

ERA of Unity: Going the Distance

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 14th

8:30

Breakfast and Check-in

9:00 to 9:15

Welcome Remarks

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and the 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.

Facilitated by 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, Transition Coordinator

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis – Heidi Hill, Director of Strategy and Operations

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 Community Foundation – Megan Cacciola, Vice President of Programs and Grants

11:45 to 1:15

Lunch



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

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.

Break

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 - Tom Remaklus, IT Director

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – Madison Smith, Services Program Lead

4:15 to 4:45

Closing Remarks

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