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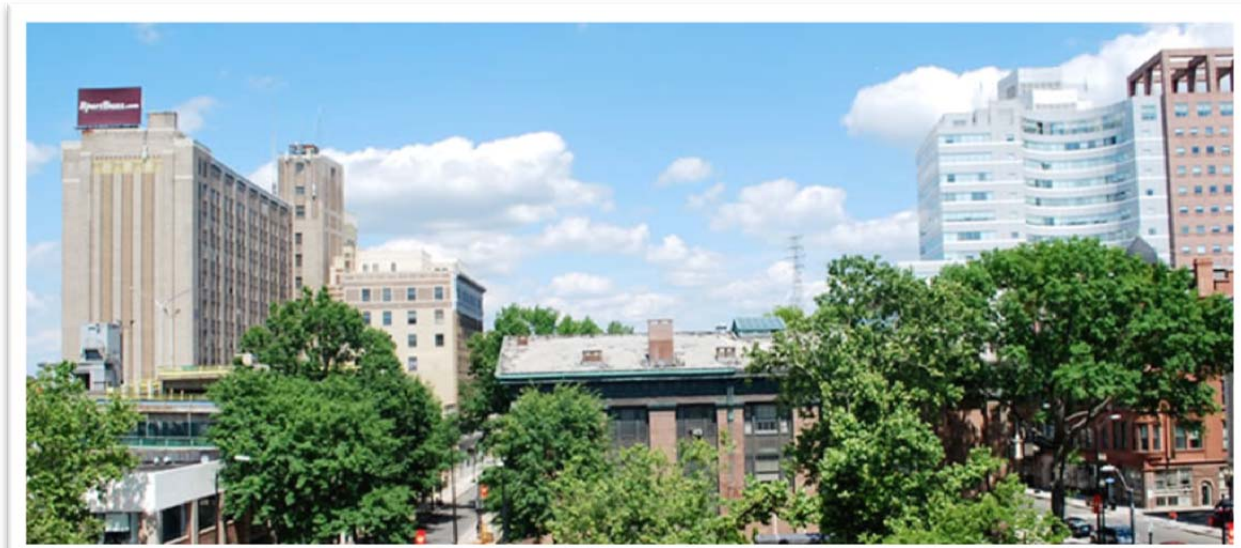
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

## REGION I - NEW ENGLAND 2013 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

A map of the New England region, including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. A yellow star is placed in the southern part of Connecticut, indicating the location of the conference.

**November 14 & 15, 2013**

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center**  
1070 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604



## PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING

### Tuesday, November 12, 2013

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. HOME Basics Training for Practitioners – Day 1 of 2

### Wednesday, November 13, 2013

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. HOME Basics Training for Practitioners – Day 2 of 2

## PRE-CONFERENCE DINNER

Please meet in the hotel lobby at 7:00 P.M. if you'd like to have a casual dinner (dutch) and get to know other HUD grantee members. We'll be dining at Ralph 'n' Rich's [[www.ralphnrichsct.com](http://www.ralphnrichsct.com)] in downtown Bridgeport, just a few blocks south of the hotel.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Thursday, November 14, 2013

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome and Overview**

**Sean Glennon**, Chair, NCDA Region I; Community Development Director, City of Quincy, MA  
**Al Faella**, President, NCDA; County Manager, Union County, NJ

**Host City Greetings**

**Hon. Bill Finch**, Mayor of Bridgeport

9:15 - 10:00 **NCDA Washington Report**

*During this presentation, we will receive an update on what NCDA is working on nationally. We will hear the latest news from Capitol Hill, and will learn about NCDA's work as lead of the National CDBG coalition.*

**Cardell Cooper**, Executive Director, NCDA

10:00 – 11:00 **HUD Update**

*Three senior administrators of HUD's New England region will give us an update on HUD issues and policies, and will discuss what's on the horizon for the next Federal Fiscal Year.*

**Suzanne Piacentini**, Acting Field Office Director, Hartford Field Office

**Gary Reisine**, Director, Office of Community Planning & Development, Hartford Field Office

**Robert Shumeyko**, Director, Office of Community Planning & Development, Boston Field Office

11:00 – 11:15 **Break/Networking**

11:15 – 12:30 **Plenary Session: Using the e-Con Planning Suite for Con Plan and Action Plan Submission**

*CDBG practitioners from four communities throughout New England will discuss their experiences using the IDIS template (eCon Planning Suite) for submission of their Consolidated and/or Annual Action Plans.*

**Moderator:** **Allison Lamey**, Community Development Director, Lowell, MA

**Presenters:** **Tyler Fairbairn**, Acting Deputy Dir., Dept. of Housing & Com. Dev., Bridgeport, CT

**Bob Gehret** (IPP), Deputy Dir., Policy Dev. & Res. Div., Dept. of Neigh. Dev., Boston, MA

**Marcy Krumbine**, Assistant Dir. for Com. Dev., Com. & Econ. Dev. Office, Burlington, VT

12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:45 **Concurrent Sessions**

**A. HOME Final Rule Update**

*HUD published a Final Rule in the Federal Register on July 24, 2013 to amend the HOME Investment Partnerships Program regulations. These amendments to the HOME regulations represent the most significant changes to the HOME Program in 17 years. This session will cover the changes made to these regulations.*

**Presenter:** Steve Gartrell (PP), NCDA Trainer

**B. Community Development Innovations**

*Practitioners from two New England states will discuss CD innovations in their communities, and will lead a “roundtable” discussion for other grantees to discuss CD innovations in their own communities. The session will present a variety of projects using CDBG in new and different ways; improving efficiency and effectiveness.*

**Presenters:** Amy Grommes Pulaski, Housing & Com. Dev. Program Manager, City of Portland, ME  
Jim Barnes, Community Development Director, City of Lawrence, MA

2:45 – 3:00 **Break/Networking**

3:00 – 4:15 **Plenary Session: New Proposed Rule on Furthering Fair Housing**

*On July 19, 2013, HUD issued a proposed rule regarding the requirement of grantees to affirmatively further fair housing. Through this rule, HUD proposes to provide HUD program participants with more effective means to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act, which is Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. NCDA and the National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED) formed a working group to provide comments on the proposed rule. Members of the working group will discuss the proposed rule, the comments they suggested to HUD, and their experience on the working group with NACCED.*

**Moderator:** Patrick Sullivan, Director, Office of Housing & Community Dev., City of New Bedford, MA

4:15-4:30 **Break/Networking**

4:30 – 5:00 **Region I Board Meeting (Board Members Only)**

5:00 – 7:00 **Evening Activity**

*Lace up your shoes for a few strings of bowling and some laughs at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield, or enjoy some time on your own in the downtown.*

7:00 – 9:00 **Evening Reception**

*Please join us for a casual reception in the carousel building on the grounds of the beautiful Beardsley Park Zoo.*

9:00 – 11:00 **Hospitality Suite**

**Friday, November 15, 2013**

8:30 – 9:30 **Region I Breakfast Business Meeting & Election of Officers** (ALL are encouraged to attend)

9:30 – 10:30 **City of Bridgeport Presentation**

**Presenter:** David Kooris, Director of the Office of Planning & Economic Development, City of Bridgeport, CT

10:30 – 10:45 **Break/Networking**

10:45 – 12:00 **Concurrent Sessions**

**A. Using CDBG for Disaster Recovery**

*Hurricane (a.k.a. “Superstorm”) Sandy has been reported as the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, as well as the second-costliest hurricane in United States history. While it was “only” a Category 2 storm off the coast of the Northeastern United States, it became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record! Estimates assess damage to have been over \$68 billion, a total surpassed only by Hurricane Katrina. Presenters at this*

*session will discuss state and federal resources that have been used (and that are currently available) to assist grantees in recovering from such events as devastating hurricanes.*

**Moderator:** **Larry Wagner**, President, L. Wagner & Associates, Inc.

**Presenters:** **Evonne Klein** (Invited), Commissioner, CT Department of Housing  
**Alanna Kabel**, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, City of Bridgeport, CT

## **B. HEARTH Act Update**

*On May 20, 2009, President Obama signed the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. The HEARTH Act amends and reauthorizes the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act with several substantial changes. This session will cover the changes made to the Act, and will highlight some of the most important issues of which Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant practitioners should be aware.*

**Moderator:** **Sean Glennon**, Community Development Director, City of Quincy, MA

**Presenter:** **Gina Schaak**, Associate, Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)

12:00 - 1:30

**Paul Poulos Achievement Award Luncheon** (ALL are encouraged to attend)

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1:30 – 3:30

**Host City Tour**

**Presenter:** **David Kooris**, Director of the Office of Planning & Economic Development, City of Bridgeport, CT

3:30 – 4:00

**Networking/Pack Up (on your own)**

4:00

**Informal Social – TBA**

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**(PP) = Past President, NCDA**

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Previous recipients of this award are:

1997 ~ NCDA Achievement Award ~ Paul Poulos

1998 ~ Sara Wallace, Brookline, MA

1999 ~ Edward (Ned) Handy, Cambridge, MA

2000 ~ Tom McColgan, Springfield, MA

2001 ~ Thomas McCloskey, Fall River, MA

2002 ~ Stephen Gartrell, Newton, MA

2003 ~ Nancy Remington, E. Providence, RI

2004 ~ Mark Adelson, Portland, Maine

2005 ~ Amintha Cinotti, Providence, RI

2006 ~ Linda Bayer, Hartford, CT

2007 ~ Patrick Sullivan, New Bedford, MA

2008 ~ Barney S. Heath, Pawtucket, RI

2009 ~ Robert Gehret, Boston, MA

2010 ~ Gail Lewis, Brookline, MA

2011 ~ Mark Tigan, Ph.D.

2012 ~ Edward "Ed" Soares, Pawtucket, RI

## **Directions to Bridgeport Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center**

### **Driving**

From I-95 (North or South) take exit 27A and then take exit 2; turn right off the exit to Lafayette Square and turn left at the traffic light onto Fairfield Ave. Go 2 blocks, hotel is on right at corner of Main Street and Fairfield Ave.

### **LaGuardia Airport (LGA)**

- Distance: 54.1 MI/87.07 KM NORTH to Hotel
- Shuttle Charge (one way): \$67.00
- Start out going west toward La Guardia Rd Keep right to take the 94 St ramp toward Grand Central Pkwy/Eastern L I Turn left onto 94 St Merge onto Grand Central Pkwy E toward Eastern Long Island Merge onto I-678 N via Exit 9E toward Whitestone Bridge Merge onto I-95 N via exit 6 toward New Haven Take exit 27 toward Lafayette Blvd Stay straight onto S Frontage Rd Turn slight left on to Main St

### **John F Kennedy Int'l Airport (JFK)**

- Distance: 61.4 MI/98.81 KM NORTH to Hotel
- Slight right onto JFK Access Rd Continue onto Van Wyck Expy Continue onto I-678 N Partial toll road 13.7 mi Continue onto Hutchinson River Expy Continue onto Hutchinson River Pkwy N Take exit 6 to merge onto I-95 N toward New Haven Take Exit 27A and follow signs to hotel

### **Bradley International Airport (BDL)**

- Distance: 67.5 MI/108.63 KM SOUTH to Hotel
- Shuttle Charge (one way): \$55.00
- SE on Schoephoester Rd towards Turnpike Rd/CT-75 Merge onto CT-20E toward I-91 Merge onto I-91S toward Hartford Merge onto CT-15S via Exit 17 Merge onto CT-8S via Exit 52 toward Bridgeport Take the Main St exit, exit 3, towards Washington Ave Keep left to take the Main St South ramp towards E Washington Ave Turn slight left onto Main Street Location is on the left

### **Train**

- Station Name: Bridgeport Train Station (on New Haven Line of Metro-North Railroad), 525 Water Street
- Offering Connecting Service to: Amtrak; Shoreline East Railroad; Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority; and Bridgeport and Port Jefferson Steamboat Company.
- 3 Blocks (4 minute walk) to hotel
- Complimentary Hotel Shuttle Available

### **Bus**

- Long distance bus travel offered through Greyhound Bus Lines and Peter Pan Bus Lines.
- Closest stop to hotel is Bridgeport Train Station, 525 Water Street
- 3 Blocks (4 minute walk) to hotel
- Complimentary Hotel Shuttle Available

### **Hotel Shuttle Bus**

- Complimentary Shuttle Available – Radius of 5 miles from hotel