

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee Business Meeting

Monday, March 8, 12:00 P.M.— 2:00 P.M.

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee Leadership

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Meeting Agenda

12:00 P.M. – 12:05 P.M. ET

Call to Order and Welcome

- **Hon. Joseph A. Wood**, Judge, Washington County, Ark.

12:05 P.M.- 12:40 P.M.

Economic and Workforce Development Update

County governments play a critical role in the overall economic vitality of our nation through the development of vibrant urban, suburban and rural communities. To exercise this role, county officials implement local policies and intergovernmental initiatives including economic development, job creation, business retention and employment centers. During this update, CEWD members will hear from administration and congressional leaders on workforce development, job creation and the future of work and innovation.

Speakers:

- **Chike Aguh**, Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Hon. Suzanne Bonamici** (OR-01), U.S. Congresswoman, Member of the U.S. House Education and Labor Committee

12:40 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

HUD Update

A strong intergovernmental partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is crucial to counties' ability to provide housing and community development services at the local level. The importance of this relationship has grown even more critical since the start of the coronavirus pandemic and its subsequent economic fallout. During this session, CEWD members will hear from HUD officials on the Biden administration's housing agenda, an update on core HUD programs including the Community Development Block Grant and the Home Investment Partnership Program and the importance of the intergovernmental partnership.

Speakers:

- **Jessie Handforth Kome**, Director, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Virginia Sardone**, Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

1:00 P.M. – 1:20 P.M.

FY 2022 T-HUD Appropriations Outlook from Capitol Hill

The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations (T-HUD) subcommittees in both the House and Senate are tasked with setting funding levels for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding of HUD's core programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Section 8 program, are crucial to counties who provide services to communities on the ground level. During this update, CEWD members will hear from the House T-HUD Chairman's legislative director on what to expect in the 117th Congress.

Speaker:

- **Sean Maxwell**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman David Price (NC-04)

1:20 P.M. – 1:35 P.M.

National Community Development Week

Learn about ways county officials can support increasing funds for key housing, community and economic development programs during National Community Development Week, April 5th – 9th, 2021.

Speaker:

- **Vicki Watson**, Executive Director, National Community Development Association

1:35 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Consideration of Proposed Interim Policy Resolutions

CEWD Steering Committee members will discuss and vote on proposed interim policy resolutions. Interim policy resolutions are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. These resolutions are valid until NACo's 2021 Annual Conference.

- Proposed Interim Resolution on FY 2022 Appropriations for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - *Sponsor:* Hon. Joseph A. Wood, Judge, Washington County, Ark.
- Proposed Interim Resolution on Expanding Federal Residential Eviction Moratorium
 - *Sponsors:* Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator for Health and Human Services, Franklin County, Ohio; Hon. John O'Grady, Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio.
- Proposed Interim Resolution Supporting Changes to Private Activity Bond Requirements to Increase the Use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits
 - *Sponsors:* Hon. Jennifer Kreitz, Supervisor, Chair, Mono County, Calif.; California State Association of Counties; County Welfare Directors Association of California
- Proposed Interim Resolution in Support of Permanent Authorization for EB-5 Regional Center Program
 - *Sponsor:* Hon. Barry Dean Hyde, County Judge, Pulaski County, Ark.

Meeting Concludes

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