



Michigan Community Development Association Spring Technical Assistance Conference

March 19, 2020

James B. Henry Center for Executive Development | Lansing, Michigan

8:15–9:00 am Registration & Breakfast

Location: Atrium

9:00–9:30 am Welcome & HUD Update

Location: A170

Vice-Chairperson: Stephanie Burgess, Macomb County and Mark Sorbo, HUD - Detroit Field Office

9:30–10:45 am

Fair Housing Center Session

Location: A170

Speaker: Steve Tomkowiak, Executive Director, Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit

Come learn about the Fair Housing laws, how they are enforced, and the most current Fair Housing challenges and opportunities. Steve will touch on residential occupancy standards, use of criminal records in rental decisions, reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications, medical marijuana and the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Proposed Rule.

Finding Qualifying and Keeping Contractors for your Program

Location: B120

Speaker: Mitch Spears – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Training and Certification Manager

One of the most difficult challenges to working with HOME and CDBG funds providing rehabilitation services is finding and keeping qualified contractors to complete the work. Not only do they need to understand construction and rehabilitation, they also need to handle:

- Changes in the building codes in each locality
- Lead Abatement rules and regulations
- Asbestos Abatement rules and regulations
- All the associated paperwork necessary to comply with the requirements of a HUD audit.

It is the rare contractor that has all this expertise and wants to work for the government. The purpose of this session is to find methods to (1) pre-qualify contractors to ensure they have the right skills and certifications and (2) find enticement methods to encourage them to go through the needed reviews and paperwork to work with our programs. The State of Michigan has the same problems that you have and will share their methods of finding and retaining qualified contractors.

10:45 am–11:00 am Break

11:00 am–12:30 pm

The 2020 Census: Improving Counts Through Technology, Local Involvement, and Targeting Hard-To-Count populations

Location: A170

Speaker: Marilyn Sanders, Chicago Regional Director, Census Bureau

The Census has evolved over the years to improve the methods for counting individuals and households. We'll hear from the Regional Director of the Census on how local governments can participate to obtain the highest population count possible to reduce the possibility of losing Federal funding, how the Census plans on tackling hard-to-count populations especially the homeless, undocumented, and transient populations, and anything else that the audience may find useful, helpful or interesting.

Getting Comfortable with Heating and Cooling. Changes in technology to consider for your Program

Speaker: Don Kieper, Kieper Mechanical

Location: B120

Heating systems provide their own set of challenges. Mr. Kieper will talk about considerations when it is time to change out tired heating and cooling systems including: proper sizing, efficiency ratings vs. cost, environmental concerns, heat pumps, changes in technology, etc. Bring you questions and issues to the session to become a more effective and knowledgeable rehab specialist in the heating and cooling arena!

12:30–12:45 pm Break

12:45–1:45 pm Lunch – Business Meeting & Keynote Address

Location: Heritage Room

What's new with CEDAM? Strategic plan and priorities

Speaker: Luke Forrest, Executive Director, CEDAM

Luke Forrest, CEDAM's newest executive director, knows he has big shoes to fill. He succeeded Jamie Schriener in April 2019 as the latest in a distinguished line of leaders of the organization. To raise the stakes even further, he's been asked to work with CEDAM staff and board members to reassess the organization's strategic plan and policy priorities. He'll join MCDA to share those priorities and some insights from the landscape in Lansing.

1:45–2:00 pm Break

2:00–3:30 pm

Real Estate Transactions and Environmental Due Diligence; What You Need Know About NEPA, Phase I's, & Phase II's as well as Current Hot Topics

Location: A170

Speaker: Rick Welsh, Director, and Ashleigh Czapek, Architectural Historian, ASTI Environmental

Environmental due diligence has changed over the past several years. During real estate transactions, buyers have become more knowledgeable and are approaching environmental due diligence as a business risk management decision. This information can help you understand the financial impact of environmental issues on a real estate deal and also potentially create unique business opportunities. This program will help answer the following questions:

- What is a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Desk Top Study?
- Why and when should an asbestos / lead paint / mold / radon inspection be completed?
- What is Phase II Sampling?
- How does the Michigan Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA) give statutory liability protection for preexisting environmental impacts?
- Why do you still have Due Care obligations?
- What is NEPA, how does a CEST or EA differ from other environmental assessments?
- Current Hot Topics: Volatilization to Indoor Air, PFAS.

Accessibility issues when renovation for occupants with special needs..

Location: B120

Speakers: Thom Phillips, Michigan Branch Habitat for Humanity

Mr. Phillips has spent years working with Habitat for Humanity – Michigan Branch in developing specifications and designs for habitat homes. He ensures that all Habitat homes built are fully accessible and ready for handicap access. He will share with the group some common design ideas that Habitat focuses on and what steps they take to try and make rehab projects more accessible. He is an expert at American with Disabilities Act (ADA) design and will answer all your questions and concerns with this sometimes challenging compliance issue.

3:30 pm Snacks & Coffee to Go

Location: Atrium

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- Presenter

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- Presenter

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