

**NCCDA 2011 Spring Training Conference
Preliminary Conference Agenda**

May 25 – 27, 2011

New Bern Hilton

New Bern, North Carolina

Theme: “Positive Solutions for Tough Economic Times”

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration (All- Day)	
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Pre-Conference Workshops Community Investment and Assistance Training	
	<p>This is a free pre-conference workshop on grant preparation. The workshop will employ interactive activities from an expert application reviewer perspective in order to teach successful application techniques.</p> <p>Moderator: Vickie Miller, Director, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce Presenter: Valerie Moore, Community Development Financial Consultant, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce Stacy J. Smith, Community Planner, Community Investment and Assistance, CDD, N.C. Department of Commerce</p>	
11:00 am	NCCDA Board Meeting	
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch On Your Own</i>	
1:30 pm	Conference Welcome Session Welcome, Lee Wilson Bettis, Jr. , Mayor of New Bern Lori Jones , President of NCCDA, Pitt County	
2:00 pm	Agency Updates	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gary Dimmick, Director, Office of Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD - Greensboro) ▪ Barbara Beard Hinton, Assistant to Director, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) ▪ Vickie Miller, Director, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce (CI) ▪ Bill Dowse, Director of Strategic Investments, North Carolina Finance Agency (NCHFA) ▪ George Collier, Grants Manager, Economic Infrastructure Program, N.C. Rural Economic Development Center 	
3:15 pm	Break	
3:30 pm	CD Partners <i>(For Non-Entitlements Communities)</i> Discussions with Community Investment and Assistance Officials	Directors Roundtable <i>(For Entitlements Communities)</i> Discussions with HUD-Greensboro Office Officials
5:00 pm	Break	
5:30 pm	Networking Opportunity	
6:30 pm	<i>Dinner On Your Own</i>	

Thursday, May 26, 2011

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration (All- Day)		
8:00 am	Breakfast		
8:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">State’s CDBG New Programs – Part I</p> <p>The workshop highlights some of the new programs offered by the Community Development Division of the N.C. Department of Commerce to address community revitalization.</p> <p>Moderator: Vickie Miller, Director, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p> <p>Presenters: Valerie Moore, Community Development Financial Consultant, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce Mark Roberts, Director, Rural Development, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce Charlie Thompson, Assistant Director, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HUD Special Meeting for Entitlements –Session I</p> <p>A free special session for Entitlement Communities in North Carolina to discuss customer service.</p> <p>Moderator: Gary Dimmick, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD – Greensboro</p> <p>Facilitators: Karen Kennedy, Community Development Manager, City of Stanford Stanley Watkins, President, City Strata Consulting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Green Programs & Local Government Partnerships</p> <p>The workshop will discuss available “green” programs in North Carolina for new construction, existing construction and retrofits. Discussion topics will include a review of the SystemVision & Local Partnership Models and overviews of other green programs including Healthy Built Homes, Enterprise Communities, LEED, and National Association of Home Builders initiatives.</p> <p>Moderator: Josh Burton, Team Leader of Home Ownership Development, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency</p> <p>Presenters: Krista Egger, Affordable Housing Program Manager, Advanced Energy Brian Coble, Director, High Performance Homes, Advanced Energy NCHFA Rehab Staff</p>
10:00 am	Break		
10:15 am	<p style="text-align: center;">State’s CDBG New Programs– Part II</p> <p>The workshop addresses key compliance requirements for programs sponsored by Community Investment and Assistance. Topical areas include Davis-Bacon, Environmental Reviews, Section 3, Fair Housing, Language Access Plans, Request for Release of Funds, and Analysis of Impediments.</p> <p>Moderator: Vickie Miller, Director, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p> <p>Presenters: Valerie Moore, Community Development Financial Consultant, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HUD Special Meeting for Entitlements – Session II</p> <p>A continuation of the previous session.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">National Retrofit Standards</p> <p>This workshop will address Home Performance with Energy Star and cover the voluntary national guidelines for the work and workforce involved in residential energy efficiency retrofits</p> <p>Moderator: Josh Burton, Team Leader of Home Ownership Development, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency</p> <p>Presenter: Brian Coble, Director, High Performance Homes, Advanced Energy</p>

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11:45 am	Break		
12:00 pm	NCCDA Luncheon Business Meeting		
1:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">NCHFA Homeownership Development</p> <p>The workshop provides an overview of homeowner programs offered by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to address new units, existing units and foreclosures. Programs covered include the FirstHome Mortgages, Rapid Equity Builder, REO Rehab Partnership with Habitat affiliates, Loan Pool Program summary and new updates for 2011.</p> <p>Moderator: Alicia Broadway, Program Administrator, Benchmark CMR, Inc</p> <p>Presenter: Josh Burton, Team Leader of Home Ownership Development, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency Phyllis Caldwell, Director of Center for HomeOwnership, consumer Credit Counseling Services, Greensboro/Winston-Salemm N.C. Dan Kornelis, Director of Forsyth County Housing Department, Forsyth County Others NCHFA Staff, Underwriter from FirstHome program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparing a Sustainability Plan</p> <p>The workshop will address realities of dealing with federal inter-agency cooperation in preparing a sustainability plan, the importance of early neighborhood organizing efforts around sustainability and examine some of the best practice research.</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Blair, Grants Planner, City of Greensboro Housing & Community Development Department</p> <p>Presenter: Jeff Staudinger, Community Development Director, Department of Planning and Development, City of Asheville</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rehabilitation Standards Expectations</p> <p>The workshop session will identify issues, discuss possible solutions and expectations for the current rehabilitations standards.</p> <p>Moderator: Lori Jones, Community Development Administrator, Pitt County</p> <p>Presenters: Elizabeth Benton, Construction Advisor, Planning and Community Development, City of Greensboro James Liles, Chief Rehabilitation Specialist, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce.</p>
3:00 pm	Break		
3:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Update on USDA Rural Development Programs</p> <p>The workshop will provide an update on changes to the United States Department of Agriculture programs for rural development.</p> <p>Moderator: Patricia Crissman, AICP, RLA, Director of Planning Department, The Wooten Company</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Entitlement Communities - Meet Your Rep</p> <p>This session provides an opportunity for Entitlement Communities to meet with their HUD Community Planning and Development representative to discuss issues and solutions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Section 3 and Employment Opportunities for Low Income Persons</p> <p>Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 requires recipients of certain HUD funding to make affirmative efforts to connect the employment opportunities that result from that funding, with local low-income residents. The purpose of the</p>

	<p>Presenters: Bruce Pleasant, Director, Business and Cooperative Programs, Rural development, USDA</p> <p>Lisa Noel, Rural Business Specialist, Rural Development, USDA</p> <p>Cindy Ivey, Single Family Area Specialist, Rural Development, USDA</p> <p>Barbara Owens, Multi Family Area Specialist, Rural Development, USDA</p>		<p>program is to help build strong, stable and sustainable communities. The workshop will clarify the requirements of Section 3 and also articulate specific examples of actions that will ensure compliance and get results. All recipients of community development assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will benefit from this workshop.</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Emmert, Community Development Planner, Moore County</p> <p>Presenters: David Youngblood, Director, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD-Greensboro</p> <p>L. Marcela Vargas, Community Development Specialist, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p> <p>Monica Chevalier, Compliance Specialist, , Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p>
5:00 pm	Networking Opportunity		
6:30 pm	<i>Dinner on Your Own</i>		

Friday, May 27, 2011

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Conference Registration		
8:00 am	Breakfast		
8:30 am	<p>A Practical Approach to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</p> <p>The workshop will explore HUD’s Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Requirements as they pertain to States, Consortiums and Entitlement Communities. It will include practical information in regards to conducting an Analysis of Impediments, formulating actions to overcome impediments and documenting results. All recipients of community development assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will benefit from this workshop.</p> <p>Moderator: Dan Kornelis, Director of Forsyth County Housing Department</p> <p>Presenters: David Youngblood, Director, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD-Greensboro L. Marcela Vargas, Community Development Specialist, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce Monica Chevalier, Compliance Specialist, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p>	<p>Tools for Economic Development</p> <p>With the growing emphasis within the Federal and State governments on job creation, it may prove beneficial for communities to further utilize economic development as part of their overall community development strategies.</p> <p>Several different agencies provide communities with grants, loans and other tools that can help businesses create jobs. The workshop will provide an overview of some of the opportunities available to local governments to assist with job creation. In addition, examples of successful projects will be presented by practitioners.</p> <p>Moderator: Todd Hefner, Economic/Community Development Manager, City of Hickory</p> <p>Presenters: Elmer Langston, Area Director, USDA Rural Development Connie Miller, Area Office Specialist, USDA Rural Development Kimberly Miller, Area Office Specialist, USDA Rural Development George Collier, Grants Manager, Economic Infrastructure Program, North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center Kenny Stagg, CDBG Finance Officer, Finance Center, N.C. Department of Commerce Teresa Spires, Grants Services Manager, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission</p>	<p>Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative – Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Learn about Habitat for Humanity International’s <i>Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative</i>, which transforms neighborhoods using a holistic approach that engages community partners to create and implement a shared vision. Also, hear how the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Craven County used the model to develop the River Station project.</p> <p>Moderator: Stanley Watkins, President, City Strata Consulting</p> <p>Presenters: Rebecca Hix, NRI Director, Habitat for Humanity International Jan Halwig, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Craven County</p>
10:00 am	Break		
10:15 am	<p>Language Access Planning for Limited English Proficiency Populations</p> <p>Recipients of Federal Funds must take affirmative steps to ensure</p>	<p>Blending Multiple Funding Sources</p> <p>Implementation or expansion of projects may be made possible by</p>	<p>Homeless & Continuum of Care Funding</p> <p>Communities are ending homelessness through affordable housing, appropriate services and</p>

	<p>that their programs and services are accessible by persons with language barriers. The workshop will demystify HUD's requirement and expectations in this area and give current guidance for compliance. Since HUD's guidance in this area would overlap significantly with other federal agencies, any recipient of federal funds would benefit from the workshop.</p> <p>Moderator: Jeff Staudinger, Community Development Director, Department of Planning and Development, City of Asheville</p> <p>Presenters: David Youngblood, Director, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD-Greensboro</p> <p>L. Marcela Vargas, Community Development Specialist, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p> <p>Monica Chevalier, Compliance Specialist, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N. C. Department of Commerce</p>	<p>the use of multiple funding sources. This includes the leveraging of additional funds. The workshop will review the application for and the use of multiple funds with particular emphasis on the administrative issues that have to be worked out in advance.</p> <p>Moderator: Julie Reid, Community Development Administrator, Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments</p> <p>Presenters: Karen Kiehna, Senior Planner Land of Sky Regional Council</p> <p>Iris Payne, NSP Coordinator, Community Investment and Assistance, Community Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>adequate incomes. The session will present evidence-based practices that are working in North Carolina and important new changes in funding that make them possible. City and County support is crucial to help redesign the homeless services system. Resources for entitlement and rural areas will be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Karen Kennedy, Community Development Manager, City of Sanford</p> <p>Presenter: Denise Neunaber, Executive Director, North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness</p>
11:45 am	Break		
12:00 pm	<i>Have A Safe Trip Home</i>		