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Mid-America Center
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HOUSING SENIORS & VETERANS IN RURAL AMERICA: PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

AGENDA

Made possible with generous support from The Atlantic Philanthropies and The Home Depot Foundation, this symposium will provide training and information on housing for rural seniors and veterans. These two vulnerable and often overlapping populations face many challenges. Homeowners may need help with repairs or counseling. Renters may need affordable units, face loss of their apartments, or want to become owners. The homeless or near homeless need help with basic shelter and survival. Resources and models exist to help in all these situations and will be show cased in detail at this conference.

HAC's approach to serving seniors and veterans is grounded in the fact that those two groups are over represented in rural America. One in five US residents is rural, but 25 percent of all rural homes are occupied by the elderly, and 40 percent of veterans enrolled in the VA health system are rural. This is set against the backdrop a rapidly aging population of baby boomers. Eighty percent of rural seniors are homeowners, but rental units are also very much needed. Veterans of the United States military put their lives in danger to serve the nation, but then may face homelessness, live in substandard homes, or have other housing needs.

This conference will feature program overviews, funding resources, case studies and models presented by federal and state administrators, nonprofit developers, policy experts and others. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn and share information on ways to meet the growing needs of these rural populations.

Registration

Register for this event at <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1244062>. The registration fee for this course is \$50. Unfortunately, HAC is unable to confirm registration for this event without receipt of full payment of the prescribed course fee.

Location Information

Mid-America Center (MAC) , 1 Arena Way , Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501, (712) 323-0536. **MAC website:** <http://www.caesars.com/casinos/mid-america-center/hotel-casino/property-home.shtml>. There will be a shuttle that runs between Harrah's and the MAC.

Hotel & Room Block

HAC has reserved a block of rooms at the government per diem rate of \$77.00 per night at the Harrah's Council Bluffs. Please use this link to make reservations: <http://www.harrahscouncilbluffs.com/#>. Or call the hotel at (712) 329-6000 and ask for the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) Room Block to take advantage of this rate. ***This room block expires on July 28, 2013 but space is limited, so make your reservations early.***

Please Note. The hotel will charge individuals a penalty of one-night's rate plus tax for cancellation within seventy-two hours of the scheduled arrival date or failure to check-in on the scheduled arrival date.

Special Needs

The training location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Persons who need additional services are advised to contact Shonterria Charleston at (202) 842-8600 ext. 227 at least two weeks prior to the workshop.

DAY 1: AUGUST 28, 2013

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Welcome

Moises Loza, Housing Assistance Council
Shannon Strickler, LeadingAge Iowa

Opening Address

U.S. Representative **Tom Latham** (R-Iowa) (*Invited*)

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Housing Vulnerable Populations: Demographics of Seniors and Veterans in Rural Areas

Keith Wiley, Housing Assistance Council

3:00 - 4:45 pm

Resources and Outlook for Senior and Veteran Housing Programs

Shannon Chase, Housing Program Director, USDA Rural Development
Steve Eggleston, Iowa Field Office Director, HUD
Curt Heidt, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines
Earl Redrick, Nebraska Field Office Director, HUD

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Evening Reception

DAY 2: AUGUST 29, 2013

8:00 - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Programs for Senior and Veteran Homeowners

9:00 - 10:00 am

Case Study: Using USDA Sec. 504 and Other Home Repair Programs

Rozann Downing, Community Action Network
Anselmo Telles, Housing Assistance Council

10:00 - 10:40 am

Services for Seniors at Home

Jane Erickson, Iowa Department of Aging
Barbara Morrison, Connections Area Agency on Aging

10:40 - 11:20 am

Case Study: Building a Community for Veterans

Retha Patton, Eastern Eight CDC (*Invited*)

11:20 - 12:00 noon

Serving Homeless Veterans

Baylee Crone, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Networking Lunch

Multifamily Housing: Developing and Preserving Rental Housing in Rural Communities

1:00 - 1:40 pm

Case Study: USDA Sec. 515 Rental Preservation

Jeff Voorhees, National Affordable Housing Foundation (*Invited*)

1:40 - 2:20 pm

Multifamily Resources: Tax Credits, HUD Sec. 202, and HOME

Carolann Jensen, Iowa Finance Authority

For more information about HAC initiatives for vulnerable populations, go to www.ruralhome.org.

****Breakfasts and lunches provided thanks to the generosity of The Atlantic Philanthropies.**