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## Partnering for Progress

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## Preliminary Agenda

**7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**                      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**                      **Chairperson Welcome**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**                      **General Session**

### **Raising Efficiency and Effectiveness of Local Government Services through Collaboration and Benchmarking**

*Naheed Huq, SEMCOG*

*Dave Boerger, SEMCOG*

*Joan Ilardo, Michigan State University*

How can local governments continue to provide services with rapidly declining revenues and resources? Dave Boerger, Consultant with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments will discuss strategies for raising efficiency and effectiveness through collaboration, benchmarking and restructuring of services. Joan Ilardo, Director of Research Training at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine will discuss the key components of collaboration and making a partnership work.

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**10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.                      Break**

**10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.                      Concurrent Sessions (3)**

**Downtown Rental Rehab**

*Bill Parker, MSHDA*

*Marty Colburn, Manager, City of Mason*

*Vickie Phillipson, DDA/Chamber Dir., City of Dowagiac*

*Mark Bender, Village Mgr., Lake Odessa*

*Marilyn Smith, Smith Consulting*

*Bruce Johnston, Ingham County Housing Commission*

Come hear how MSHDA's downtown rental rehabilitation program has property owners partnering with the local unit of government to create new rental housing units in the downtown – bringing income to the commercial property owners, and more business to downtown merchants.

**Public/Private Partnership: West Michigan Style**

*Reatha Anderson, City of Muskegon Heights*

*Connie Bohatch, City of Grand Rapids*

This session will focus on collaboration between local government NSP grantees with both for profit and non-profit organizations to maximize the effectiveness of NSP funds. Join the cities of Grand Rapids and Muskegon Heights as they share some the successes experienced in their communities through public/private partnerships.

**Common Problems with Building Envelopes for Rehab Specialists**

*Larry Pickel, Former Director City of Ann Arbor Building Department*

This session will discuss and review common types of building envelop failures and typical causes. In addition, this session will discuss the differences between structural and non-structural failures and touch on possible relation to code issues. Items to be reviewed include roofing, siding and other building envelope components. These types of failures allow water penetration into the structure causing issues with paint deterioration, mold growth, content damage, etc. Information from this session should allow rehab specialists to critically review installation practices of their selected contractors to help avoid future envelope failures.

**11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Lunch and Business Meeting**

**12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.                      HUD/MSHDA Update**

*Jeanette Harris, HUD*

*Bill Parker, MSHDA*

Join us for this informative session where HUD and MSHDA staff will present updates on programs and policies. Ms. Harris will also discuss the HUD budget, recent strategic planning efforts and the consolidated plan changes.

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.            Concurrent Sessions (3)**

**LISC in Detroit and Metro Areas**

*Jeff Chamberlain, City of Kalamazoo*

*Chuck Vliek, Kalamazoo LISC*

*Marja Winters, City of Detroit (invited)*

*Deborah Younger, Detroit LISC*

National community development groups are helping to stabilize communities in Michigan by bringing resources and capacity building to local neighborhoods. The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is one of the most active groups and has a presence in several cities in the state. Representatives of Detroit and Kalamazoo LISC will discuss how they are working with the local governments, and other stakeholders to improve housing and revitalize neighborhoods.

**NSP Collaborative Service Delivery**

*Cindy La Fond, City of Livonia*

*Sarah Traxler, McKenna*

*Jennifer Lepard, Wayne Metro CAA*

*Cindy Vails, DHUD*

Some HUD entitlement communities are contracting out the administration of community development programs such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to nonprofits organizations. They are also working with the private sector to develop joint applications for competitive programs that cover several communities. Our panelists will provide two recent examples of public/private partnerships in community development. HUD NSP specialist, Cindy Vails will provide guidance, clarification and answers to programmatic and funding issues facing partnering communities.

**Healthy Homes: What are they? Where have we been? Where are we going?**

*Wes Priem, MDCH – Lead and Healthy Homes Section*

Mr. Priem is the director of the Lead and Healthy Homes Section of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). Over the past few years, this Section has been producing and implementing new State lead regulations for compliance with EPA lead regulations. In addition, this section has been reviewing other issues involved in the overall healthy homes concept including all components of providing a safe, economical and sustainable living environment for clients of CDBG and NSP projects. Key residential health hazards being reviewed for the healthy homes initiative include asthma and allergy triggers, such as mold, dampness and pests (e.g., cockroaches, mice), injury hazards, and poor indoor air quality. Mr. Priem will discuss both the national and state programs regarding healthy homes and indicate what the future might hold in these areas

**2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions (2)**

**Community Building through Volunteers**

*Bill Parker, MSHDA*

*Amy Smith, MSHDA*

*Kim Hodge, City of Lathrup Village Time Bank*

*Jeff Mueller, City of Lathrup Village MI Mainstreet Rep.*

How can volunteers help to build community? Whether by helping each other or helping to revitalize the community, volunteers are an essential resource for communities large and small. Hear about the Award Winning Lathrup Village TimeBank - how it got started, what TimeBanking is, and how it can change your community!

**Surviving a HUD Audit and Review**

*Steve Spencer, HUD*

*Marguerite Sykes, HUD*

Your community has received a letter that your HUD monitor or the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is coming to review your rehab operations. At the end of this session, you will have the background as to how grantees are selected for monitoring and how HUD and the OIG uses risk analysis during the audit. You will also learn what documents you are expected to have available and how the audit/review will be conducted. The session will also provide information about the corrective actions which have to be taken to resolve identified issues.

**4:15 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

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