# Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

# Housing Directors Advisory Committee (HDAC)

***Meeting Agenda: Focus on Housing for an Aging Population***

**DATE:** Thursday, July 16, 2015

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** COG Meeting Room 1 at 777 N. Capitol Street, NE

Washington, DC  20002

***To participate remotely, please refer to the Outlook calendar invitation with the link to WebEx, including call-in information.***

1. **Welcome and Introductions** 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Jesse Buggs, Chair

Chair Buggs will welcome HDAC members and share any announcements.

* *Region Forward* Baseline Report – Updated Housing Targets and Indicators
* October workshop on fair housing/impact of Supreme Court disparate impact case?

1. **Livable Communities and Aging-in-Place** 10:15 a.m. –11:00 a.m.

Aldea Douglas, Project Manager, AARP Education and Outreach

It is estimated that there are about 1.5 million Baby Boomers in the metropolitan Washington region, representing approximately 26 percent of its population. How will the region create safe, walkable, livable communities for residents of all ages? Ms. Aldea Douglas will share information about AARP’s Livable Communities program and the Livability Index. The Livability Index is a scoring tool that rates communities nationwide for the features, services and amenities that impact quality of life. Ms. Douglas will share information about these tools and other strategies that can inform decision-making for jurisdictions working to accommodate a growing senior population.

*Brief Bio: Aldea joined the AARP Livable Communities team after more than a dozen years of hands-on urban planning work in communities throughout the southeastern United States and even South America. Aldea holds a master's degree in geography and community planning and is a certified aging-in-place specialist. Her work at AARP helps provide community leaders with the information they need to advocate for and create age-friendly cities, towns and neighborhoods. As a program manager, including for the popular AARP HomeFit program, Aldea helps ensure that older adults have tools and resources that can help them be independent, productive and purposeful, regardless of age. Aldea's work also involves developing partnership relationships with other associations and serving as a topic expert on livable communities. Aldea speaks throughout the nation at conferences about the local and national impact of the "boomer population" and how municipalities and organizations need to prepare for the population and priority shifts that older adults will bring to housing, transportation, community services and more.*

1. **What’s Working in *Making Your Community Livable for All Ages*** 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Sandy Markwood, CEO, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)

The n4a mission is “To build the capacity of our members so they can better help older adults and people with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible.” Ms. Markwood, CEO of n4a, will share the results of a recent study her organization conducted focusing on proven strategies to address the longevity boom and desire for today’s adults to “age in community”.

*Brief Bio: Sandy Markwood is the CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), which represents the nation's Area Agencies on Aging that provide critical home and community-based services throughout the U.S.  As the leader of n4a, she and her staff work directly with the more than 600 Area Agencies on Aging and 240 Title VI Native American aging programs to develop policy, provide technical assistance and training and forge partnerships to position the Aging Network to meet current and future challenges and opportunities.*

*Prior to joining n4a, Markwood worked for the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities and as Assistant to the County Executive in Albemarle County, VA. She received her bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Virginia.*

1. **Committee Member Jurisdictional Roundtable** 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All Participants

Committee members will have an opportunity to share announcements, updates, and other current activities in their jurisdictions.

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***Next HDAC Meeting:***

***Thursday, September 17, 2015***

***Proposed joint meeting with COG’s Homeless Services Committee (start time delayed to 10:30am). Please indicate your availability to meet at this time by voting in the Doodle poll:*** [***https://mwcog.doodle.com/3z5th3e2iwzzi3ak***](https://mwcog.doodle.com/3z5th3e2iwzzi3ak)

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***Thursday, November 12th at 10am – Focus on Fairfax County/City of Falls Church***

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