

First National Conference
on
Housing Mobility
As An
Anti-Poverty Strategy



*An in-depth examination of housing mobility programs,
unit-as well as tenant-based, from an urban
poverty perspective.*

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1994

NOTE: ALL SESSIONS WILL START PROMPTLY
AT SCHEDULED TIMES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration,
Russell Senate Office Building, Caucus Room 325.
All events of the day, except dinner, will
be held in the Caucus Room.
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. Call To Order. Conference Information.

Carolyn Farrow-Garland
Conference Coordinator
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. Opening Reflections

Hon. Roberta Achtenberg
Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and
Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development
- 9:15-10:30 a.m. The New Urban Poverty, Causes and Consequences;
the linkage to housing mobility, viewed as a
remedial strategy.

Alexander Polikoff
Executive Director, BPI

Nancy A. Denton
Assistant Professor of Sociology
State University of New York at Albany

Charles Kamasaki
Senior Vice President, Research,
Advocacy and Legislation
National Council of La Raza
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:15 a.m. How Tenant-Based Mobility Programs Work: The Pre-Conference Study.

George Peterson, Senior Fellow
The Urban Institute

A review of the findings from the pre-Conference study of tenant-based mobility programs in Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Hartford, Memphis and elsewhere.

11:15-12:30 p.m. How Tenant-Based Mobility Programs Work: Perspectives From The Field.

Mobility program administrators, participants and researchers will respond to questions from the moderator and the audience on the operations of mobility programs, their achievements and failures, benefits and burdens.

Panel:
Ted Amdur, President
Amdur Associates, Inc.

Ophelia B. Basgal, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the County of Alameda

Dotty Hall, Housing Counselor/Landlord Outreach Specialist, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)

Delores Irvin, Director
Gautreaux Assisted Housing Program

Donnette Jones, Housing Mobility Program Participant

Lori Henderson Moon, Chief Operating Officer
Dallas Housing Authority

Valencia Morris, Housing Mobility Program Participant

James E. Rosenbaum, Professor of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University

Kenneth Schulz, Director, Program Management,
Imagineers L.L.C.

Moderator:
Kale Williams, Visiting Professor in Applied Ethics,
Loyola University, Chicago

(12:15-12:30 p.m.) Q & A

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Working Lunch

Featured Speaker:

Hon. Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Introduction:

Alexander Polikoff, Chair
Conference Planning Committee

2:15-3:00 p.m.

Continuation of Panel: Perspectives From The Field

(2:45-3:00 p.m.)

Q & A

3:00-4:45 p.m.

Round Table Discussion. Tenant-Based Mobility:
The Challenges. Can the theoretical potential be
realized? Constraints and obstacles and whether
and how they can be addressed.

Panel:

Mary A. Davis, Senior Vice President and Director
Legal Action Program, Leadership Council for
Metropolitan Open Communities

Michael L. Hanley, Staff Attorney
Greater Upstate Law Project, Rochester, NY

Elizabeth Julian, Deputy General Counsel, Civil
Rights and Litigation, HUD

Paul Leonard, Special Assistant, Policy Development
and Research, HUD

Judith Liben, Housing Attorney
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

MaryAnn Russ, Director, Assisted Housing, HUD

Philip Tegeler, Attorney
Connecticut Civil Liberties Union Foundation

Moderator:

Tom Gale, President, GNPro Housing Co.

4:45-5:30 p.m.

Open Mike (Q & A)

5:30-6:15 p.m.

Break

6:15-9:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel

Guest Speaker:
Theodore M. Shaw, Associate Director-Counsel
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Introduction:
Ralph G. Neas, Executive Director
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and
Leadership Conference Education Fund

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00-8:55 a.m. Continental Breakfast. Russell Senate Office Building
Caucus Room 325. All events to take place in the Caucus
Room. Attendees are encouraged to review the displays of
unit-based mobility programs available during breakfast.

8:55-9:00 a.m. Call To Order. Announcements.

Carolyn Farrow-Garland
Conference Coordinator

9:00-9:45 a.m. How Unit-Based Mobility Programs Work: The Pre-
Conference Study.

George Peterson, Senior Fellow
The Urban Institute

A review of the findings from the pre-Conference
study of unit-based mobility programs in
Montgomery County, Maryland and elsewhere.

Bernard L. Tetreault, Executive Director
Housing Opportunities Commission of
Montgomery County, Maryland

A discussion of Montgomery County's 20 year
experience in unit-based programs.

9:45-10:45 a.m. Round Table Discussion: Examples of Unit-Based
Mobility.

Through slides and handouts, program participants
will describe experiments and problems in attempting
to develop unit-based programs.

Participants:

Patrick E. Clancy, Executive Director
The Community Builders (Boston, MA & Philadelphia, PA)

Karen V. Hill, Executive Director
Yonkers Fair Housing Implementation Office (Yonkers, NY)

Marilyn Melkonian, President
Telesis Corporation (Dallas, TX)

Trudy McFall, Co-Founder, Chair, Homes for America
Former Federal Administrator
Area Housing Opportunities Program

* **Donald Turner**, President
Bridge Housing Corporation (San Francisco, CA)

Moderator:

Manuel Romero, Executive Director,
National Housing Law Project

(10:30-10:45 a.m.) Q & A

10:45-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-12:15 p.m. Round Table Discussion. Case Study: The Pitfalls and Promises of Unit-Based Housing Mobility.

An interactive case study of a "real" unit-based development proposal. What will happen when a developer proposes the use of Federal housing dollars to encourage the low income, largely African-American residents of Urbana to seek opportunity in suburban Fairtown? How will the politicians react? The planners? The citizen activists? The potential new residents of Fairtown? Issues to be covered include discrimination, property values, political realities, sanctity of planning and zoning ordinances, nimby-ism and resident selection.

Participants:

Linda D. Blake, Program Coordinator,
Yonkers Fair Housing Implementation Office
(Resident of a Mobility Unit)

Patrick E. Clancy, Executive Director
The Community Builders
(Builder/Developer)

Joe T. Darden, Dean of Urban Affairs Programs
Michigan State University
(Neighbor of Mobility Unit)

Apolonio Flores, Executive Director
Housing Authority of San Antonio
(PHA Director)

Herman Keith, Legislator
Westchester County Board of Legislators
(Local Elected Official)

James Morales, Staff Attorney
National Center for Youth Law
(Fair Housing Advocate)

Barbara Sears, Attorney
Linowes & Blocher
(Planning Commission Member)

Moderator:
John Charles Boger, Professor of Law
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

(12:00-12:15 p.m.) Q & A

12:15-2:00 p.m. Working Lunch

Review of Conference, identifying points of consensus and disagreement. Questions remaining? Issues not covered? Recommendations if possible.

Conference Rapporteurs:
William Taylor, Attorney and Vice President
Leadership Conference Education Fund

Margery Austin Turner, Deputy Assistant
Secretary, HUD

2:00-2:15 p.m. Adjournment

Florence Roisman, Visiting Associate Professor
Georgetown University Law School
Member, Conference Planning Committee

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