



Senior Housing Weekly

April 1, 2022

Nice Seeing You At Leadership Summit! We were thrilled to see some of you at the LeadingAge Leadership Summit this week! We hosted [sessions](#) with our partners at HUD, including the Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman; the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Ethan Handelman; and Multifamily's Director of Asset Management Toby Halliday. We were also joined by Elayne Weiss, Director of Housing, Community Development, and Insurance from the House Committee on Financial Services. We presented sessions about housing and health, broadband and tech in affordable housing, serving underserved older adult populations, and addressing workforce challenges. We'll debrief the Summit content during our Monday Housing Network call. For more great conference content, mark your calendars for the [LeadingAge Annual Meeting](#) in Denver in October 2022!

Housing Network Call On Monday. Join us for our regular Monday call for affordable senior housing providers on April 4, at 12:30pm ET. We will discuss content from our Leadership Summit, including updates from HUD on the new Section 202 NOFO, services at HUD-assisted properties, and the FY23 HUD budget request. Any LeadingAge member can join the Housing Network or submit advance questions by emailing Linda (lcouch@leadingage.org) or Juliana (jbilowich@leadingage.org).

Coronavirus Update Calls Resume Next Week. LeadingAge Coronavirus Update calls will resume on **Monday, April 4, at 3:30pm ET**, when we will welcome Kelly Papa, President and CEO of LeadingAge member Duncaster to talk about her recent experience at the LeadingAge Leadership Summit and offer highlights of her work to build and strengthen the workforce at her community in Connecticut. She will talk about the importance of being tender and tough and the 4 "C"s of leadership that she utilizes at her community to recruit and retain new staff. On **Wednesday, April 6**, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine will release its much awaited recommendations and report on nursing home quality, regulation and financing. On our **April 6, 3:30pm ET Update Call**, we will talk with **David Grabowski about the report** and his participation on the committee that wrote it. If you haven't registered for LeadingAge Update Calls, [you can do so here](#). You can also find previous call recordings [here](#).

DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 8: LeadingAge Quarterly Affordable Housing Survey. It's time for our first quarterly affordable housing survey of 2022! Please fill out [this 5-minute survey](#) on key housing issues, including HUD COVID relief payments. The information you provide advances our advocacy efforts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Congress, it helps us understand the materials that our housing members need, and gives you insights about your housing peers. Please [complete the survey](#) by **Friday, April 8**.

Northeastern LeadingAge States To Host Regional HUD Call with Housing Members. LeadingAge state partners from the Northeast HUD Region are hosting their first regional collaboration call with HUD of 2022. The call will take place on April 6 from 2-3:30pm, with an agenda created by housing members from the area. The calls are interactive and give LeadingAge senior housing providers a chance to

connect directly with regional HUD staff. **LeadingAge housing provider members from [HUD's Northeast MF Region](#) can register in advance for the call [here](#).**

Senate Hearing on Affordable, Accessible Housing for Older Adults. Today, the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs held a hearing, "Affordability and Accessibility: Addressing the Housing Needs of America's Seniors." "In 2017, before the pandemic, five million older adult households spent more than half their incomes for housing. With less money left after housing costs each month, it's too expensive for older renters and homeowners to do the renovations and modifications they would need to keep their homes safe and affordable – things like adding a ramp or grab bars or weatherizing to save on heating bills," Committee Chair Sherrod Brown (D-OH) said to open the hearing. For an overview of the hearing, see this [article](#). To read LeadingAge's statement inserted into the hearing record by Senator Brown, see [here](#).

HUD Seeks New \$50B Housing Supply Fund, Other Funding for FY23. On March 28, HUD transmitted its request for fiscal year 2023 funding to Congress. The request includes a new, "off-budget" \$50 billion "Housing Supply Fund" for states as well as resources for HUD-assisted multifamily programs. The request would fully fund the renewal of existing operating subsidy contracts, would provide \$100 million for new Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly homes, expand the number of vouchers, and increase funding for Homeless Assistance Grants and the HOME program compared to FY22-enacted levels. For additional information on HUD's FY23 request for funding, see this [article](#) and see LeadingAge's statement on the request [here](#).

LeadingAge Leaders of Color Network Spring Zoom Event. Learn from leaders of color about supports for career advancement and how to be an influencer at your organization and in the community, and discuss the priorities for the network at our event on Friday, April 8, 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET. Event moderators are Marvell Adams Jr., LeadingAge National Board member & Chief Operating Officer, The Kendal Corporation, and Deke Cateau, LeadingAge National Board Member & Chief Executive Officer, A.G. Rhodes. Panelists are Karyne Jones, President & CEO, National Caucus and Center on Black Aging, Inc (NCBA) and Former LeadingAge National Board Member, Darrick Lam (ACC Senior Services), President & CEO, ACC Senior Services, Janet Stringfellow, President & CEO, Volunteers of America of Florida, and Erica Thrash-Sall, Executive Director, McFarlan Charitable Corporation, Managed by Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. [Click here to register for this April 8 event.](#)

Nominations Open for the 2022 RWJF Award for Health Equity. June 17 is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2022 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award for Health Equity presented by LeadingAge. LeadingAge and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2022 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award for Health Equity. The Award for Health Equity recognizes an individual or a team of two individuals who have successfully implemented efforts to help advance health equity for populations of vulnerable older adults. Nominees should demonstrate that they have sought ways to increase access to services, supports, and opportunities that enable vulnerable older adults to lead healthy lives. Additional information, including how to submit a nomination, is [here](#). If you have questions about the RWJF Award for Health Equity presented by LeadingAge, contact Alexandra Hennessy, ahennessy@leadingage.org

HUD Multifamily Housing is hiring. HUD multifamily housing is expanding its grants team to strengthen and extend its efforts on a variety of programs to improve access to opportunities for residents of Multifamily-assisted properties. Up to four positions, available to candidates at multiple levels of experience and expertise, are available for work on new awards and existing activities for the following programs: Section 202 Housing for the Elderly; Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Capital Advance and Program Rental Assistance); Service Coordination grants, budget support, and program evaluation; Section 514 Tenant Education and Outreach; Integrated Wellness in Supportive Housing demonstration; and Family Self-Sufficiency. Vacancy announcements for these positions have been posted and are currently open on usajobs.gov (via these four links: [one](#), [two](#), [three](#), [four](#)). Applications are due by April 7. When applying, please read the announcement carefully and ensure all required documents are submitted.

IPM in Multifamily Housing Course. The HUD-supported StopPests in Housing Program is offering a free, live online course for housing professionals to be offered on Thursdays, April 21 - May 12. The course is designed to help housing professionals understand their role in supporting safe and effective pest control in their communities. The course includes how to manage pests within a housing community using effective strategies that pose no risk or minimal risk of pesticide exposure; the major health risks posed by common pests; the biology and behavior of the major pests of housing (bed bugs, cockroaches, and rodents); and how to troubleshoot pest control failures. If 5 or more staff members from the same HUD-assisted housing site (public housing authority/commission, Section 8, 202, 811, or tribal housing department) complete the course, StopPests will send you a box of pest control supplies including printed resident resources, traps, and monitors. If you have less than 5 staff members or have other questions, contact Stoppests@cornell.edu. Visit the [course home page](#) for course dates, times, content, and to register for these free sessions.

HUD Names Willie Fobbs Multifamily Office of Production Director. On March 28, HUD announced Willie Fobbs as the Director of Multifamily's Office of Production. The Office of Multifamily Housing Production provides direction and oversight for FHA mortgage insurance loan origination including the implementation of Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP). Prior to joining HUD, Willie served as the Associate Director of Housing Production and Preservation at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as a strong advocate for affordable housing. In this capacity, he oversaw a range of operations and programs, including the administration of single-family and multifamily financing programs. He has collaborated with both public and private partners to establish and implement statewide housing policy and program design focused on creating and preserving affordable housing. A Virginia native, Fobbs earned a Master of Business Administration from the Averett University and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Hampden-Sydney College.

HUD Kicks Off Fair Housing Month. On April 1, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) kicked off Fair Housing Month 2022 with a theme of Fair Housing: More Than Just Words. In 2021, HUD and its Fair Housing Assistance Program partner agencies received more than 8,500 complaints alleging discrimination based on one or more of the Fair Housing Act's seven protected classes: race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), family status, and disability. Last year, the categories with the highest number of complaints were disability and race, respectively. HUD also received complaints alleging lending discrimination and numerous complaints

from women who faced sexual harassment. Secretary Fudge will commemorate this year's Fair Housing Month with a virtual celebration on April 5th at 2:00 P.M. (EDT) that will also feature the U.S. Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Kristen Clarke; HUD's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Demetria McCain; HUD General Counsel Damon Smith; and Executive Director of the Interagency Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity (PAVE) and FHEO Regional III Director Melody Taylor. The event will showcase HUD's efforts to advance and protect fair housing rights to ensure that all people have the right to obtain the housing of their choice, free from discrimination. Register for the Fair Housing Month Virtual Celebration [here](#).

Maryland and Michigan Providers: Grant Opportunity. On March 31, Enterprise Community Partners announced a new three-year, \$19 million program, the Thome Aging Well program, to provide grants to affordable housing owners and operators in Michigan and Maryland to scale proven solutions to support older residents. The Thome Aging Well program will award up to \$4 million in grants this year to scale proven housing-based services and support programs in Maryland and Michigan, with grants ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000 to nonprofit affordable housing owners and operators as well as local public housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities. Deadline to apply is May 16. For more information, including an informational webinar and virtual office hours, can be found [here](#).