Director, Housing Contract Administration	Kentucky Housing Corporation	cstauffer@kyhousing.org
Homelessness Track: Homelessness Strategy Session				Location: Meeting Room Eleven
Speakers	Steve Berg	Chief Policy Officer	National Alliance to End Homelessness	Sberg@NAEH.org
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Moderator	Steve DiLella	Director, Individual and Family Support Programs Unit	Connecticut Department of Housing	Steve.dilella@ct.gov
Disaster Recovery Track: Disaster Recovery Strategy Session				Location: Meeting Room Seven and Eight
Speakers	Noah Patton	Manager of Disaster Recovery	National Low Income Housing Coalition	npatton@nlihc.org
	Matt Cowles	Deputy Director	National Emergency Management Association	mcowles@csg.org
	Tess Hembree	Executive Director	Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSFDA)	themhree@coscda.org
Moderator	Gina Campo	COSFDA Board Member and Executive Director	Louisiana Office of Community Development	Gina.Campo@la.gov
Plenary Session - Washington Update and Key Takeaways, Insights, and Future Opportunities				Location: Meeting Room Nine and Ten
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