

**National Community Development Association  
2008 Winter Legislative & Policy Meeting  
Washington, DC – Westin Hotel  
January 23 - 25, 2008  
Agenda**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23**

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

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

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

**HILL VISITS**

*This is the opportunity for you to meet with your congressional members to advocate for CDBG, HOME, and other HUD programs. Please arrange the meeting in advance through your congressional member's office. Talking points are provided in your conference packet to help you in your meeting.*

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

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**PLENARY SESSION: THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS**

*Hear directly from federal officials on the mortgage meltdown crisis, including causes and trends in defaults and foreclosures, tracking the crisis in your community, and using CDBG and HOME strategically to assist in efforts to address the crisis.*

Moderator: Cardell Cooper, Executive Director, National Community Development Association

**Panelists:**

Randall Fasnacht, Senior Analyst, Financial Markets and Community Investment, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Richard Kennedy, Acting General Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Cliff Taffet, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

**2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break**

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

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session 1: Ten-Year Plans to End Homelessness**

*Over 300 cities and counties have created 10-year plans to end homelessness. Learn how one city developed and implemented its plan and the remarkable progress made so far in reducing homelessness. Hear from The National Alliance to End Homelessness on other successful plans that have been developed across the country.*

Moderator: Leila Allen, Director, Housing and Community Development Department, City of Orlando, FL

**Panelists:**

Will White, Director, Bureau of Housing and Community Development, City of Portland, OR

Norm Suchar, Senior Policy Analyst, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, DC

**Session 2: Resale v Recapture in the HOME Program**

*Resale or Recapture? Learn about the differences in these two concepts and how they can affect your HOME program.*

Moderator: Stephen Gartrell, Associate Director of Housing and Community Development, City of Newton, MA

**Panelists:**

Virginia Sardone, Director, Policy and Program Division, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Stephen Gartrell, Associate Director of Housing and Community Development, City of Newton, MA

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

**HOSPITALITY SUITE AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

### **OPENING GENERAL SESSION AND TERRENCE R. DUVERNAY AWARDS BREAKFAST**

*Immediately following the Opening General Session, the winners of the Terrence R. Duvernay HOME Program Awards of Excellence will be recognized. Award winners are encouraged to invite their mayors and their congressional delegation to help them accept the award.*

**11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

### **PLENARY SESSION: HUD POLICY AND PROGRAM BRIEFING**

*HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development will brief conference participants on HUD's policy and program direction for 2008, including an update on the CPD performance measurement system, CDBG and HOME data clean-up efforts, IDIS re-engineering, and other ongoing program and policy efforts.*

Moderator: Emory Counts, Daytona Beach, FL,  
NCDA President

#### **Panelists:**

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

Robert Brever, Director, Systems Development and Evaluation Division, Office of Community Planning

and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Russ Ficken, Systems Development and Evaluation Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

### **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

### **2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION: CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING**

*Congressional staff will be on hand to brief conference participants on legislation and budgetary concerns that could impact housing and community development programs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.*

Moderator: Emory Counts, Daytona Beach, FL,  
NCDA President

#### **Panelists:**

Scott Olson, Professional Staff Member, Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives

David Eiselsberg, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN)

**3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break**

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

### **FEEDBACK SESSION WITH HUD STAFF ON NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREAS (NRSAs)**

*This is a continuation of the session from the 2007 Winter Conference. Steve Johnson, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, HUD, will lead an informal discussion on NRSAs.*

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

### **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*Conference participants are welcome to attend the subcommittee meetings, but cannot vote on subcommittee actions.*

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS**

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

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

**HOSPITALITY SUITE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**

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

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

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

**HILL VISITS**

*More time for you to visit with your congressional members to advocate for CDBG and HOME.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**PLANNING AND PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**HOUSING PROGRAM AND POLICY  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
AND POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**NCDA LUNCHEON**

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

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session 1: Promoting CDBG and HOME in Your Community**

*Funding for both CDBG and HOME was cut in FY 2008. How can communities better promote and elevate the programs through the media, congressional members, and in the overall community? Hear how three jurisdictions promote CDBG and HOME in their communities.*

Moderator: Paul Hilgers, City of Austin, TX

**Panelists:**

John Callow, Director, Community Development Department, City of Murfreesboro, TN

Scott Stevenson, Manager, Community Development Division, County of Los Angeles, CA

Frederick Marinelli, Director, Community Development Department, City of Hialeah, FL

**Session 2: EPA Brownfields Program**

*The EPA Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in redeveloping brownfield sites – contaminated and polluted land. Funds available through the program can be used for environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training activities. This session will provide an overview of the program and how your community can apply for funding through EPA and through your state agency. A local grantee will provide their perspective on the program.*

Moderator: Patrick Sullivan, Director, Office of Housing and Community Development, City of New Bedford, MA

**Panelists:**

Megan Quinn, Office of Brownfield and Land Revitalization Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Gary Suskauer

Director of the Brownfields Initiative  
Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore, MD

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

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Session 1: New Markets Tax Credit**

*The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program attracts private-sector capital investment into the nation's urban and rural low-income areas to help finance community development projects, stimulate economic growth and create jobs. An official from the Community Development Financial Institution within the U.S. Department of the Treasury will provide an overview of the NMTC and discuss*

*projects that have been funded through the program.*

Moderator: Roslyn Mixon Phillips, City of Jacksonville, FL

Panelist:

Abigail Suarez, Analyst, Community Development Financial Institution, U.S. Department of the Treasury

**Session 2: Fair Housing**

*This session will provide tips on developing and implementing an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. In addition, staff from the City of Newton, MA, will discuss efforts to launch a comprehensive fair housing educational and outreach effort and their effort in funding two fair housing audits of the City's private and public housing markets.*

Moderator: Dedri Hafer, City of Waco, TX

Panelists:

Floyd May, Managing Director, National Organization of African Americans in Housing, Washington, DC

Trisha Kenyon Guditzi, Housing Development Coordinator, City of Newton, MA

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

**Program and Policy Committee Meeting**

*The chairpersons of NCDA's subcommittees will meet to discuss the recommendations from each subcommittee.*

**4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (CLOSED MEETING)**

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

**CLOSING RECEPTION**

**\*If you are interested in joining a subcommittee, please complete the form in your conference packet.**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Registration

To register, complete the adjacent form and send to:

**National Community Development Association  
(NCDA)  
522 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 120  
Washington, D.C. 20006**

Registration must be paid for by check and payment should be made payable to NCDA. Should you need to cancel, please mail, fax (202-887-5546) or e-mail (ncda@ncdaonline.org) your cancellation to NCDA by **January 7, 2008**. A cancellation fee of \$100 will be charged after this date.

### Conference Fees

Conference fee is: \$400 - Members  
\$450 - Non-members

*Group discounts are available. When two persons attend from any single community, each person receives a \$25 discount. When three or more persons attend, each person receives a \$50 discount.*

### Hotel Accommodations

NCDA has secured a block of rooms at the Westin Washington, DC City Center Hotel, 1400 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., where the conference will be held. The hotel will hold this block exclusively for conference registrants through **December 28, 2007**. Reservations received after this date will be based on room availability at the best available rate offered by the Hotel. **Please book early!**

To make your reservation at the Westin Hotel, call 202-429-1700. Be sure to mention that you are registering with the NCDA Winter Legislative & Policy Meeting and receive this special rate: \$175 plus tax for single or double occupancy.

## 2008 NCDA WINTER LEGISLATIVE & POLICY MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

*NCDA General Registration Fee*  
**Members: \$400**  
**Non-Members: \$450**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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