

National Community Development Association
2011 Winter Legislative & Policy Meeting
Washington, DC
January 19-21, 2011
Draft Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The committee meetings are open to all conference participants.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Program and Policy Committee

The co-chairs of NCDCA's subcommittees will report on the progress of meeting the goals of the NCDCA strategic plan.

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

- Housing Program and Policy Subcommittee Meeting
- Economic Development Program and Policy Subcommittee Meeting

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- Community Development Program and Policy Subcommittee Meeting
- Membership Subcommittee Meeting

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PRACTITIONERS**

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Training Session 1: Section 3 and Affirmatively
Furthering Fair Housing**

This session will provide an overview of HUD's Section 3 and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirements as they relate to CDBG and HOME. A grantee will present its policy for implementing Section 3 at the local level.

Speakers:

John Trasvina, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

Mara Register, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Valdosta, GA

3:00 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Break

3:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Training Session 2: Grantee Reporting

This session will provide an update on IDIS OnLine, give participants tips for timely and accurate reporting of grant programs, and discuss how grantees can use their program data to tell their story to the community.

Speakers:

Robert Brever, Director, Systems Development and Evaluation Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlements Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Karen Pearce, Community, Planning, and Development Specialist, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Planning and Professional Development Subcommittee Meeting
- Technology Program and Policy Subcommittee Meeting

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

HILL VISITS

This is the opportunity for you to meet with your congressional members to educate them on the accomplishments of your CDBG, HOME, Section 108, BEDI, and homeless assistance programs. Please arrange the meeting in advance through your congressional member's office.

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: USING CDBG FOR JOB CREATION

Job creation is the number one priority of Congress and the Administration. HUD will provide a broad overview of how grantees can use their CDBG funds for job creation. Participants will hear from a grantee on the use of CDBG dollars to attract and assist businesses, creating permanent jobs.

Speakers:

Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlements Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Al Faella, Director of Economic Development, Union County, NJ

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: EDUCATING YOUR COMMUNITY ON CDBG AND HOME

This session will prepare participants for the 2011 National CD Week campaign. Participants will hear from other communities on planning and implementing successful CD Week activities. With a tough federal budget year ahead, CD Week is needed more than ever to report and promote the accomplishments of both CDBG and HOME.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: HUD POLICY BRIEFING

HUD's Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (CPD) will provide an overview of CPD priorities in the coming year, including the focus on comprehensive planning.

Speaker:

Assistant Secretary Mercedes Marquez, Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: HUD PROGRAM BRIEFING

Program staff from the Office of Community Planning and Development will provide a program update on upcoming regulations and notices affecting CDBG, HOME, NSP and new initiatives.

Speakers:

Cliff Taffet, Acting General Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

Stan Gimont, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC

3:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Break

3:40 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION: CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK

This session will provide an outlook on congressional appropriations in the coming year from a former appropriations staffer. The session will also provide information on effectively communicating with your congressional members.

Speaker:

Bill Simpson, National Rural Water Association, Washington, DC

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS

NCDA's regions will have the opportunity to caucus to discuss regional business.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 1: REGIONAL APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This session will highlight two communities use of the HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to create a regional approach to planning affordable housing, economic development, transportation and other projects.

Speakers:

Becky Wady, Director of Community Development, City of Knoxville, TN

Amy Cotter, Director of Regional Plan Implementation, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston, MA

SESSION 2: Neighborhood Stabilization

This session will provide participants with a look at how the NSP1 program has transformed neighborhoods. The session will also provide an overview of HUD's First Look Program, a new program designed to help NSP grantees purchase foreclosed properties.

Speakers:

Jessie Handforth Kome, Assistant Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Diane Lobasso, Director, State and Small Cities Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

AUDREY NELSON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON

The winners of the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Awards will be recognized during the luncheon.

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL KIT

Participants will learn about HUD's Economic Development Toolkit. The Toolkit provides guidance on the effective use of CDBG funds for financing eligible economic development projects,

including micro-enterprise and small business development, large-scale commercial and industrial development, and job creation, job retention, and job training activities.

Speaker:

Paul Webster, Director, Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

SESSION 2: AMERICAN FACT FINDER DEMONSTRATION

The NEW American Fact Finder (AFF) is coming in January 2011. This session will provide a general overview of the AFF, demonstrate the search and navigation tools, show the geographic areas, population groups, industries and other topics that are now included in the NEW AFF. Examples on how to find data, download data, and use the mapping feature will be demonstrated.

Speaker:

Barbara LaFleur-Rehbein, State and Local Government Liaison, Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING