

# ERA of Unity: Going the Distance

**Day 1 – October 14th**

**8:30**

## **Breakfast and Check-in**

**9:00 to 9:15**

## **Welcome Remarks**

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

**9:15 to 10:15**

## **Our Programs in Action**

Hear from community partners on how Beneficiary Special Needs Housing Grant and Basic Homeless Assistance Program resources are operating in their respective communities.

**Facilitator:** Donald Gotchal, Research and Services Programs Manager

### **Speakers:**

Ketchikan Indian Community – Myrna Chaney, Housing Director

Cordova Family Resources – Nicole Songer, Executive Director

Tundra Women's Coalition – Nakissha Bialy, Transitional Housing Coordinator

Aiding Women Abused and In Crisis – Amanda Valenzuela, Director of Programs

## **Break**

**10:30 to 11:45**

## **Dialogue with Funders**

Funding partners will discuss the overall funding landscape. Participate in a two-way conversation about awareness of resources, access to funding streams, and the time involved in pursuing dollars to help house Alaskans.

### **Speakers:**

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – Daniel Delfino, Planning and Program Development Director

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority – Kelda Barstad, Program Officer

Rasmuson Foundation – Tasha Pineda, Chief Program Officer

Alaska Municipal League – Invited

Alaska Community Foundation – Invited

**11:45 to 1:15**

## **Lunch**



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1:15 to 2:45

## **Knowledge Campfire & Networking**

Join the “campfire” sessions to trade expertise, discuss measurable outcomes and identify areas of concern about SNHG and BHAP. Three groups will be organized by focus area to take a deep dive into the nuts and bolts of program activities.

**Campfire A:** Emergency Shelter Outcomes, Intake and Best Practices

**Campfire B:** Building Community in Transitional or Permanent Supportive Housing

**Campfire C:** Increasing Stability Through Temporary Housing Assistance (RRH Or Prevention), Evaluating Success and Measuring Outcomes.

**Session Facilitators:** Jennifer Smerud, Kelda Barstad, Donald Gotchal

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in multiple “campfires”. At the close of the breakout sessions, the focus areas will collectively report out to the larger group.

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## **Break**

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3:00 to 4:15

## **Gone Phishing? Managing Sensitive Data and Fraud Prevention**

Public funds require heightened data requirements that involve complicated systems and collaboration with a variety of stakeholders. Collection of data involves risks that can attract scams and fraud attempts, but it also informs our work, including program design. Learn about best practices to protect your data and hear real stories of fraud attempts identified during the COVID-era.

### **Speakers:**

Valley Charities – John Rozzi, Executive Director

Brother Francis Shelter Kodiak - Susan Smith, Executive Director

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – Madison Smith, Services Program Lead

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation - Tom Remaklus, Director of IT

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4:15 to 4:45

## **Closing Remarks**

Recap insights and feedback from sessions. Identify next steps for program innovations and opportunities to streamline processes.

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# ERA of Unity: Going the Distance

Day 2 – October 15th

8:00

## Breakfast and Check-in

8:30

## Welcome Remarks

Bryan Butcher, AHFC CEO/Executive Director

8:45 to 9:30

## Putting Partnerships in Perspective

The COVID-19 pandemic brought together regional housing authorities, local governments, and nonprofits to deploy hundreds of millions of dollars in timely relief funding through newly created housing programs.

Dive into the partnerships and hear stories that came from that work. Focus is on five programs that served our neighbors: Rent Relief, Stabilization, Homeowner Assistance, Last Frontier Housing Initiative and Statewide Housing Development Program.

### Speakers:

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – Daniel Delfino, Planning and Program Development Director

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – Stacy Barnes, Director of Governmental Relations & Public Affairs

## Break

9:45 to 11:45

## Going the Distance

### Part 1 – Storytelling Reflections

During the past four years not everything has gone to according plan. Sometimes surprises were welcome, other times they presented learning opportunities. Bring your lessons learned and ideas to inform future collaborations.

### Part 2 – Opportunities for Continued Partnerships

Transform lessons learned and partnerships made into future opportunities for collaboration. This discussion with a facilitator will incorporate your feedback from throughout the convening.

11:45 to 12:00

## Closing Remarks

