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May 20, 2015 US Capitol Visitor's Center,
Washington DC, Room SVC 200-201

Agenda

- 8:30 – 8:40 **Opening Remarks** -- Moises Loza, Housing Assistance Council
- 8:40 – 9:15 am **Congressional Perspectives**
Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Representative Sam Farr (D-CA)
- 9:15 – 9:30 am **Welcome** -- Heather Pritchard, The Home Depot Foundation
- 9:30 -10:15 am **Counting Rural Veterans: An Update on HAC Research and Data**
Eric Oberdorfer, Housing Assistance Council
- 10:15 – 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:45 am **Best Practice Models: Multifamily and Transitional Housing**
Moderator: Baylee Crone, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Washington, DC
Jon Dieter, Longview Housing Authority, Longview, Washington
Denis Leary, Veterans, Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts
- 11:45 – 12:15 pm Lunch
- 12:15 – 1:45 pm **Federal Resources for Rural Veterans**
Moderator: Hilda Heady, Atlas Research, Washington, DC
Anne Dunn, Deputy Director, Homeless Programs, U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs
Karis Gutter, Deputy Undersecretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, MVAL, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Tony Hernandez, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Ann Oliva, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Keith Kelly, Asst. Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor
- 1:45 – 3:00 pm **Best Practice Models: Home Ownership and Repair**
Moderator: Marvin Ginn, Native Community Finance, Laguna, NM
Craig Nolte, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California
Rozann Downing, Community Action Network, Springville, Tennessee
John Gallina, Purple Heart Homes, Statesville, North Carolina

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