



***LEARNING, CONNECTING, INSPIRING.....***

**Region 1 – New England**

**Fall Conference**

**October 17 & 18, 2019**

**Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel**

**Springfield, MA**

**Arrival Evening - Wednesday October 16, 2019**

**4:30 – 6:00 Registration and Welcome Meet & Greet**

**7:00 Arrival Evening Event MGM Tap Sports Bar**

*Meet the host community staff and fellow attendees and enjoy light refreshments and maybe a game of bowling at Springfield's newest attraction- MGM.*

**Day 1 – Thursday, October 17, 2019**

**7:30 Buffet Breakfast and Registration/Networking**

*Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet including vegetarian and healthy options.*

**9:00 Welcoming Remarks**

**Alicia Zoeller**, NCDA Region I President, City of Holyoke, MA

**Dominic Sarno**, Mayor, City of Springfield, MA

**9:15 NCDA/Washington Update and Paul Poulos Achievement Award Presentation**

*This is your opportunity to hear firsthand about what is happening in Washington regarding federal programs. The 2019 Paul Poulos Achievement Award will honor outstanding work in the community development field.*

**Patrick Sullivan**, Past President NCDA National President, City of New Bedford, MA

**Vicki Watson**, Executive Director, NCDA

**10:00 HUD Update and Q&A's**

*HUD staff will provide an update on the hottest HUD news. Their insight into what's coming is invaluable.*

**Robert D. Shumeyko**, CPD Regional Director, HUD Region I Field Office (Boston)

**Alanna C. Kabel**, CPD Director, HUD Hartford Office

**11:00 Climate Change and Natural Disaster: Planning and Recovery Panel Discussion**

*Using CDBG and HOME to address climate change and natural disaster planning. Accessing CDBG-DR post-disaster. Case studies of revitalization after natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstances. Learn about state incentives and matching grants for municipal activities. It isn't if, but when, disaster will strike.*

**Moderator: Alicia Zoeller**

**Panelists: Tina Quagliato Sullivan**, Director of Disaster Recovery & Compliance, City of Springfield;

**Andrew Smith**, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

**12:00 Buffet Lunch & Networking**

*Enjoy a hot lunch buffet including vegetarian options.*

**1:00 Breakout Sessions (Choice of One):**

**(A) Best Management Practices in Public Services**

*Public Services often serve those residents most in need of basic services. Explore best practices.*

**Moderator: Emily Freeman**, Director of Community Development, Providence, RI

**Speaker: Melissa Pond**, Principal Planner, Quincy, MA

**(B) Fair Housing Primer and Best Practices**

*Hear about MFHC work to eliminate housing discrimination in Western Mass. Learn how to integrate Fair Housing best practices into your programs, what are the protected categories, effective landlord communications, and more.*

**Moderator: Rachel Powers**, Community Development Program Manager, Newton, MA

**Speaker: Ashley Grant, Esquire**, Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, Holyoke, MA

**2:45 Board buses for City of Holyoke Projects Tour**

**3:00 City of Holyoke Projects Bus Tour**

*Tour CDBG and HOME funded activities in Holyoke including housing, the recently completed Public Library and a unique waterfront rec center providing the only public access point to the Connecticut River in Holyoke.*

**4:30 Welcome by Mayor Alex Morse and Evening Reception in Holyoke**

*Hear from Mayor Alex Morse about the value of CDBG and HOME in Holyoke. Appreciate the historic City Hall with its unique stained-glass windows as you learn about Holyoke's Microenterprise Program and enjoy refreshments from two of downtown Holyoke's favorite restaurants.*

**6:00 Buses return to Springfield for Dinner (On Your Own)**

*Enjoy one of Springfield's many dining options, take walk to see historic properties, or catch one of the many downtown art murals. Consult your Visitors Guide- there's lots to see and do in downtown Springfield!*

**9:00-12:00 The Unwind Suite**

*Unwind after a day of learning and connect with your colleagues for late evening refreshments, bar games (practice your Jenga skills), and catch Thursday night football.*

## Day 2 – Friday, October 18, 2019

### **8:30 Buffet Breakfast and Annual Region I Business Meeting**

*Enjoy a hot breakfast buffet including vegetarian and healthy options. Hear about what's happening in Region I.*

### **9:00 Implicit Bias and Moral Analysis**

*Ever wonder if you are making a difference in the community that you serve? How do your own life experiences influence your work? In depth and engaging look at how implicit bias factors into resource allocation and the provision of services to those most in need. Dr. DePergola will discuss how to recognize and manage implicit bias in yourself and how to meet your constituents where they are at. This will be an expanded discussion of his popular presentation at the Spring 2019 NCDA Region I Meeting. He brings a background of medicine, religion, and ethics and applies those fields to community development.*

**Moderator: Alicia Zoeller**, NCDA Region I President, City of Holyoke, MA

**Speaker: Dr. Peter DePergola**, Director of Clinical Ethics, Baystate Medical Center

### **10:15 Grab and Go Drinks and Snacks**

### **10:30 City of Springfield Disaster Recovery Bus Tour with Tina Quagliato Sullivan**

*In June 2011, portions of the City of Springfield (among several communities) were hit by an extremely rare EF-3 tornado, including its downtown, historic neighborhoods, and L/M neighborhoods. See first hand how the City has recovered and invested in its CDBG-DR Program. Later that same year, the City also had an October blizzard.*

### **12:00 Buffet Lunch & Networking**

*Enjoy a Baked Potato, Soup and Salad Bar buffet as you close out the conference. Stay awhile and discuss what you have learned, what you hope to bring back to your community and leave the conference feeling inspired. Raffle prize drawing at 1:00 pm!*

### **1:30 Region I Board Meeting (Board Members Only)**

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