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## WELCOME

November 5, 2013

Welcome to Housing Action Illinois' 2013 *Housing Matters!* Conference! All of us at Housing Action are glad that you are able to join us and hope that your experience here is both educational and rejuvenating.

We have a full agenda during the next two days, so please take a few minutes to read through the information in this packet. It includes our itinerary, workshop details, and other important information.

We have a great line-up of informative and thought-provoking sessions, including:

- Sheila Crowley, President and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, who will discuss the United for Homes Campaign to fund the National Housing Trust Fund through reform of the mortgage interest deduction.
- Details on the Illinois Attorney General's recent awards (totaling \$70 million) under the National Foreclosure Settlement for housing counseling and community revitalization efforts throughout the state.

We have also planned an Opening Rally so that we can celebrate our members' successes, learn about ongoing challenges, and share the opportunities we see for the upcoming year. Celebrating success and sharing hope is particularly important for us to do, given the continuing (and many would argue increasing) challenges we all face in meeting the affordable housing and shelter needs in our communities. This is our chance to gain the support we need from our peers as we go into the new year.

This conference is specifically designed for you – the affordable housing and homeless/supportive services practitioner and advocate – so please enjoy all that we have planned. Our goal is create a trusted place for you to learn, share, network, and make new friends from throughout the state.

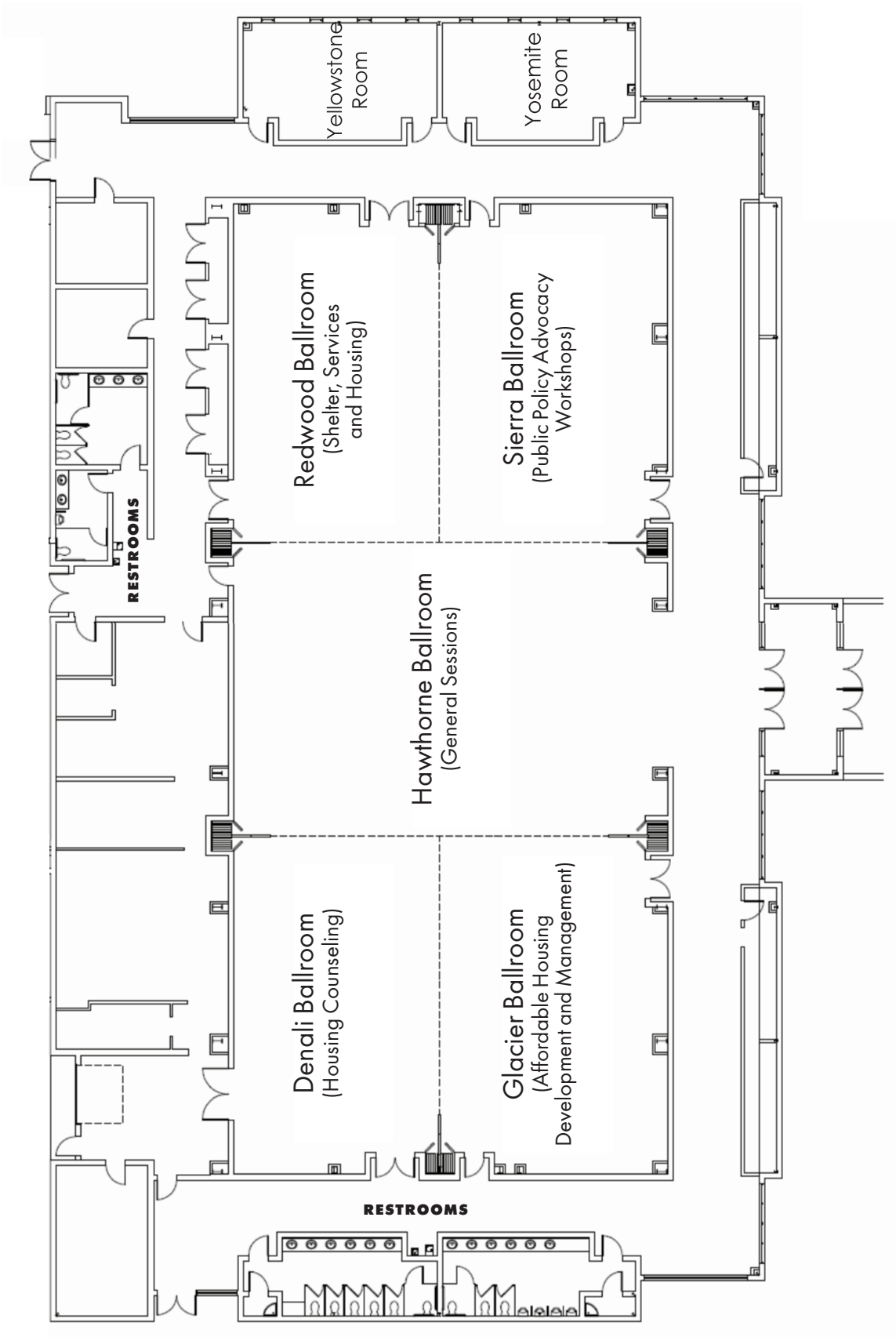
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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 9:00 A.M.           **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 10:00 A.M.           **WELCOME AND OPENING RALLY    (HAWTHORNE)**
- 11:30 A.M.           **ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON   (HAWTHORNE)**
- 1:00 P.M.           **WORKSHOP SESSION I**
- Committing the State Budget to Support Housing for All   **(SIERRA)**
  - Successful Discharge Planning to Prevent Homelessness   **(REDWOOD)**
  - Scattered Site Rentals   **(GLACIER)**
  - Working with HUD Intermediaries   **(DENALI)**
- 2:30 P.M.           **BREAK**
- 2:45 P.M.           **WORKSHOP SESSION II**
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing   **(SIERRA)**
  - Coordinated Assessment and Entry   **(REDWOOD)**
  - Tools for Your Community Inventory   **(GLACIER)**
  - Updates from HUD (Office of Housing Counseling)   **(DENALI)**
- 4:15 P.M.           **BREAK**
- 4:30 P.M.           **KEYNOTE ADDRESS    (GLACIER/DENALI)**  
Sheila Crowley, President & CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition
- 5:30-7:30 P.M.       **RECEPTION    (HAWTHORNE)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

8:30 A.M.      **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:00 A.M.      **WORKSHOP SESSION III**

- Rethinking National Housing Policy    **(SIERRA)**
- Dealing with Budget Limitations in the NOFA Funding Competition    **(REDWOOD)**
- Update on the Attorney General's National Foreclosure Settlement Awards    **(GLACIER/DENALI)**

10:30 A.M.      **BREAK**

10:45 A.M.      **WORKSHOP SESSION IV**

- Rebalancing Illinois' Long Term Care System Update    **(SIERRA)**
- Domestic Violence and Affordable Housing    **(REDWOOD)**
- CHDO Collaboratives    **(GLACIER)**
- Developing a Financial Education Program    **(DENALI)**

12:15 P.M.      **LUNCHEON    (HAWTHORNE)**

1:00 - 2:15 P.M.      **CLOSING PLENARY SESSION    (HAWTHORNE)**

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## GENERAL SESSIONS

### OPENING RALLY

Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30

#### **Success, Challenges, and Hope**

Our opening rally will provide an opportunity for our members and allies to share their most significant successes during the past year so that we can learn from and be inspired by their work as we move forward on affordable housing and shelter issues in the future. We will also update you on some of the good work that Housing Action Illinois has done with others during the past year.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tuesday 4:30 - 5:30

#### **Sheila Crowley, President and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition**

Our keynote speaker on the first day of the conference will be Sheila Crowley, President and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, who will help us understand both the importance of and strategy behind the United for Homes Campaign to fund the National Housing Trust Fund through reform of the mortgage interest deduction. Sheila has been fighting to improve national housing policy since 1998 and brings a wealth of insight and experience.

### CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday 1:00 - 2:15

#### **Telling Our Stories to the Media to Engage, Educate and Advocate**

Staff for community-based organizations all have stories that illustrate the successes and challenges faced by the people they serve and the larger community. The outcomes of these stories are often impacted by bigger societal issues such as federal and state budget cuts, the foreclosure crisis, homelessness and the overall shortage of affordable housing. When told in the media, these narratives have the power to engage the public and policy makers, build support for our work and contribute to success on advocacy efforts. But how can we effectively use our limited time and resources to pitch our stories to journalists who are looking for a new or fresh angle on an existing issue? In this session, Thom Clark, president of the Community Media Workshop, and a panel of reporters will give us tips on how to do this, and attendees will have the opportunity to get feedback on their current story telling methods.

## **PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY (SIERRA BALLROOM)**

### **Committing the State Budget to Support Housing for All** Tuesday 1:00 - 2:30

We'll take a look at the current state budget situation from two perspectives. The first will be our efforts to maintain and expand funding for the main programs addressing affordable housing and homelessness, including Emergency and Transitional Housing, Homeless Prevention, Supportive Housing Services, Rental Housing Support Program and the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We'll also talk about why we support the campaign, A Better Illinois, to restore our state's commitment to accountability, fairness and a strong middle class by creating a fair tax system with lower rates for people with lower incomes and higher rates for higher incomes.

**Speakers:** Jennifer Cushman, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless; Neil McMenamin, Hesed House; Peter Starszynski, A Better Illinois

### **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing** Tuesday 2:45 - 4:15

In July 2013, the federal government published the long-awaited proposed rule intended to improve the obligation of communities to affirmatively further fair housing by requiring HUD program participants to take steps to actively overcome historic patterns of segregation and promote fair housing choice. This workshop will provide an overview of the proposed rule, and how it differs from the existing obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, as well as provide practical information about how you can engage your local government in preparing for higher compliance standards, which will include using HUD-provided data, getting meaningful community input and setting goals for mitigating or addressing the most significant factors causing fair housing disparities in your community.

**Speakers:** Maurice McGough, US. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development; Michael Seng, John Marshall Law School; Joel Williams, PADS Lake County

### **Rethinking National Housing Policy** Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30

The impact of the foreclosure crisis and the great recession has caused a rethinking of our nation's housing priorities, from reevaluating the importance of home ownership to the role of housing in promoting the well-being of individuals, families and communities. At this session, we'll provide some background on how this discussion is happening "inside the beltway" of policy makers and elected officials and provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss the current and potential impact on your work.

**Speakers:** Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition; Richard Monocchio, Housing Authority of Cook County; Bob Palmer, Housing Action Illinois

### **Rebalancing Illinois' Long Term Care System Update** Wednesday 10:45 - 12:15

Since settling three class action lawsuits, the State of Illinois has been more fully engaged in efforts to comply with the 1999 U.S. Supreme Court Olmstead decision mandating that, whenever possible, states provide housing for people with disabilities in community based settings rather than in institutions. At this session, we'll discuss lessons learned and current work in a variety of areas, including ongoing efforts to further reduce Illinois' reliance on institutional based care, create quality scattered site supportive housing, and increase the number of landlords and communities that embrace participating in the rebalancing effort.

**Speakers:** Adam Ballard, Access Living; Lindsey Bishop Gilmore, Corporation for Supportive Housing; David Esposito, Thresholds; Tara Peele, IFF

## SHELTER, SERVICES AND HOUSING (REDWOOD BALLROOM)

### **Successful Discharge Planning to Prevent Homelessness** Tuesday 1:00 - 2:30

Effective coordination of local resources can reduce homelessness amongst individuals leaving jails, prisons, hospitals, and the foster care system. During this session, panelists will discuss strategies that are working in their communities.

**Speakers:** John Cheney Egan, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; John Fallon, Corporation for Supportive Housing; Mark Heyrman, University of Chicago Law School; Pamela Ward, Illinois Department of Corrections

### **Coordinated Assessment and Entry** Tuesday 2:45 - 4:15

To comply with new federal standards, Continuums of Care are working to implement systems to ensure coordinated assessment and entry to homeless service programs. At this session, housing specialists from around the state will share their experiences implementing these systems, and we'll discuss some of the more complex issues, such as managing strict individual program eligibility requirements and wait lists.

**Speakers:** Lore Baker, Supportive Housing Providers Association; Jamie Ewing, Corporation for Supportive Housing; Todd Fuller, Will County Center for Community Concerns; Loren Seeger, Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County

### **Dealing with Budget Limitations in the NOFA Funding Competition** Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30

In the program registration NOFA for the fiscal year 2013 Continuum of Care funding competition, HUD stated that funding will be insufficient to fund all projects eligible for renewal. As a result, the only chance of funding new applications will be through a reallocation of existing resources. At this session, we'll provide a forum for Continuums to strategically think about available options and share how they are responding to these challenges, while also implementing other new program requirements.

**Speakers:** Lore Baker, Supportive Housing Providers Association; Lindsey Bishop Gilmore, Corporation for Supportive Housing

### **Domestic Violence and Affordable Housing** Wednesday 10:45 - 12:15

This session will provide an overview of the housing laws specific to domestic violence and provide an opportunity to discuss strategies to overcome the difficulties of helping survivors of domestic violence find housing.

**Speakers:** Kelly Goodall, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Angie Hunt, HOPE of East Central Illinois

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT (GLACIER BALLROOM)**

### **Scattered Site Rentals**

Tuesday 1:00 - 2:30

Non-profit developers can help stabilize neighborhoods by purchasing, rehabilitating and holding single-family homes as long-term rentals. This workshop covers what organizations should consider before embarking on purchasing scattered-site rentals and how managing scattered site rentals is different from single-site rental properties.

**Speaker:** Bob Wahlgren, Equity Sharing Partners, NFP

### **Tools for Your Community Inventory**

Tuesday 2:45 - 4:15

This workshop will present a survey of available tools to assist organizations to collect important data in their communities. Tools such as LocalData.com can assist organizations to better understand current neighborhood conditions and plan redevelopment activities for maximum impact.

**Speakers:** Carol Brown, University of Chicago; Matt Campbell & Prashant Singh, LocalData

### **Update on the Attorney General's National Foreclosure Settlement Awards**

Wednesday 9:00 - 10:30

This joint session will provide National Foreclosure Settlement (NFS) grantees and others working in affected communities with information regarding the scope of projects funded and updates on implementation procedures and schedules. Representatives from the Attorney General's office and NFS-funded experts will be in attendance to discuss their roles in assisting grantees with their projects. In addition to learning critical information, this session will provide an opportunity for grantees and others to put faces to names and to begin the peer-to-peer networking that will be essential for successful program implementation.

**Speakers:** Robin Snyderman & Karen Muchin, BRick Partners LLC

### **CHDO Collaboratives**

Wednesday 10:45 - 12:15

This workshop highlights collaboration strategies for smaller organizations seeking to meet the new HOME rules requirement of having at least one paid staff member with development and/or management experience.

**Speakers:** Ron Clewer, Rockford Housing Authority; Vicki Manson, Rockford Department of Community and Economic Development

## HOUSING COUNSELING (DENALI BALLROOM)

### **Working with HUD Intermediaries**

Tuesday 1:00 - 2:30

Housing Action Illinois is considering becoming a HUD Housing Counseling Intermediary. This workshop will explain the purpose of an Intermediary and how working with one could benefit your housing counseling organization.

**Speakers:** Angela Frazier, Mid Central Community Action; David Young, Housing Action Illinois

### **Updates from HUD (Office of Housing Counseling)**

Tuesday 2:45 - 4:15

Learn the latest about individual housing counseling certification requirements and other program developments from a representative from HUD's Office of Housing Counseling.

**Speaker:** Hazel McLemore, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

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### **Developing a Financial Education Program**

Wednesday 10:45 - 12:15

Studies show that people receiving financial education in addition to housing counseling make more informed financial choices. This workshop is designed to introduce your housing counseling agency to comprehensive financial education and present strategies for helping your agency and counselors to emphasize lifelong financial education.

**Speakers:** Cheryl Boswell, METEC; Megan Kursik, Michigan Communities for Financial Empowerment

## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

Housing Action Illinois is a statewide coalition formed to protect and expand the availability of quality, affordable housing throughout Illinois.

**OUR GOAL:** To strengthen communities throughout Illinois through the pursuit of a safe and affordable home for all.

**OUR MISSION:** Communities throughout Illinois thrive when families and individuals have a place to call home.

Housing is a basic necessity, and we believe that public policy and government spending should protect those in need.

**OUR VISION:** To create a network of resources including community stakeholders, residents, businesses, government and housing experts working to increase the supply and availability of affordable housing throughout Illinois.

**OUR MEMBERS:** Nonprofit organizations, individuals and corporations throughout the state, championing quality affordable housing for all Illinois residents.

### OUR PROGRAMS

Much like a house, quality affordable housing requires a blueprint for success. The structure of Housing Action Illinois is built on a simple, solid foundation - training, policy advocacy and organizing. It is through the dedication and commitment of our members and donors that Housing Action Illinois remains the significant force leading the drive for quality affordable housing statewide.

**Training & Technical Assistance:** Housing Action Illinois shares its collective experience and knowledge with nonprofit housing developers and housing counseling agencies. We offer workshops and direct technical assistance to build the capacity of housing counseling agencies to work with prospective and existing homeowners and support nonprofit housing developers as they take on the difficult task of affordable housing development.

**Policy Advocacy:** As experts in the affordable housing field, Housing Action Illinois works with members and allies throughout the state to develop and implement a public policy agenda that increases and preserves the supply of quality affordable housing. We engage legislators and policy makers on the housing issues that affect their constituents. As a result, our policy advocacy efforts address a wide range of issues, including federal and state budget priorities, foreclosures, homelessness and tenants rights.

**Organizing:** Housing Action Illinois is a leading voice in the affordable housing field. Our membership base primarily consists of nonprofit housing developers, housing counseling agencies, homeless service providers, and other community-based organizations that work with low income people. Housing Action Illinois provides the means by which these organizations can actively influence state and federal housing policy. Supported by Housing Action Illinois and our research, networking, and information tools, the collective power and influence of our members and allies are more fully realized. With Housing Action Illinois, our members have an opportunity to significantly impact public policy at the state and federal level.

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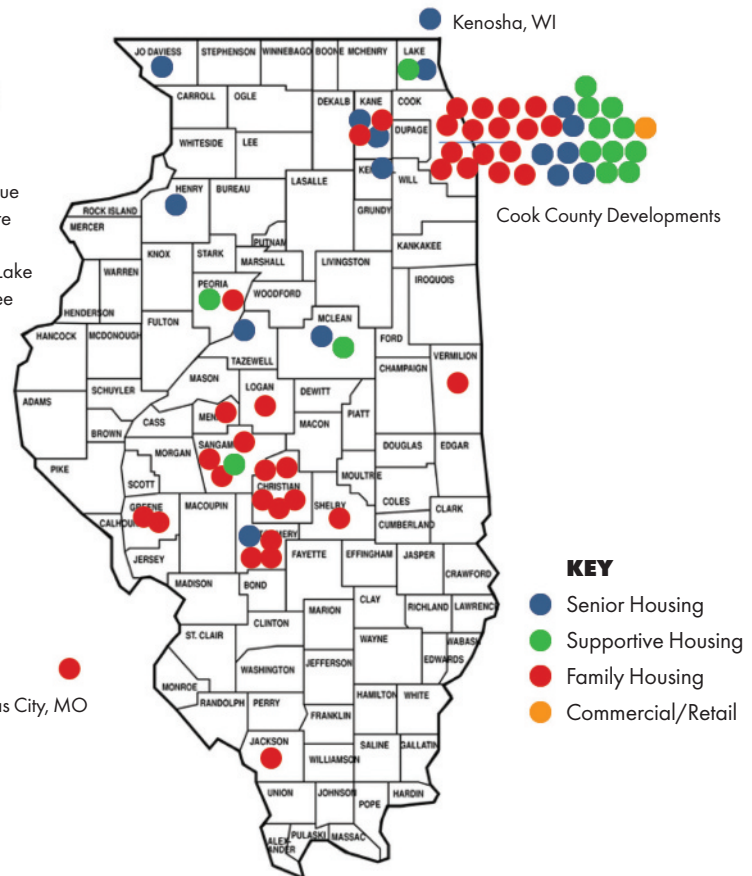
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