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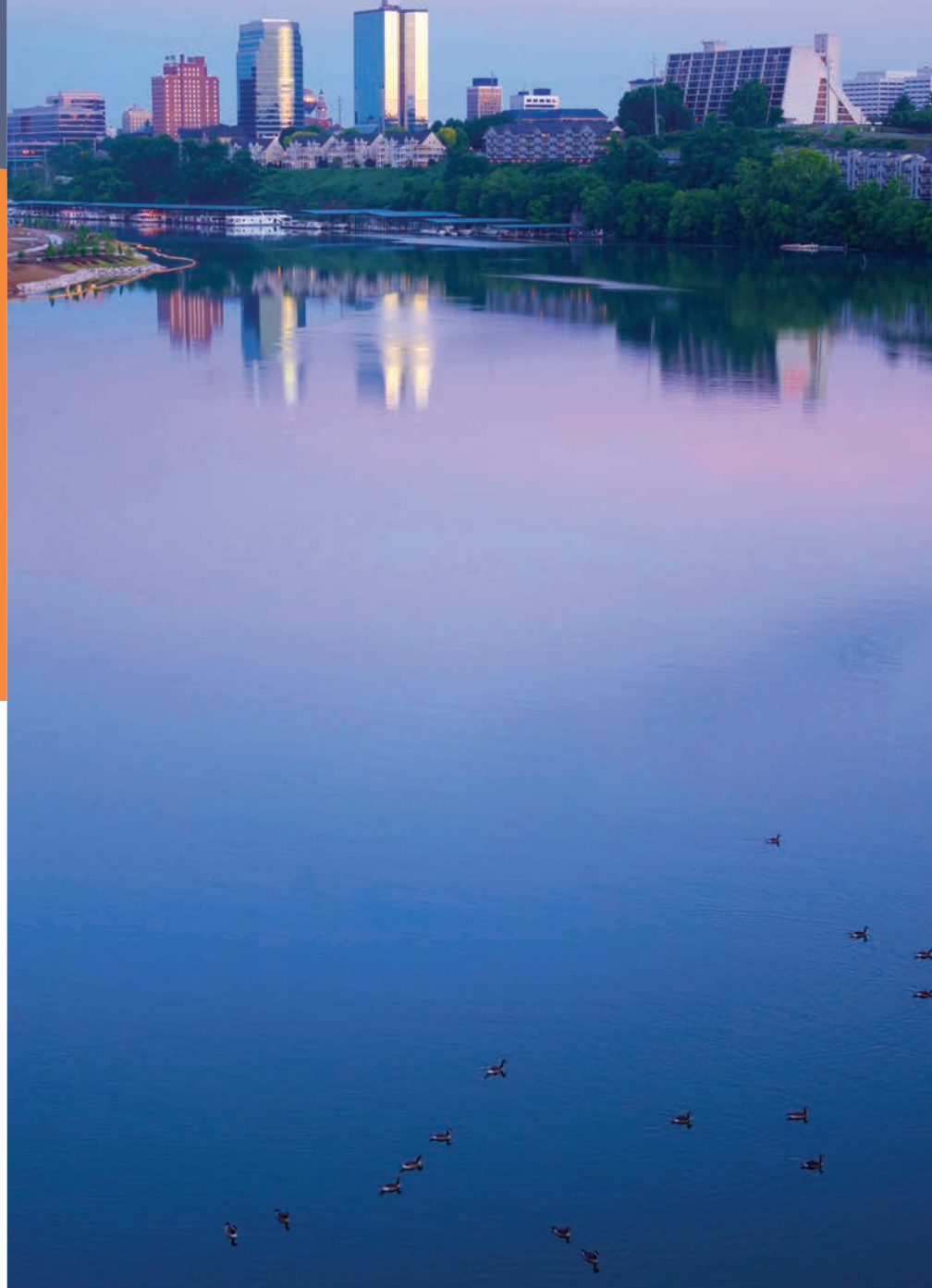
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Regional Conference
October 1-4, 2019
Knoxville, Tennessee



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Welcome to Knoxville!

We are honored to host the Region IV National Community Development Association (NCDA) Training Conference. I am excited that you are visiting our city and able to see the powerful impact our Community Development team and its partners have made on Knoxville's downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.



Local governments across the Southeast are facing many of the same community development challenges: meeting the need for affordable housing, ending homelessness, remediating blight, pursuing economic development opportunities, fighting displacement, achieving housing equity and other related issues.

I am exceptionally proud of the work our Community Development team has done to benefit the lives of so many Knoxville families. The projects tour will give you the opportunity to see some of this great work on the ground.

In your sessions and discussions this week, I hope you gain inspiration and ideas from your colleagues to take back to your own departments. I also hope you enjoy your time in Knoxville and come back soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeline Rogero". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Madeline Rogero
Mayor, City of Knoxville



Agenda At-A-Glance

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Conference Registration
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Pre-Conference Event: *Sneak Peek Tennessee Theatre Tour, 604 Gay Street. Originally opened in 1928, the Theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the Official State Theatre of Tennessee.*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Conference Registration
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Breakfast
6:30 am – 8:30 am – Hotel Lobby

Legislative update, Vicki Watson, NCDA – HUD update
8:30 am – 9:30 am
Meeting Place 1

Mayor's Welcome
9:30 am – 10:00 am
Meeting Place 1

Break – 10:00 am – 10:15 am

Concurrent Sessions
CDBG Primer, Wilmur Conyers
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Meeting Place 2

Opportunity Zones
Angela Hubbard & Sandra Gober
10:15 am – 11:30 am
Meeting Place 1

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch on your own

Home Underwriting
Tammy Kilgore & Janna Cecil
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm
Meeting Place 1

Break
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Income Verification
Jenny Stuart
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Meeting Place 1

IDIS Financial
Jean Adcock
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm
Meeting Place 1

Rooftop Reception
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Dinner on your own

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Breakfast
6:30 am – 8:30 am – Hotel Lobby

Concurrent Sessions
HERO's Training
Liz Zepeda
8:30 am – Noon
Meeting Place 2

Preparing for Monitoring
Calvin Whitaker, local HUD office
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Meeting Place 1

Break
10:00 am – 10:15 am

Lead Grant Opportunities
Matthew Ammon
10:15 am – 11:30 am
Meeting Place 1

Luncheon
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker – Hallerin Hilton Hill
Meeting Place 1

Projects Tour
Buses will load on side of hotel on Clinch Avenue
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Maple Hall Bowling (heavy hors d'oeuvres)
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Dinner on your own

Friday, October 4, 2019

Breakfast
6:30 am – 9:00 am – Hotel Lobby

Concurrent Sessions
A Part 200 Primer, John Callow
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Meeting Place 1

Session Leader Bios

Jean Adcock

Finance Director

Jean Adcock is the Finance Director for the Office of Housing and Community Development with the City of Clarksville, TN. She is responsible for the day to day financial transactions, month-end and year-end closings as well as grant financial management. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Austin Peay State University. She is a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) with the State of Tennessee.

Matthew Ammon

Director of HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

Matthew Ammon is the Director of HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes where he has worked for over 25 years to develop programs to eliminate childhood lead poisoning and to address housing conditions that threaten the health of residents. Mr. Ammon has been instrumental in leading the Department to address housing conditions that threaten health by authoring HUD's Healthy Homes Strategic Plan, and led a federal interagency workgroup to develop Advancing Healthy Housing – A Strategy for Action, which aligns goals and priorities from numerous federal agencies to create healthier housing.

John Callow

NCDAs Training Staff

John Callow is a member of NCDAs training staff, teaching the CDBG Basics course and the CDBG Subrecipient Management Course. Until his retirement in January 2019, he was Community Development Director for the City of Murfreesboro (TN). He is a past president of NCDAs Region IV and served on NCDAs national board for more than a decade. During his tenure as co-chair of NCDAs Planning & Professional Development Sub-Committee, the association expanded its training opportunities from a single course to the current seven. He serves on the state board of the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition. Callow is a graduate of Rhodes College (B.A.) and the University of Memphis (M.A.)

Janna Cecil

Housing Manager,

Community Development Department

Janna Cecil is the Housing Manager for the Community Development Department of the City of Knoxville. She is responsible for several HOME and CDBG funded housing programs, including Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, Rental Rehabilitation and Down Payment Assistance, as well as CHDO projects. She also manages the Affordable Rental Development Program, a City funded program designed to incentivize the development of new affordable rental units. Janna started her career with the City in 1993 and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee.

Wilmur Conyers

Planning and Performance Administrator, Community Development Department, Durham, NC

Wilmur Conyers has been employed with the

City of Durham, NC since 2008 and serves as the Planning and Performance Administrator in the Community Development Department. Prior to coming to the City of Durham, Wilmur was the Community Development Administrator with the City of Goldsboro, NC. She has more than 21 years of experience in community development. She holds a Master of Science Degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Mount Olive College

Sandra Gober

Manager, Community Development, Chattanooga

Sandra Gober has been employed by the City of Chattanooga since October 1991. In addition to her role as Manager of Community Development, which she has held since 1995, she has held the positions of Assistant Director and Fiscal Coordinator in the same office. Prior to working for the City, Sandra was a tax auditor for the State of Tennessee for almost nine years. She has undergraduate degrees in Accounting and Finance and an MBA.

Angela Hubbard

Director of Economic and Community Development, Greater Nashville Regional Council

Angela Hubbard has over twenty years' experience in state and local government. She joined the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) in September 2018 as the Director of Economic and Community Development and works with a talented team to assist communities in the 13-county, northern Middle Tennessee region to increase economic prosperity and improve quality of life. Angela received a bachelor's degree in political science and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law. She is admitted to the Tennessee Bar Association. Angela is a member of the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition; the Tennessee Bar Association; and Urban Land Institute, Nashville Chapter; and previously represented the Southeast Region as a Board Member of the National Community Development Association. She is currently pursuing Tennessee Certified Economic Developer (TCEd) designation.

Tammy Kilgore

Grants Analyst

Tammy is currently the Grants Analyst for the Office of Housing and Community Development for the City of Clarksville Tennessee and has over 36 years of experience in working with the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs. Currently as Grants Analyst, Tammy has a wide array of various duties including: researches and plans grants, and determines appropriate research methods and develops grant timelines for both the CDBG and HOME Programs. Tammy has completed training to become a HOME Certified Specialist in Administration and Regulations and is also a member of the Government Finance Officers Association.

Jenny Stuart

Housing Finance Supervisor, Community Development Department

Jenny Stuart is the Housing Finance Supervisor for the Community Development Department of the City of Knoxville. Her responsibilities include several HOME and CDBG funded housing programs, including Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, Rental Rehabilitation, Down Payment Assistance and CHDO projects. She also manages the servicing of the Community Development loan portfolio. Jenny has worked for the City of Knoxville in Community Development for 10 years. She has a Bachelor's of Art Degree in Psychology from Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. She is a HOME Certified Specialist in Administration and Regulations.

Vicki Watson

Executive Director, NCDAs

Vicki Watson is the Executive Director and has overall management responsibility for the operation of the National Community Development Association (NCDAs) to include fiscal, staffing, and operational. Vicki is also responsible for the Association's policy and legislative work which focuses on the oversight and protection of federal community development, economic development, and affordable housing programs to include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnerships Program, Continuum of Care Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Section 108, among others. Vicki has been with the Association since 1998. She holds an MPA from George Mason University, with a concentration in public policy and public management.

Calvin R. Whitaker

Senior Community Planning and Development Representative

Calvin is currently employed as a Senior Community Planning and Development Representative in the Knoxville, Tennessee Field Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He has been a federal employee for over seven years. Previously he served as the Housing Manager for the City of Knoxville's Community Development Department. In his capacity at HUD, he supports the State of Tennessee and the City of Clarksville in the administration of CDBG, HOME Partnership Program Grants, Disaster Grants, and more.

Liz Zepeda

Senior Environmental Specialist and Acting Director, HUD's Environmental Review Division

Liz Zepeda is a Senior Environmental Specialist in HUD's Office of Environment and Energy and Acting Director of HUD's Environmental Review Division. She focuses on HUD's environmental regulations in Parts 50 and 58, floodplain management, and FHA programs. Since coming to HUD in 2010 as a Presidential Management Fellow, Liz has been detailed to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and HUD's San Francisco Regional Office. Liz holds a bachelor's degree from Mary Washington College and a law degree from Georgetown University.