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Housing Assistance Council 2014
RURAL HOUSING CONFERENCE

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DECEMBER 3-5
Pre-conference activities on December 2
RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON, DC DOWNTOWN HOTEL

LET’S GET SOCIAL: #R3CONF
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am – 6:30 pm  REGISTRATION/INFORMATION
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8:30 am – 5:00 pm  SECTION 502 TRAINING
                   Penn Quarter
8:30 am – 6:30 pm  PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS
                   Meeting Room Level
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  KICK-OFF RECEPTION
                   Renaissance Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 am – 5:30 pm  REGISTRATION/INFORMATION
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                   Rural America’s Emerging Housing Leaders Perspectives, Outlooks and Observations
                   Renaissance Ballroom
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                   Julián Castro, Secretary
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2:15 pm – 3:45 pm  CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING COALITION PLENARY
                   Sen. Heidi Heitkamp
                   Capitol Hill Update: Where Things Stand Now and What to Expect in the Coming Year
                   Renaissance Ballroom
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm  MOVIE: NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY
                   Renaissance Ballroom

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 am – 5:30 pm  REGISTRATION/INFORMATION
                   Ballroom Level
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                   Rep. Emanuel Cleaver
                   Tom Vilsack, Secretary
                   U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
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                   Renewing the Discussion
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6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  RURAL HOUSING AWARDS BANQUET
                   Rep. Harold Rogers
                   Sen. Patrick Leahy
                   Sen. Kit Bond (Retired)
                   Renaissance Ballroom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 am – 11:30 am  REGISTRATION/INFORMATION
                   Ballroom Level
8:30 am – 9:00 am  CLOSING PLENARY
                   Renewing the Discussion - Reports
                   Renaissance Ballroom
9:00 am – 9:30 am  HUD & USDA NUTS & BOLTS
10:00 am – 11:30 am HUB BREAKOUT SESSION
10:00 am – 11:30 am USDA BREAKOUT SESSION
11:30 am – 12:00 pm CLOSING REMARKS & THANKS

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# HAC Rural Housing Conference 2014

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Welcome to HAC’s Rural Housing Conference, 2014! Our theme, Retool, Rebuild, Renew, could describe the construction or rehab of housing, but it is not about bricks and mortar – it is about our movement. The rural housing network has a proud history of accomplishment and has empowered, improved, and made lasting impacts across rural America. However, for a number of years, we have been in a defensive posture – the support and resources necessary for our network have been threatened. It is past time to shift from a reactive to a proactive posture, to retool our collective talents, rebuild the innovative spirit that got us where we are, and renew our passion for the mission that guides us. While here, we hope you are able to gather new ideas and strategies, learn and share in workshops and plenaries, and strengthen your resolve to improve conditions in your communities.

HAC would like to thank the partners who have helped make the HAC Rural Housing Conference possible. The conference is a collaborative effort undertaken with the assistance of an advisory committee comprised of more than 35 different organizations. We thank them for their help in designing the conference agenda, as well as identifying workshop topics and speakers. We are especially grateful to our sponsors and major contributors, whose generosity and support of the HAC Rural Housing Conference scholarship fund made it possible for more than 200 participants to attend.

Once again, welcome and thank you for being a part of the HAC Rural Housing Conference 2014. Make sure to take full advantage of the workshops, events, opportunities to network, and plenaries, which feature insights from some of the most important names in housing today including HUD Secretary Julián Castro; USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack; U.S. Representatives Emanuel Cleaver, Missouri; Bennie Thompson, Mississippi; Rubén Hinojosa, Texas; and Harold Rogers, Kentucky; U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy, Vermont, and Heidi Heitkamp, North Dakota; former U.S. Senator Kit Bond, Missouri; Rural Housing Service Administrator Tony Hernandez; Acting Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development Doug O’Brien; and General Deputy Assistant Secretary, CPD at HUD Cliff Taffet.

We hope you are able to take what you learn here back to your community and continue this important discussion. We look forward to spending the week with you.

Sincerely,

Polly Nichol
Board Chair

Andrew L. Bias
President

Moises Loza
Executive Director
HAC Rural Housing Conference 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
The Registration and Information Desks are located on the Ballroom level.

Registration/Information Hours
Tuesday, December 2  8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 3  7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday, December 4  8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Friday, December 5  8:30 am - 11:30 pm

If you need help, HAC technical assistance staff at the Information Desk will be able to assist you with choosing which workshops to attend.

CONFERENCE NAME BADGES
Your conference badge is your pass to the meals and events you are registered to attend. If you need to replace a lost name badge, please inquire at the Registration Desk. If you would like to purchase additional tickets for the awards banquet dinner, please go to the Registration Desk. The cost is $85 each for additional awards banquet tickets.

EVALUATIONS
Please complete a workshop evaluation form for each workshop session you attend. The workshop evaluations will be provided to you during the workshop and the completed evaluations should be returned to the workshop coordinator before you leave the room.

The overall conference evaluation can be found in your conference bag or on the conference app. Please take a few moments at the end of the conference to provide us with your feedback. These forms can be returned to the Registration/Information area or filled out in the conference app. Those who turn in their paper evaluations will receive a token gift.

HOTEL INFORMATION
Conference attendees can be reached at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel by calling 202-898-9000. Callers should ask to be directed to the HAC Rural Housing Conference Information Desk.

For your convenience, the hotel concierge is located on the Lobby Level.

EXHIBIT HALL
Please visit the Exhibit Hall located next to Registration/Information on the meeting room level. Organizations and vendors that support low-income rural housing development will display their products and services. Take advantage of this vast informational resource. A list of exhibitors is included on page 19.

Exhibit Hall Hours
Tuesday, December 2  4:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 3  8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Thursday, December 4  8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Friday, December 5  8:00 am – 11:30 am

CONNECT DURING THE CONFERENCE!
For the HAC Rural Housing Conference 2014, please hashtag your comments and photographs with:

#R3CONF

Include this hashtag on all of your social media posts to interact with the conference. Share your pictures on Instagram and help build the HAC Cam picture mural. Follow HAC on Twitter for updates and tweet about your sessions. Chat with other conference attendees about the issues that are important to you by joining our LinkedIn group and participating in the discussions. Follow HAC on Facebook and Pinterest for rural housing news, do it yourself tips, and other housing information.

Use the conference app to connect with our Rural Housing Allies wall and join the conversation. Connect your profiles to the app for easy sharing and networking throughout the conference.

HAC Instagram: http://instagram.com/ruralhomehac
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HAC LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=4341891
HAC Facebook: www.facebook.com/HousingAssistanceCouncil
HAC Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/ruralhomehac/r3conf/
CONFERENCE FEATURES

HAC CAM
HAC always includes an interactive element to its Conference, which creates a place or activity where participants can come together, share thoughts and ideas, and learn from each other. At this conference, the interactive activity is a fun way to create a lasting memory and add your look to the RURAL HOUSING ALLIES wall:

- Snap a picture
- Tag it with the conference hashtag - #R3Conf
- Post it on Twitter or Instagram
- Go to the HAC Cam Rural Housing Allies wall
- Find your picture in the print station gallery and print 2
- Pin one copy to the Rural Housing Allies wall
- Take one copy with you, for the memory
- You are now an expert. Find a friend, and do it again

QUILT
Quilts, particularly home-made quilts, are readily identifiable symbols of ingenuity, pride, and enduring quality. These are also key elements of rural sustainability. We are proud to announce that a beautiful quilt has been made exclusively for the Housing Assistance Council’s Rural Housing Conference 2014 by Annalene Two Bulls, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, residing on the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota. The time and skilled talent of the quilt maker has been generously donated for this year’s quilt raffle.

Please personally thank Emma ‘Pinky’ Clifford, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing, for coordinating this effort. The Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing is a single-site grantee that emphasizes homeownership and post-secondary education with the goal of developing an individual development account program, financial education assistance, and the necessary programs to increase employment opportunities and develop higher education programs for Tribal members.

This symbol of rural sustainability will be on display throughout the conference and the lucky winner of the quilt will be announced during the HAC Rural Housing Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 4, between 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm. Tickets are $5 each. All proceeds of the raffle will go to the charity of choice for the quilt-making organization: the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Information about the raffle will be accessible on the conference app and at the Information Desk.

REVISITING POVERTY IN RURAL AMERICA
In the 2014 conference edition of Rural Voices magazine, HAC revisits the issue of rural poverty with frank questions, informed viewpoints, and honest assessments. Experts and contributors from across the nation help provide a better understanding of this complex issue and its intersection with housing in rural communities.

DOWNLOAD THE HAC CONFERENCE MOBILE APP NOW!
Click http://crowd.cc/hacr3 or use the QR code

RENEWING THE DISCUSSION
During the lunch plenary discussion on Thursday, December 4, participants will engage in a dialogue about emerging rural housing issues. Conference attendees will join in facilitated discussions to share, learn, and strategize about six issues that were identified at the 2012 conference.

- Partnerships
- Change or Die: Adaptation for Survival
- Advocacy
- Limited USDA RD Presence and Resources
- The Current and Next Generation of Rural Housers
- Effective Rural and Tribal Outreach

WORKSHOP NOTES
If you are interested in learning about a conference workshop that you were unable to attend, you will be able to access workshop Power Point presentations from the HAC conference app or website. The conference notes will be available several weeks following the conference.

LEARNING SERIES
Some workshops at the HAC Rural Housing Conference follow a particular theme. These workshops are categorized as Learning Series and are marked accordingly in the conference agenda. The Learning Series include:

- **Green Building** - These workshops will offer information, skills, and resources attendees can use to integrate green building strategies into their affordable housing projects.
- **Native American Housing** - Sponsored in partnership with the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), these workshops relate to developing affordable housing or managing organizations serving Native American communities.
- **Senior Housing** - These workshops will cover a series of topics related to housing seniors in rural areas. Learn from policy experts, service coordinators, and organizations that have successfully developed housing for rural seniors.
- **Veterans Housing** - Join experts from local organizations to learn best practices and innovative approaches for housing rural veterans. Sponsored by The Home Depot Foundation and JPMorgan Chase.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am – 6:30 pm  REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION  
Ballroom Level

PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS (Meetings are closed unless otherwise noted.)

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KICK-OFF RECEPTION

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  Renaissance Ballroom  
Welcome  
Peggy Wright  
Director, Delta Studies Center - Arkansas State University  
& HAC Board Member  
Remarks  
Hon. Bennie Thompson  
U.S. Representative, Mississippi’s 2nd District  
& HAC Board Member

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The HAC Rural Housing Conference is going mobile with an event app! We built an app that will make this year’s experience more valuable for our attendees, exhibitors, and speakers.

- Access the event schedule anytime and customize your agenda
- See all the speakers, read their bios, and view their presentations and handouts
- Check out the exhibitors and locate their booths more easily
- Get important updates
- See who’s attending and share contact information

Ready to get started? Click http://crowd.cc/hacr3 from your smartphone, tablet, or laptop or scan the QR Code. If you use an Apple or Android device, you can also search for the “HAC Trainings” app in the iTunes store or Play store.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 am – 5:30 pm  REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION
    Ballroom Level

8:30 am – 10:00 am  OPENING PLENARY
    *Rural America’s Emerging Housing Leaders Perspectives: Outlooks and Observations*
    Renaissance Ballroom

10:30 am – 5:30 pm  USDA RD SECTION 502 PACKAGING TRAINING FOR NONPROFITS
    Penn Quarter *(Includes break at 12:00 pm for Conference Luncheon)*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm  CONCURRENT MORNING WORKSHOPS

  A1  Green Single-Family Rehabilitation
  A2  Housing Elders: Affordable Housing Success Stories
  B1  Introduction to USDA Rural Development’s Section 502 Program
  B2  Using HUD Programs in Rural America
  C1  Rural Data in a Data Driven World
  C2  Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
  D1  GSEs, FHLB, FMIC, and More: Housing Finance Reform
  D2  An American Dream Deferred: The Rural Impact of the Foreclosure Crisis
  E1  Accessing and Using Federal Housing Programs on Native American Lands

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm  LUNCHEON PLENARY
    *Julián Castro, Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development*
    Renaissance Ballroom

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm  CONCURRENT AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

  A3  Leveraging LIHTC for Farmworker Rental Housing
  A4  Moving Beyond the Bling: Demonstrated Benefits of Building Green in Multifamily Housing
  B3  Using USDA Rural Development’s Section 504 and Section 533 Programs
  B4  State Housing Trust Funds: After the Great Recession
  C3  Knowing What’s Behind the Numbers: Analyzing and Interpreting Financial Statements
  C4  Communications in Today’s World: Proven Methods and New Strategies
  D3  Rural Community Facilities: A Critical Community Resource
  D4  Working with Policymakers

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING COALITION PLENARY
    *Capitol Hill Update: Where Things Stand Now and What to Expect in the Coming Year*
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7:00 pm – 8:45 pm  MOVIE: NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY
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Ballroom Level

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Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Renaissance Ballroom

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Penn Quarter (Includes break at 12:00 pm for Conference Luncheon)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm  CONCURRENT MORNING WORKSHOPS
A5 Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resale: Creating a Program that Works
A6 Manufacturing Affordability: Making Manufactured Housing Work
B5 Funding Your Affordable Housing Projects
B6 Developing Private Charitable Funding Sources for Rural America
C5 The Changing Face of Rural America
C6 #TrackingTools: Software and Online Services for Property Management Help Measure and Maximize Use of Data
D5 The Impact of QMs and QRMs on Banks and Homebuyers
D6 Philanthropic Investment in Rural America: The Real Story and How We Can Change It
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A8 Green Multifamily Rehabilitation
B7 Implementation of the 2013 HOME Program Regulation Changes for CHDOs and Subrecipients
B8 LIHTC 101: Basics for Affordable Housing Developers
C7 Financial Management and Federal Compliance Issues for Nonprofit Organizations
D7 Challenges and Opportunities in Housing Counseling
D8 Making the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Work in Rural America
D9 USDA Multifamily Housing: Rental Assistance and Preservation
E3 Counting Better on Tribal Lands: Working to End Tribal Homelessness

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  RURAL HOUSING AWARDS BANQUET
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11:30 am – 12:00 pm  CLOSING REMARKS & THANKS
Renaissance West

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- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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- Housing Assistance Council
- Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc.
- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- NCALL Research, Inc.
- Next Step
- PathStone Corporation
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Rural Community Assistance Partnership
- Rural LISC
- UMOS
- Volunteers of America
- Yardi

CONFERENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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- Center for Community Change
- Council for Affordable and Rural Housing
- Council of State Community Development Agencies
- Development Training Institute
- Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises*
- First Nations Oweesta Corporation
- Florida Home Partnership*
- Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc.*
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- Great Lakes RCAP
- Habitat for Humanity International*
- Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc.*
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CONCURRENT WORKSHOP LISTINGS & ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS DECEMBER 3, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Track A: Housing Development
  A1: Green Single-Family Rehabilitation  
    Room 8
  A2: Housing Elders: Affordable Housing Success Stories  
    Room 9

Track B: Finance
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    Congressional C
  B2: Using HUD Programs in Rural America  
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  C2: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing  
    Room 11

Track D: Innovation and Policy
  D1: GSEs, FHLB, FMIC, and More: Housing Finance Reform  
    Congressional B
  D2: An American Dream Deferred: The Rural Impact of the Foreclosure Crisis  
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    Room 7

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    Congressional B
  B4: State Housing Trust Funds: After the Great Recession  
    Room 17

Track C: Organizational Development
  C3: Knowing What’s Behind the Numbers: Analyzing and Interpreting Financial Statements  
    Congressional A
  C4: Communications in Today’s World: Proven Methods and New Strategies  
    Room 9

Track D: Innovation and Policy
    Room 8
  D4: Working with Policymakers  
    Congressional C

WORKSHOP KEY: Green Building  Native American Housing  Senior Housing  Veterans Housing
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  Congressional A
- D9: USDA Multifamily Housing: Rental Assistance and Preservation
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Track E: Native American Housing
- E3: Counting Better on Tribal Lands: Working to End Tribal Homelessness
  Room 6
**A1**

*Green Single-Family Rehabilitation*

**Time:** Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Room 8

This workshop will provide an introduction to green practices and energy efficient technologies in single-family rehabilitation. Join us as we learn about the inspection process, cost estimates, software, energy efficient techniques, and equipment necessary for “green” rehabilitation.

**Moderator:** Irene Sikelianos, Delphi, Inc.  
**Presenters:** Armand Magnelli, Livable Housing, Inc.  
Jayne Windham, Housing Compliance Solutions

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**A2**

*Housing Elders: Affordable Housing Success Stories*

**Time:** Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Room 9

Over the next three decades, the elderly population is expected to more than double in size. This will result in one of the most dramatic demographic shifts in the history of our nation. As a result, organizations must confront the housing issues that arise as individuals age. This session will highlight successful elderly housing projects and explore best practices for providing housing for seniors that is accessible and suited to their needs.

**Moderator:** Sally Boofer, AARP Foundation  
**Presenters:** Patricia Atkinson, Universal Housing Development Corporation  
Dave Clark, Woodlands Development Group  
Donna Glass, Walker Montgomery CDC

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**A3**

*Leveraging LIHTC for Farmworker Rental Housing*

**Time:** Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
**Location:** Room 10

As resources for farmworker housing continue to decline, several states are looking at new ways to finance construction, including leveraging Low Income Housing Tax Credits for farm labor housing. Join us as we learn how this has worked in different states and what you can do in your region.

**Moderator:** Arturo Lopez, Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations  
**Presenters:** Karen Flock, Cabrillo Economic Development Corp.  
Marty Miller, Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing

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**A4**

*Moving Beyond the Bling: Demonstrated Benefits of Building Green in Multifamily Housing*

**Time:** Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
**Location:** Room 11

As sustainable development has become the industry standard, many have become enchanted with the idea of “blinging” out housing development projects. While greening a project has many benefits, in some cases excessive greening can be disadvantageous to the overall affordability of a project and can cancel out intended sustainability, making units less efficient. This workshop moves participants beyond the concept of adding on features that produce little to no tangible benefits or cost savings to the occupant and highlights industry-tested design standards, features, and best practices that produce improved resident quality of life and long-term affordability.

**Moderator:** Paul Ainger, Rural Community Assistance Corporation  
**Presenter:** MJ Adams, Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
Maryann Ybarra, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition

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**A5**

*Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resale: Creating a Program that Works*

**Time:** Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Congressional A

Acquiring and converting vacant units into affordable housing can be a way to stabilize a community. In this session, experts present redevelopment strategies for Real Estate Owned (REO) properties and other vacant homes. Learn how your organization can create a financially feasible program.

**Moderator:** Lauriette West-Hoff, SREMC, Inc  
**Presenters:** Jocelyn Harris, Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.  
Harry Sewell, Move Up in Maryland

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**WORKSHOP KEY:**  
- Green Building  
- Native American Housing  
- Senior Housing  
- Veterans Housing
A6  Manufacturing Affordability: Making Manufactured Housing Work

Time: Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Room 8

Once shunned by nonprofit housing developers, manufactured homes are now gaining some acceptance as affordable housing. Much of this progress is attributable to a small but innovative group of advocates who challenged assumptions and convention about developing and preserving manufactured housing. In this session, experts discuss the progress, challenges, and strategies in continuing manufactured housing’s transformation into a viable and quality housing option in rural America.

Moderator: Peggy Wright, ASU Delta Studies Center
Presenters: Stacey Epperson, Next Step
Andrew Finkel, U.S. GAO
Peter Hainley, CASA of Oregon
Doug Ryan, CFED

A7  From Service to Shelter: Successful Affordable Housing for Veterans

Time: Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Room 10

America’s veterans are disproportionately from rural areas and small towns. Although rural America has a strong history of service in our armed forces, housing providers are not always aware of the scope and variety of programs available to veterans upon their return. This session highlights some of these programs and initiatives and provides insights into how organizations can use these to best serve their veterans.

Moderator: Heather Pritchard, The Home Depot Foundation
Presenters: Donn Appleman, USDA Rural Development
Gina Capra, U.S. VA - Office of Rural Health
Kendall Cloeter, Rebuilding Together - Roanoke
Denis Leary, Veterans, Inc.
Vin Perrone, Veterans, Inc.
William Snow, HUD

A8  Green Multifamily Rehabilitation

Time: Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Room 11

This session covers various ways to assess the performance of new and existing multifamily properties, including the Green Comprehensive Needs Assessment (GCNA). We will compare, and learn from, two completed multifamily rehabilitation projects.

Moderator: Maria Luisa Mercado, Lone Star Legal Aid
Presenters: Meghan Walsh, USDA Rural Development
David Wilderman, HUD

B1  Introduction to USDA Rural Development’s Section 502 Program

Time: Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Congressional C

USDA Rural Development’s flagship Section 502 loan program is one of the most effective ways to support low-income homebuyers in rural communities. This introductory workshop will address the differences between Section 502 Direct and 502 Guaranteed loans, provide an overview of the application process and homebuyer qualifications, and explore how the program can be used to serve senior citizens and veterans.

Moderator: Veronika Molina, Southwestern Regional Housing and CDC
Presenters: Migdaliz Bernier, USDA Rural Development
Lillian Lipton, USDA Rural Development

B2  Using HUD Programs in Rural America

Time: Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Congressional A

HOME, CDBG, SHOP, Section 8, housing counseling, and other HUD programs are critical resources for rural housing providers. Focusing on successes, challenges, and barriers that exist in rural areas, this session features dialogue with and presentations from both HUD staff and local practitioners who have successfully utilized these programs in their communities.

Moderator: Peter Carey, NeighborWorks® America
Presenters: Brad Bishop, Self-Help Homes
Scott McReynolds, Housing Development Alliance
Jackie Williams, HUD

B3  Using USDA Rural Development’s Section 504 and Section 533 Programs

Time: Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Congressional B

Join us for an introduction to USDA Rural Development’s home repair and rehabilitation programs. This session covers program requirements and application processes, as well as how these programs serve low-income homeowners, senior citizens, and veterans throughout Rural America.

Moderator: Tom Manning-Beavin, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation
Presenters: Bonnie Edwards-Jackson, USDA Rural Development
Myron Wooden, USDA Rural Housing Service
**B4**

State Housing Trust Funds: After the Great Recession

**Time:** Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
**Location:** Room 17

State Housing Trust Funds are a critical source of funding in the development of affordable housing. When states and localities leverage local dollars with federal funds, they make the dream of homeownership possible for many families. The global economic decline in the late 2000s caused federal, state, and local funding for affordable housing to recede in most jurisdictions. Now that the economy is moving forward, states are beginning to capture additional revenue and increase their investments in, and commitment to, affordable housing. In this session, panelists will discuss the financial state of these trust funds today and their impact on affordable housing provision in rural America.

**Moderator:** Rob Wiener, California Coalition for Rural Housing  
**Presenters:**  
- Mary Brooks, Center for Community Change  
- Homero Cabello, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

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**B5**

Funding Your Affordable Housing Projects

**Time:** Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Congressional B

Rebuilding communities requires organizations to build partnerships. This session will explore how organizations can form partnerships with federal, state, and private funding sources for affordable housing. Expert panelists will provide information on financing sources and examples of existing projects that have used, or are using, these sources.

**Moderator:** Andres Saavedra, Rural LISC  
**Presenters:**  
- Rosa Martínez, U.S. Department of the Treasury  
- Marvin Turner, HUD

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**B6**

Developing Private Charitable Funding Sources for Rural America

**Time:** Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Room 9

Private, corporate, and personal philanthropy can be a useful resource for rural housing. However, finding and securing these dollars can be challenging. In this session, foundation representatives will share their perspectives on how rural housers can access these elusive and sometimes mysterious assets, and will discuss the outlook for funding in rural areas.

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**B7**

Implementation of the 2013 HOME Program Regulation Changes for CHDOs and Subrecipients

**Time:** Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
**Location:** Congressional B

In 2013, changes were made to the HOME program including the eCon Planning Suite and reduced formula allocations. In this session, panelists discuss how these recent changes affect rural communities and improve the performance of the HOME program, as well as how CHDOs and subrecipients can evolve to be successful partners in the production of HOME units.

**Moderator:** Blair Sebastian, New York State Rural Housing Coalition  
**Presenters:**  
- Todd Bowers, JPMorgan Chase  
- Heather Pritchard, The Home Depot Foundation

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**B8**

LIHTC 101: Basics for Affordable Housing Developers

**Time:** Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
**Location:** Room 8

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program may seem complicated, but many nonprofit housing developers effectively use these tax credits to increase the supply of affordable housing. Join us as panelists explain the program and learn how experienced developers have successfully financed and built LIHTC properties in rural America.

**Moderator:** Paul Ainger, Rural Community Assistance Corporation  
**Presenters:**  
- John Colvin, Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc.  
- Russell Kaney, Enterprise Community Partners  
- Richard Price, Nixon Peabody  
- David Morrow, Morrow Companies
organizations do not have the time, resources, or staff capacity to wade through the virtual mountains of data available today. This workshop presents resources, insights, tips, and suggestions on ways to use and present data to help improve housing conditions in your community.

**Moderator:** Ilene Jacobs, California Rural Legal Assistance

**Presenters:**
- Tom Collishaw, Self-Help Enterprises
- Robert Renner, HUD
- Jessica Russell, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

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**C2**

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

**Time:** Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** Room 11

Federal law requires that all federal agencies administer their programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner that “affirmatively furthers fair housing.” This means that when HUD, USDA, and Veterans Affairs award funding, the recipients (such as states, localities, public housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations) also have affirmative obligations to undo barriers to fair housing. In this session, learn about what these obligations mean for affordable housing and infrastructure needs in rural areas.

**Moderator:** Polly Nichol, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board

**Presenters:**
- Michael Allen, Relman, Dane & Colfax, PLLC
- Sara Pratt, HUD

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**C3**

Knowing What’s Behind the Numbers: Analyzing and Interpreting Financial Statements

**Time:** Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

**Location:** Congressional A

Financial statements communicate information to an array of readers - management, auditors, funders, and lenders - to help assess an organization’s financial health and stability. These statements are a scorecard that will help an organization make sound business decisions and obtain critical dollars for operations or new development. This session will provide tips on how to read and use financial statements and how to better understand liquidity, profitability, debt, cash flow ratios, and other topics.

**Moderator:** Sandra Ferniza, HAC Board Member

**Presenters:**
- Karen Kollias, NCALL Research, Inc.
- Barbara Repetti, Premier Bank

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**C4**

Communications in Today’s World: Proven Methods and New Strategies

**Time:** 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

**Location:** Room 9

In our digital age, having a strong communications and social media strategy is critical for organizations to get their messages out. This workshop will examine tried and true best practices in communications, as well as introduce participants to new and emerging strategies.

**Moderator:** Cara Brumfield, Housing Assistance Council

**Presenter:** Amy Clark, National Housing Conference

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**C5**

The Changing Face of Rural America

**Time:** Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** Congressional C

The demographics of rural America are changing faster than we may realize. Whether one is new to housing development or a seasoned professional in the field, a deeper understanding of the demographics of rural America helps one plan for the future and advocate effectively. In this session, we will learn about these changes, and their causes, and discuss what they mean for rural housing providers.

**Moderator:** Ashley Kerr, Collaborative Solutions, Inc.

**Presenter:** John Cromartie, USDA Economic Research Service

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**C6**

#TrackingTools: Software and Online Services for Property Management Help Measure and Maximize Use of Data

**Time:** Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:** Room 11

Rental housing managers are responsible for tracking rents, subsidies, property characteristics, unit size and restrictions, loan payments, expenses, and regulatory compliance. Software and online services make tracking easier and more efficient. Using samples from both in-house and out-sourced managed portfolios, this workshop will cover the various tracking methodologies available, demonstrate some of the tools used by successful asset managers, and explore ways they can be used to help assess a project, including its impact on the community.

**Moderator:** Mark Livanec, Yardi

**Presenters:**
- Kirsten Anderson, Community Housing Partners Corporation
- Pedro Rodriguez, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Financial Management and Federal Compliance Issues for Nonprofit Organizations

Time: Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Congressional C

Financial management tracks progress toward financial objectives and safeguards the financial assets of an organization. It helps organizations budget for activities and promotes the sound and efficient operation of an organization and its programs. It also serves the need for accountability and compliance to funding agencies and beneficiaries and is required by law. This workshop will discuss current compliance requirements with federal contracts and challenges of organizations based on A-133 audits, and will provide an overview of the potential impact of the new Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

Moderator: Theodore Russell, Housing Assistance Council
Presenters: Winell Belfonte, Cohn Reznick LLP
Judy Monteux, Rural Community Assistance Corp.
Pedro Rodriguez, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition

GSEs, FHLB, FMIC, and More: Housing Finance Reform

Time: Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Congressional B

In this workshop, expert panelists will review key proposals to reform the U.S. housing finance system and discuss how these proposals will affect affordable rural housing. Topics will include how reform could benefit or endanger efforts to make credit available for improved rural housing conditions, the potential impacts of greater or lesser federal government involvement, and strategies for local housing advocates to impact the decisions being made.

Moderator: Leslie Strauss, Housing Assistance Council
Presenters: Linda Couch, National Low Income Housing Coalition
Mitria Wilson, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

An American Dream Deferred: The Rural Impact of the Foreclosure Crisis

Time: Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Room 17

Our nation is emerging from one of the most extensive housing crises in memory, and rural America was not left unscathed. Millions of American households were unable to meet their housing payments and faced foreclosure or eviction. In this workshop, panelists discuss the impacts of the housing crisis in rural America and share insights into the strategies employed to keep people housed during and after this trying time.

Moderator: Marcea Barringer, NeighborWorks® America
Presenters: Gail Burks, Nevada Fair Housing Center, Inc.
Keith Morris, Elder Law of Michigan
Christopher Sanchez, National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders

Rural Community Facilities: A Critical Community Resource

Time: Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Room 8

USDA’s Community Facilities Program provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for essential community facilities in rural areas. These resources provide a wide variety of community benefits including hospitals, health clinics, schools, fire houses, shelters, and community centers. In this session, learn more about the financing being used to develop community facilities, especially for veterans and seniors in rural areas.

Moderator: Michael Carroll, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
Presenters: David Callahan, NCALL Research, Inc.
Aaron Morris, USDA Rural Development

Working with Policymakers

Time: Wednesday, 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Congressional C

Making the case for rural housing with Congressional offices and executive branch policymakers is a vital part of rural housing work. Featuring a dialogue with key congressional staff, as well as with successful local advocates for affordable housing, this session will focus on the challenges we face and explore strategies to work effectively with these key players.

Moderator: Joe Belden, Housing Assistance Council
Presenters: Jonathan Harwitz, Low Income Investment Fund
Joe Myer, NCALL Research, Inc.

WORKSHOP KEY: Green Building Native American Housing Senior Housing Veterans Housing
**D5**

The Impact of QMs and QRMs on Banks and Homebuyers

Time:  Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Room 10

Final rules for the Qualified Mortgage (QM) and the Qualified Residential Mortgage (QRM) will impact lenders, borrowers, and the third parties who buy, transfer, or convey asset-backed securities. This session will provide an overview of the final rules for QMs and provide an update on the proposed final rules for QRMs.

**Moderator:** Andrew Bias, Neighborhood Housing Services of Kansas City

**Presenters:** Ken Edwards, Center for Responsible Lending
Mitria Wilson, National Community Reinvestment Coalition

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**D6**

Philanthropic Investment in Rural America: The Real Story and How We Can Change It

Time:  Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Room 17

Estimates for the amount of philanthropic capital invested in rural communities vary widely. Figuring out where grant money goes and to whom it benefits requires costly research and is often left unexamined. In this workshop, panelists discuss steps that can make it easier to follow philanthropic capital and strategies that can help hold foundations accountable to their goals.

**Moderator:** Sandra Rosenblith, Stand Up for Rural America

**Presenters:** Whitney Coe, Center for Rural Strategies
Rick Cohen, Nonprofit Quarterly
Charles Fluharty, Rural Policy Research Institute

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**D7**

Challenges and Opportunities in Housing Counseling

Time:  Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Room 9

This session, a panel of housing counselors, HUD staff, and Freddie Mac staff will provide an overview of housing counseling and discuss some of the current policy initiatives that are being reviewed, revised, and implemented. The workshop will also provide participants with information on Freddie Mac’s CreditSmart program, the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee, outcome tracking, performance review improvements, the HAWK (Homeowners Armed with Knowledge) program, housing counselor certification, and current research.

**Moderator:** Dazetta Thorne, Seventh District Pavilion, Inc.

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**D8**

Making the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Work in Rural America

Time:  Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Congressional A

Contrary to popular perception, the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) can be a useful policy tool for rural communities. In this workshop, panelists discuss how the CRA applies to lenders in rural communities and how it can be used to leverage funds for community development projects. Learn how you can help banks meet CRA targets and bring loans and grants to your community.

**Moderator:** Curt Heidt, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines

**Presenters:** Vonda Eanes, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Joe Flynn, WesBanco Bank, Inc.
Hubert Van Tol, PathStone Corporation
Keith Wiley, Housing Assistance Council

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**D9**

USDA Multifamily Housing: Rental Assistance and Preservation

Time:  Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Room 17

Over the past several years, RD has experienced challenges in its ability to meet the demand for Sec. 521 RA. This includes funds for the renewal of existing RA contracts as well as other uses, like rental preservation. In the first half of this workshop, expert panelists, including both USDA and industry representatives, will review the problems faced by RD in administering the RA program and discuss proposals and alternatives for dealing with these issues. The second half of the workshop will focus on the preservation of RD-financed rental housing stock and the effects that limited Section 515 and Section 521 RA funds have on current preservation efforts. This includes the growing issue of maturing RD rental housing loans and the impacts of maturing mortgage loans on residents and communities.

**Moderator:** Gideon Anders, National Housing Law Project

**Moderator/Presenter:** Colleen Fisher, Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

**Presenters:** Laurence Anderson, Rural Housing Preservation Associates
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E1
Accessing and Using Federal Housing Programs on Native American Lands
Time: Wednesday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Room 7

Federal agencies, including HUD/ONAP, VA and USDA, offer a number of programs that finance long term housing solutions on Native American lands. Accessing these programs is not always easy, however. In this workshop, attendees will learn about available programs and how to use them from federal agency staff. In addition, an experienced program administrator from the Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority’s T Yamni Homeownership Program will share their knowledge and experience in using the programs.

Moderator: Marvin Ginn, Native Community Finance
Presenters: Tedd Buelow, USDA Rural Development
Mike Frueh, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Angeline Johnson, T Yamni Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority
Thomas Wright, HUD, ONAP

E2
Supportive Housing for Veterans on Native American Lands
Time: Thursday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Room 6

Although Native Americans veterans are grossly overrepresented in the national homeless population, there is a dearth of supportive housing for veterans on Native Lands. In this session, a multi-disciplinary team responsible for securing over $3 million in non-tribal funding explain how they were able to develop a 15-unit supportive housing project for homeless, disabled veterans on the Crow Reservation. The panel will discuss the development process, funding strategies, and long-term planning for site operation and service provision, as well as the role of the tribe throughout the process. Join us to learn what is needed so that you too can leverage this kind of funding in your community.

Moderator: Twila Martin Kekahbah, Housing Assistance Council
Presenters: Paul Little Light, Crow Veterans Affairs
Karl Little Owl, Apasaalooke Crow Nation
Todd Wilson, Crow Tribal Health and Human Services

E3
Counting Better on Tribal Lands: Working to End Tribal Homelessness
Time: Thursday, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Room 6

Homelessness in rural areas can be difficult to address - small, spread-out populations make homeless counts challenging to conduct and less visible homeless populations mean that numerous homeless individuals go uncounted. These issues are compounded on Native American lands where homelessness often manifests itself in overcrowded, substandard housing. While other rural communities may make use of federal homelessness dollars, NAHASDA complicates doing so on tribal lands. The first half of this panel will focus on challenges unique to tribal lands and provides strategies that can help tribes more accurately collect and maintain their own data to better serve their homeless population. The second half will cover federal homelessness programs that are available as well as the NAHASDA reauthorization process and its potential impacts on funding for homeless individuals on tribal lands.

Moderator: Eric Oberdorfer, Housing Assistance Council
Presenters: Karen Diver, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
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