

NEW ENGLAND HOUSING NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the
New England Housing Network

*A Very Special One
Day Gathering with
an “All Star” Team of
National Advocates*

◀ Where We’ve Been,
Where We Are, and
Where We’re Going ▶

on Federal Housing Policy

Friday, December 4, 2015, 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sheraton Needham Hotel, Needham, MA

Lead Agencies:

CT	Connecticut Housing Coalition	NH	Housing Action New Hampshire
MA	Citizens’ Housing & Planning Association	RI	Housing Action Coalition of Rhode Island
ME	Maine Affordable Housing Coalition	VT	Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition



New England HOUSING NETWORK

ABOUT THE NEW ENGLAND HOUSING NETWORK:

The New England Housing Network is a coalition of affordable housing and community development organizations from the six New England states. The Network works on joint activities to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing in New England.

CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

- 8:45 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. National Advocates “In the Round” - Part One
- 10:30 a.m. Structured Networking Break
- 10:45 a.m. National Advocates “In the Round” - Part Two
- 11:30 a.m. Structured Networking Break
- 11:45 a.m. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Implications for New England
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch and Presentations
- 1:30 p.m. Workshops
- 2:45 p.m. Office Hours with the National Advocates

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Twenty years ago, the New England Housing Network was started to confront a threat to federal funding for affordable housing and community development programs. Our “all star” team of national housing advocates will reflect on what has happened over the last two decades, and what we can do to shape policy and funding going forward. The format will provide lots of opportunity to interact with the advocates and other conference attendees, learn more about key areas for change through in-depth workshops, and help chart a course for future actions of the New England Housing Network.

Join housing advocates, developers, housing authorities, government officials, tenants, lenders, service providers, attorneys, and many others involved in the creation, management, and preservation of affordable housing from all six New England states for a one-day conference dealing with issues critical to our region. Conference participants will hear the latest information from national and local experts, and share innovative ideas on affordable housing and community development initiatives.

Our day will include plenary sessions featuring an overview of federal budget and legislative concerns, and the impact of recent developments in fair housing; the choice of a specialized workshop; and the opportunity to engage with advocates across our six state region.

MORNING SESSIONS

9:15 a.m. --
9:30 a.m.

WELCOME

*Jeanne Pinado, Chief Executive Officer, Madison Park Development Corporation
President, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)*

9:30 a.m. --
10:30 a.m.

NATIONAL ADVOCATES “IN THE ROUND” - PART ONE

The New England Housing Network interacts with many national advocates to develop its strategy throughout the year. For the Network's 20th anniversary, we are gathering our national partners to give us an historical perspective on what has happened in affordable housing and community development over the past two decades, and what we must do to ensure that there is a strong voice on behalf of these issues going into the future.

Introduction: *Cindy Rowe, Director, New England Housing Network*

Speakers:

Sheila Crowley, President, National Low Income Housing Coalition

Nan Roman, President and CEO, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Moderator: *LeeAnn Byrne, Policy Coordinator, Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless*

Speakers:

John Bohm, Senior Director, Congressional Relations, Public Affairs and Field Operations, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)

Barbara Sard, Vice President for Housing Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Moderator: *Erhard Mahnke, Coordinator, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition*

Speakers:

Jeff Mosley, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Housing Assistance Council (HAC)

Frank Woodruff, Executive Director, National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA)

Moderator: *Jude Carroll, Community Development Specialist, Connecticut Housing Coalition*

10:30 a.m. --
10:45 a.m.

STRUCTURED NETWORK BREAK ONE

This is your opportunity to reflect with others about what you just heard, and generate questions which the national allies will answer during the “office hours” segment later in the afternoon.

MORNING SESSIONS

10:45 a.m. -- **NATIONAL ADVOCATES “IN THE ROUND” - PART TWO**
11:30 a.m.

Speakers:

Kirsten Johnson-Obey, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Legislative Affairs, NeighborWorks America

Benson “Buzz” Roberts, President and CEO, National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders (NAAHL)

Moderator: *Greg Payne, Coordinator, Maine Affordable Housing Coalition*

Speakers:

Dr. Megan Sandel, Principal Investigator, Children’s HealthWatch

Chris Estes, President and CEO, National Housing Conference

Moderator: *Elissa Margolin, Director, Housing Action NH*

11:30 a.m. -- **STRUCTURED NETWORK BREAK TWO**
11:45 a.m.

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11:45 a.m. -- **DISPARATE IMPACT AND AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING: IMPLICATIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND**
12:45 p.m.

Over the last few months, both the U.S. Supreme Court and HUD took significant steps in the area of fair housing. What will be the impact of the Court’s disparate impact ruling, which affirms that the Fair Housing Act protects against facially neutral policies that have discriminatory impacts? What are the implications of HUD’s recently announced final rule on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing? Our panel of experts will share their insights on these topics and what it means for New England.

Speakers:

Andrea Ponsor, Housing Policy Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

George Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Legislative Initiatives, and Outreach, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Diane Yentel, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Enterprise Community Partners

Moderator: *Brenda Clement, Executive Director, Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)*

LUNCH & AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

12:45 p.m. --
1:15 p.m.

LUNCH AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Presenter: *Brenda Clement, Executive Director, Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)*

1:30 p.m. --
2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (SELECT ONE)

Continue to check the website for updated speakers and descriptions of the workshops listed below. We're in the process of lining up some very interesting people to talk about their experiences in these areas.

- Homelessness
- Health and Housing
- Incentivizing Production
- Public Housing/RAD
- Section 8



OFFICE HOURS

2:45 p.m. -- **“OFFICE HOURS” WITH THE NATIONAL ADVOCATES**
3:30 p.m.

The national advocates will start off with some introductory remarks, and will answer the questions you posed during the structured networking breaks. This is also your time to ask our national experts anything you want to know about their areas of expertise in housing and community development.

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Moderator: *Polly Nichol, Housing Programs Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board*

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HOTEL DIRECTIONS

Directions to the [Sheraton Needham Hotel](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/CHAPA2015), (800) 325-3535
100 Cabot Street, Needham, MA 02494

There is a special conference rate for overnight rooms for hotel guests of \$169.00 per night. To access this rate, please use this link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/CHAPA2015> or call 1-800-325-3535. The group rate is available until November 12, 2015.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

We encourage you to register online at:

<http://www.chapa.org/event/NEHNConference2015>

If registering by mail, please photocopy and send a separate registration form for each person attending.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I will attend the following afternoon workshop:

Enclosed is my conference registration fee of \$85.00.

Please make check(s) payable to:

CHAPA, 18 Tremont Street, Suite 401, Boston, MA 02108

Credit cards are also accepted. Type of Credit Card (check one):

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HOUSING NETWORK

Registration
Deadline: Monday,
Nov. 23, 2015

Conference fee:
\$85.00

For more
information,
contact CHAPA at:
Tel: 617-742-0820
Fax: 617-742-3953

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granted to anyone
who registers,
but fails to attend
the conference or
who cancels after
November 23,
2015.