



Fall Industry Support Conference Presenter Bios – *September 13, 2016* (in alphabetical order)

Mike Andrews is the Director of Development and Community Revitalization for Home Forward, one of the country's leading public housing authorities. Mike oversees all development functions and participates in the senior management of the organization. Mike is experienced with a range of financial tools including; Low Income Housing Tax Credit, New Market Tax Credit, tax-exempt bonds, credit enhancements, derivatives, conventional debt, public housing capital and operating subsidy, Housing Choice Voucher, mixed finance, Section 18 disposition and Rental Assistance Demonstration program. Some of Mike's most notable projects have been a result of public/private and public/public partnerships. The American Institute of Architects, Urban Land Institute, Affordable Housing Finance, NAHRO, Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Department of Urban Development has recognized his projects.

Mike is also the founder and Principal of Structure Development Advisors, LLC, a development consulting firm specializing in affordable housing, urban development and community revitalization. Mike received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Cleveland State University. He also holds an economic development certification from the National Development Council. In 2010, the Portland Business Journal named him one of the city's "*Top 40 under 40.*" He serves on the Advisory Board for the Center for Real Estate Development at Portland State University.

Peter Baer is the principal architect and president of Pinnacle Architecture, Inc based in Bend. He founded Pinnacle Architecture in 1990. His corporate philosophy is a value based company that designs places that enhance lives and communities. His body of work includes projects that focus on social needs like affordable housing, treatment facilities, community buildings, health care and elder services.

Brian Bieler, Director of Asset & IT Management, joined REACH in 2007 and is responsible for funder compliance monitoring, financial analysis, long term positioning of REACH's real-estate portfolio, and oversight of IT infrastructure planning and network operations. Brian has more than a decade of experience in finance and affordable housing. Prior to joining REACH, Brian served as the Director of Housing Inspections in the Asset Management Department at PNC Real Estate.

Suzanne Veaudry Casaus is the new Financial Educator/IDA specialist at PCRI. Professionally Suzanne has a varied background working at the Oregon Environmental Council, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office and as an economics instructor at Chapman University. She has spent her career working as an advocate, organizer and educator striving to improve people's lives in very practical ways.

Arthur Chaput, Director of Housing Rehabilitation, NeighborWorks Umpqua Arthur joined NeighborWorks Umpqua in August of 2012 as an AmeriCorps VISTA. As a VISTA, he worked to advance the organization's sustainability initiatives and Community Development goals. He participated in writing the LEED operations manual for our LEED Gold certified development on the Roseburg VA campus, and helped NeighborWorks Umpqua become a "Green Designated" NeighborWorks affiliate. As Director of Housing Rehabilitation, Arthur manages the single-family home repair program across our three-county service area. His duties include program management, fundraising, grant reporting, and fund tracking. Starting in the spring of 2014, he helped kick off ReHome Oregon, a manufactured home repair, rehabilitation, and replacement program focusing on Curry County. To date, he has overseen more than \$2 million in rehab projects over a three-county area. Arthur also serves as NeighborWorks Umpqua's de facto Sustainability Coordinator, ensuring compliance with NeighborWorks America standards and advancing environmentally-friendly best practices. Arthur is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, where he studied history and environmental science. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition since 2013 and the Umpqua Valley Habitat for Humanity since 2014.

Sarah Chenven has 15 years of experience in international and domestic economic development and nonprofit management. She has managed numerous programs with sizeable budgets and staff and has worked in diverse, challenging contexts, including post-war Bosnia. Sarah is currently Director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives at Credit Builders Alliance where she focuses on identifying new, creative platforms and tools that help individuals gain access to responsible credit- and asset-building financial products and services. Sarah has a Master's of Public Administration from NYU's Wagner School of Public Service, J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and is an active member of the Oregon State Bar.

Suzanne Cross is the Senior Project Manager for the Columbia Gorge Health Council, a partner in the Columbia Gorge CCO. She has over 20 years of experience in health care management, health promotion and community organizing work. She holds a Master's in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts. Prior to working at the Health Council, Ms. Cross was a Practice Manager III for a rural health primary care clinic at Mid-Columbia Medical Center for thirteen years. Before coming to Oregon, Ms. Cross was a Program Manager for the Community Health Partnership, a consortium of Community Health Centers in Santa Clara County, California. Ms. Cross brings passion as well as the coordination and project management skills to help facilitate community health in the Gorge.

Dulce Flores Cruz joined CASA of Oregon's equity committee and was elected chair in June 2015, where she helped lay the groundwork for CASA's equity plan. Dulce is a junior at Portland State University working towards a B.S. in Communications and Computer Science and aspires to pursue a career in organizational communication. When she is not busy at school or work, she enjoys hiking through the Columbia Gorge, playing with her Calico and reading about current affairs.

Dr. Droppers (Oliver Droppers) joined the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in 2009 and currently serves as the Director of the Oregon Medicaid Advisory Committee, which advises the Oregon Health Policy Board, the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research and the OHA on the operation of Oregon's Medicaid program. Most recently in 2016, Dr. Droppers help to lead the development of Oregon's Coordinated Health Partnership (CHP) proposal which will test new models of care targeted towards Oregon's most at-risk populations using a combination of housing, health care integration, care transitions and supportive services to reduce Medicaid costs and improve health outcomes.

Fritz Duncan, CPA is a partner and shareholder with Jones & Roth. He began his public accounting career in 1990 after graduating from the University of Oregon. He is the lead partner of the Assurance Services Department and affordable housing and nonprofit niches at Jones & Roth. His administrative responsibilities at Jones & Roth include the Assurance Services Department Management Team and our Quality Control Committee. Fritz specializes in tax, auditing and consulting for nonprofits and low income housing tax credit (LIHTC) projects. Currently, he is the partner for 80 LIHTC limited partnership audits.

Jodie M. Fish, CPA is a manager in the Portland, Ore., office of Novogradac & Company LLP, where he specializes in new markets (NMTC), low-income housing (LIHTC) and historic rehabilitation tax credits (HTCs). In addition to providing various consulting services, he works extensively on financial statement audits, tax return preparation, final cost certifications, financial forecasts and agreed upon procedures engagements. Before joining Novogradac & Company, he gained several years of experience with local CPA firms in the Portland area, where he provided audit, accounting, tax compliance and business advisory services to manufacturers, assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, contractors, real estate developers, property owners and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Fish also has tax and accounting experience with closely-held partnerships, LLCs, S corporations, and C corporations. Mr. Fish received his bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Portland State University. He is licensed in Oregon as a certified public accountant.

Melanie Fletcher is the Rental Assistance Program Manager of the Washington County Department of Housing Services, where she has worked in the subsidized housing industry for 26 years and gained experience in case management, family self-sufficiency, housing inspections, affordable housing management, and software applications. Melanie has received certifications in Section 8 Housing Quality Standards, Family Self-Sufficiency for HUD Programs, and Section 8 Occupancy, and is a certified Zenger Miller Instructor and Public Information Officer.

Faith Graham is responsible for catalyzing excellence throughout the talented MPower team. As Managing Director, she has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and operational success of the MPower business model. Faith has facilitated commercial real estate and sustainability projects, including renewable energy and conservation measures, with a particular emphasis on complex acquisitions, joint venture and finance transactions for the better part of the last two decades. Prior to MPower, Faith was Director of Policy and General Counsel at Enhabit (formerly Clean Energy Works Oregon), a company focused on market transformation at scale in the residential energy efficiency space. Prior to Enhabit, Faith was a partner at two law firms in Portland, Roberts Kaplan and Foster Pepper, and an associate at Goulston & Storrs in Boston, Massachusetts.

Courtney Griesel is the City of Springfield, OR Economic Development Manager. She has a Masters of Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University and Bachelor of Science in Planning, Public Policy & Management from the University of Oregon. She manages two urban renewal areas, the community enterprise zone, transient room tax program and citywide economic development. In 2016, she was honored by the University of Oregon with the Award for Distinguished Recent Alumna.

Peter Hainley is the Executive Director of CASA of Oregon. He has been the director since 1998 and has been with the organization since 1992. Prior to joining CASA, he worked as an accountant, auditor and volunteer. Peter graduated from Portland State University with a BS in Business, emphasis Accounting. He was (briefly) a CPA.

Peter met the love of his life, Leocadia, while serving in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. They married in 1997 and they have three sons age 12, 14 and 16.

Ed Johnson is the Director of Litigation at the Oregon Law Center. He has been a legal aid lawyer in Oregon since 1996. For five years, Ed was a staff attorney at Legal Aid Services of Oregon's Multnomah County Office with a caseload made up primarily of housing and domestic violence cases. Starting in 2002 he has had a statewide position as the housing attorney in the State Support Unit of the Oregon Law Center. His work focuses on fair housing, subsidized housing, housing preservation, landlord-tenant issues and homeless rights litigation. Ed is a 1993 graduate of Columbia Law School. Following law school, he worked as a litigation associate in the New York City offices of Kaye Scholer, LLP for three years.

Janet S. Johnson, CPA, CMA. Janet Johnson is one our lead trainers on federal regulations including the new Uniform Guidance, internal controls and fiscal best practices. She also uses her expertise in the analysis of financial and administrative systems and processes to help her nonprofit clients gain greater productivity and effectiveness. She is always eager to share her knowledge and skills with clients by providing education on how to implement new processes—and change old ones—that have effective internal controls and save time and money. Her experience includes total quality management, planning, training, and facilitation for a variety of organizations. In addition, Janet is a coauthor of Wipfli's Model Accounting and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual and recently updated it to comply with the Uniform Guidance.

Jenny Lee At Neighborhood Partnerships, Jenny staffs the Housing Alliance, where she works to engage coalition members and partners throughout the state and to help develop state legislative priorities to ensure all Oregonians have access to safe and decent housing. Prior to joining Neighborhood Partnerships in fall 2015, Jenny worked as the public policy director for Hawai'i Appleseed, where she engaged in coalition-building, legislative advocacy, and policy research on a range of issues, including affordable housing and homelessness. Her previous background includes work in disability rights, domestic violence, racial justice and mediation, as well as a year serving as an AmeriCorps member at a SUN School in Southeast Portland. Jenny holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Oregon.

Seth Lutter, As Rural Dynamics, Inc.'s Director of Counseling, Seth oversees numerous financial programs, innovative products, rent reporting initiatives, and representative payee programs all while providing technical assistance for financial counseling/coaching organizations nationally. Starting off his non-profit work more than seven years ago as a facilitator on roundtable discussions in Native Communities, Seth has dedicated his efforts to helping low-income people build assets and become financially secure through policy changes and innovative programs.

Chrissy McCausland came to Home Forward in 2003 as a Relocation Specialist for the first HOPE VI redevelopment. Thirteen years later, her focus is keeping people stable in their housing at the third and final HOPE VI redevelopment called Stephens Creek Crossing. This property offers site-specific self-sufficiency programming focusing largely on asset building, so rent reporting is a perfect fit to help these families address credit challenges while incentivizing on-time rent payments.

Alison McIntosh re-joined Neighborhood Partnerships in May 2016 as the Deputy Director for Policy & Communications. Prior to re-joining NP, Alison served as the Government Relations and Communications Liaison at Oregon Housing and Community Services, where she helped to lead the agency's legislative work. Alison served at NP from 2006 - 2014, assuming increasing responsibility in advocacy, communications, and policy analysis. Alison began working for non-profit organizations in 2001 as a community organizer. After moving to Portland in 2003, Alison served as a volunteer and Board member at Community Alliance of Tenants. She holds a BA from Macalester College in Minnesota.

Wayne Michael is the director of external education for Novogradac & Company LLP, specializing in simplifying complex programs for audiences of varying levels of experience. Mr. Michael is a frequent speaker at conferences, workshops and webinars relating to federal tax credit programs. Additionally, he is a principal contributor to the "Introduction to Low-Income Housing Tax Credits" booklet that is published by Novogradac. Mr. Michael obtained his degree in accounting from Brigham Young University. He is licensed as a certified public accountant in California, is a designee of the Novogradac Property Compliance Certification and is also a Housing Credit Certified Professional.

Gary North, Vice President, R&H Construction. Gary's career in the construction industry spans nearly 30 years and he has managed more than \$170 million in projects including affordable housing, office, retail and resort work, along with several custom residential projects. He leads operations in the firm's Central Oregon office and completes work all across Oregon. Away from the office, Gary serves as a board member for the Boys and Girls Club of Redmond and enjoys all Central Oregon has to offer – camping, skiing and fishing with his wife and two college-aged children.

Rose Ojeda began her work with CASA in November 2008. Prior to her work at CASA, Rose served as the Director of Housing Development with Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare and held various federal housing program positions at the US Department of HUD. In her career with the public sector and non-profit and for-profit industries, Rose has consistently sought out working with diverse populations to expand her knowledge of other cultures and become a culturally competent professional. Rose holds a BA from Linfield College in Social and Behavioral Psychology with a minor in Spanish and has maintained an active Oregon Real Estate License since 1999. Rose is also an evolving artist and enjoys films, books and spending time exploring Oregon with her husband and dogs.

Michael Parkhurst is an Affordable Housing Initiative Program Officer with Meyer Memorial Trust (Meyer). Michael previously worked for the cities of Gresham and Beaverton and other local governments in Oregon doing community development, housing policy and revitalization. He also did a stint in academia, teaching courses in political theory and American politics. Michael served on the Board of Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives Inc. for nearly a decade.

Nicolo Pinoli specializes in affordable housing and community development, including the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) and new markets tax credit (NMTC). He has extensive experience in a wide range of services, including LIHTC and NMTC transaction underwriting, transaction structuring, and compliance. A frequent speaker at industry conferences, Mr. Pinoli also delivers several webinars every year on topics such as NMTC exit strategies and NMTC allocation applications. Mr. Pinoli received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accounting from Brigham Young University and is licensed in California, Oregon and Washington as a certified public accountant.

Ken Pryor is current OHCS Program Coordinator for the Manufactures Community Resource Center (MCRC) and has been with the state of Oregon for eight years. Prior experience includes twenty-five years' experience as Asia Pacific Sales Director for several Fortune 500 enterprise data/telecommunications providers.

Emily Rena-Dozier is a staff attorney at the Oregon Law Center Salem Regional Office. She practices primarily in state and federal fair housing law and Oregon landlord-tenant law. Before joining OLC, Emily clerked for Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha L. Walters. Emily received her BA from Reed College, PhD from the University of Chicago, and JD from Columbia University.

Margaret Salazar is HUD Field Office Director. She began her HUD career 10 years ago in San Francisco, where she financed the development of dozens of multifamily rental housing properties across California, Nevada and Hawaii. From 2010 to 2014, Margaret led national programs in Washington DC to preserve and revitalize affordable rental housing across the United States, most recently as HUD Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing. Margaret began her career working with community based organizations and foundations in the San Francisco Bay Area, including leading a successful grassroots campaign for just cause eviction in Oakland in 2002.

Amanda Saul, Pacific Northwest Senior Program Director for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., has over 20 years of experience as an affordable housing professional. Currently, she leads Enterprise's programmatic work in Oregon by advancing initiatives that improve the livability of low-income residents through preservation, organizational sustainability, policy leadership, and linking health and housing. Most recently, she has lead the Oregon Health and Housing Learning Collaborative focusing on improving health outcomes of vulnerable populations through stable housing and services.

Blair Schaeffer-Bisht is a Senior Project Manager at Worksystems, the workforce development board covering the Portland metro area. She currently manages several employment programs and works with Human Solutions to implement the Economic Opportunity Program Rent Assistance initiative with funding from Home Forward and A Home For Everyone. She was a project manager for the Housing Works program, which connected the workforce development boards and housing authorities in four counties in Oregon and Washington in order to help public housing residents obtain training and career track employment. Before working at Worksystems, she worked at the Washington County Office of Community Development and managed the Neighborhood Stabilization Program at NeighborWorks Orange County. She has a Master's degree in Urban Planning from UC Irvine.

Emily Schelling provides asset management services, consulting and technical assistance to Housing Development Center clients, including nonprofit organizations, housing authorities and public agencies. Emily joined HDC in 2010, bringing a decade of experience in planning, policy, social work and housing development. Emily's long-term commitment to affordable housing includes five years working for a Portland-based social-service agency, providing housing placement assistance for very low-income and homeless seniors; asset management work for a tax-credit syndicator; affordable housing development in rural Oregon; and strategic planning for government housing agencies.

Warren Sebra has experience in affordable housing and community development, including low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC), new markets tax credit (NMTC) and historic rehabilitation tax credit (HTC) transactions. He has worked extensively on final cost certification audits, transaction underwriting, placed-in service applications, and tax credit compliance. Mr. Sebra has also contributed to various publications, including the Historic Rehabilitation Handbook. Mr. Sebra is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and seminars. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accounting from Brigham Young University. Mr. Sebra is licensed in Oregon and California as a certified public accountant.

Jim Seymour has been an employee of CCS for forty-two years and has served as Executive Director for 30 years. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Lewis and Clark College and serves on many local and national boards and councils, including the Harvard University Frontiers of Innovation Site Advisory Council. He is an active member of St. Peter's parish and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife Deborah Cathers-Seymour have seven children and 16 grandchildren.

Brett Sheehan has been with CASA of Oregon since November 2013, where he moved from a Housing Manager to the Director of the Housing and Facility Development in 2014. As a Director, he manages the overall housing and community facilities development for CASA; managing a staff of five employees. Prior to joining CASA, Mr. Sheehan had a 20+ year career in the affordable housing field. He has had significant affordable housing development experience from multiple perspectives. He has been the lead developer for various housing projects including a single family subdivision. Mr. Sheehan has also worked for Oregon Housing and Community Services. Mr. Sheehan has his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado in Political Science and Economics. He also has a Master Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, with an emphasis in housing, from Portland State University.

Val Valfre is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Washington County and Director of the Washington County Department of Housing Services. He serves as a Governor-appointed member to the State Housing Council and also to the State Veterans Advisory Committee. He also serves on the regional Workforce Development Board (City of Portland, and Washington and Multnomah Counties) wherein grants are secured to provide career-track training and internships to public housing residents. He previously served as the Executive Director of West Valley Housing Authority in Polk County, Oregon. Mr. Valfre has 18 years of executive housing experience in administering and collaborating with partner agencies to promote low-income affordable housing and services for vulnerable populations, to include elderly, disabled and our veterans. Mr. Valfre worked closely with community partners to create Washington County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and initiated the use of project-based vouchers to house extremely low-income and homeless households. Mr. Valfre earned his bachelor's degree in Bacteriology from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and master's degrees in Public Administration, Business Management, and Human Resources Management from Golden Gate University, Salve Regina College, and Troy State University, respectively. He is a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College, where he earned an additional master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He served for nearly 25 years as a pilot/instructor pilot in the Air Force and was awarded an Air Medal for combat missions during the Vietnam War.

Dan Valliere joined REACH as CEO in May 2013. REACH Community Development is a nonprofit affordable housing development and property management company that owns and manages a portfolio of 2,000 units of affordable housing located across the Portland metropolitan region, including properties in Multnomah, Washington, and Clark Counties. In 2013, REACH joined forces with Affordable Community Environments in Vancouver, WA. REACH serves a diverse range of low-income individuals, families, the formerly homeless, children and senior citizens. Approximately 2,500 people make their home in REACH properties. Prior to REACH, Dan worked in Chicago where he served for seven years as Executive Director of Chicago Commons, a long-standing neighborhood social services organization. Dan's career has focused on working with community-based organizations in Chicago, Texas and Minnesota. He has also helped establish three different non-profit collaboratives in Chicago and Portland. He currently Chairs the Housing with Services Collaborative here in Portland, a partnership with Cedar Sinai Park, CareOregon, Home Forward and several other service providers focused on health and housing services coordination. He also served in 2015 on the Vancouver Affordable Housing Task Force. Dan holds a Bachelor's from Carleton College and a Master's in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin.

Fran Weick has been the Director of Human Solutions' Resident Services Program since 2002. She has successfully created a Resident Services Program that provides residents with resources to maintain their housing and programs that give adults and youth the opportunity to pursue goals. In addition, Fran is a facilitator of TREM—Trauma Recovery and Empowerment groups for women who need to understand their trauma in order to move forward in their lives.

Maggie Weller, M.S., is a Project Manager at Providence's Center for Outcomes Research and Education (CORE). Maggie is currently managing a variety of studies including an evaluation of the Housing with Services program and a 3-year behavioral health integration study funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. She lives in North Portland with her wife and 2 pups.

Kari Young, CPA is a senior manager with Jones & Roth. Kari graduated from the University of Oregon in 2007 and has been with Jones & Roth since August 2007. Kari is a member of the of the affordable housing and nonprofit niches as well as the firm's Form 990 Task Force. Kari's experience in the affordable housing industry includes assurance, consulting and tax preparation services for affordable housing limited partnerships and HUD projects. Her experience with non-profit organizations includes assurance services, including single audit, and information return preparation.