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### **Housing Counseling Budget Briefing:**

**April 15, 2013** - Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend an important conference call briefing on the FY2014 Federal Budget by FHA Commissioner Carol J. Galante and Sarah Gerecke, Deputy Assistant Secretary for HUD's Office of Housing Counseling. The conference call will take place at: **2:00pm eastern time**. Registration is not required to attend this conference call. There is no fee for this conference call.

Conference call number: **(866) 233-3841**

Participant Access Code: **290584**

Housing Counseling Agency participants are advised to call in about 10 minutes before the call and to also gather together on a common speaker phone such as in a conference room to help conserve phone lines.

AND

### **Housing Counseling Virtual Stakeholder Meeting:**

April 25, 2013 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM EST - Housing Counseling Virtual Stakeholder Meeting: HUD's Office of Housing Counseling (OHC), is planning a series of virtual stakeholder meetings to be conducted throughout the year. Housing Counseling Stakeholders, with their knowledge and experience of housing needs and challenges facing our clients, and how Housing Counseling serves to positively impact their communities, can provide the OHC with valuable in-sight and feedback. Your participation in these meetings will serve as the platform to share with OHC the industry's best practices and standards. Stakeholder input will help toward establishing policy, programs and procedures for HUD's OHC and Housing Counseling Program.

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm EST and will focus on the following topics:

- Marketing Housing Counseling at Local, State and National Levels
- HUD Performance Reviews

**Do you prepare for and interact with HUD Office of Housing Counseling monitors? Do you develop marketing and outreach strategies and materials for your agency?** If you answered yes to either question, we want to hear from you! Registration is “first come - first served” and is limited to the first 50 registrants! To participate in this live Webinar with telephone conferencing capabilities, please click the link below to confirm your RSVP and you will be notified with further details later. If you cannot register for this particular meeting there will be more of these throughout the year.

Please RSVP

to <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=1666&update=N>

We look forward to your valuable and important participation in the up-coming Stakeholder meetings being conducted by HUD’s Office of Housing Counseling. For additional information, please follow this link: <http://www.housingcounselingstakeholder.com> Feel free to email us with any questions, comments or concerns at: [meetingadmin@housingcounselingstakeholder.com](mailto:meetingadmin@housingcounselingstakeholder.com)

AND

**National Council on Aging presents a HECM Counselor Training “Advanced HECM Themes: Case Studies and Lessons Learned”:**

This course will consist of an interactive webinar, polling, Q & A, and a post test. Successful completion of this course will result in a HUD approved HECM continuing education training certificate that can be uploaded into FHA Connection. This course is intended for those already on the HUD HECM roster with at least 1 year of HECM counseling experience.

In order to receive credit, you must pre-register, pay the course fee, sign in to the webinar session as yourself, fully participate in the course, and complete the post test. (Note: each attendee must individually register. I.e. you cannot join with multiple counselors on one computer).

May 29, 2013 2:00-5:00PM EST. Register online at:

<http://waystohelp.ncoa.org/site/Calendar?id=100401&view=Detail>

June 18, 2013 2:00-5:00PM EST. Register online at:

<http://waystohelp.ncoa.org/site/Calendar?id=100421&view=Detail>

Questions? Call: 202-600-3133

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**Bulk subscriptions:**

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

[aaa@xyz.com](mailto:aaa@xyz.com)

[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)

[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to:  
[jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov](mailto:jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov)

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:  
[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_listserv](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv)  
they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit:  
<http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at:  
<http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to:  
<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on  
"Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

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### **Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:**

HUD Housing Counseling: [www.hud.gov/housingcounseling](http://www.hud.gov/housingcounseling)

"The Bridge" is the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter; read archived issues on-line at:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_bridge](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_bridge)

Housing Counseling Listserv archive:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_msg](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_msg)

Events & Training Calendar:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC\\_TRAINING](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING)

Contracting Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/cpo](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo)

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fund\\_savail](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail)

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster)

Foreclosure Assistance:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i\\_want\\_to/talk\\_to\\_a\\_housing\\_counselor](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor)

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

Freddie Mac Housing Professionals Resource

Center: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/>

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!