# Health, Housing and Community Development: Aligning Ideas and Priorities in Public-Private Partnerships

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#### Goals

- Discuss HUD's approach to creating healthy, sustainable communities
- Explore opportunities for collaboration



#### Outline

- White House emphasis on place-based policymaking
- ▶ HUD 2010–2015 Strategic Plan
- Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
- Sustainable Communities Partnership
- Next Steps
- Questions & Comments



# White House Priority: Place-Based Policymaking

- Emphasizes integrated approaches to leveraging federal investments in particular places
- Key Example: White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative



## White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative

- Supports local communities
- Goal: Transform neighborhoods of concentrated poverty into neighborhoods of opportunity
- Interagency Partners: Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Education (ED), Health and Human Services (HHS), Justice (DoJ), and Treasury
- HUD's Program: Choice Neighborhoods

### A 21st Century Vision for HUD

- Secretary Donovan's priorities and initiatives support a shift toward promoting healthy, affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities
- Philanthropic engagement and public-private partnerships key to new vision-(IPI mission and role)
- Examples highlight a holistic focus on equity, healthy homes and healthy, communities:
  - HUD-HHS Partnership
  - Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
  - Sustainable Communities Initiative

# Emphasis on Health and Equity: The 2010-2015 HUD Strategic Plan

- Goal 3: Utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life
  - Educational attainment, health, economic security, housing stability, and public safety
- Goal 4: Build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination
  - Economic development, efficient, healthy, affordable, equitable, and diverse communities



### Housing as a Platform

- Goal 3 recognizes that people with a wide array of needs live in and around HUD housing
- In order to meet these needs, we need to build relationships and partnerships
- HUD's investments are placed-based and provide a foundation for improving health status and access to services for the broader community

### HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative

- Invest in distressed neighborhoods
- Create viable, sustainable, mixedincome communities
- Groundbreaking partnership with ED's Promise Neighborhoods Initiative
- Part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative



#### HUD's Legacy of Addressing Health: Office of Healthy Homes & Lead Hazard Control

- ▶ 1991: Congress establishes HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) to eliminate lead-based paint hazards
- ▶ 1999: Congress expands OHHLHC mission to include other housing-related health and safety hazards



### OHHLHC Accomplishments: Lead Hazard Control Programs

- Lead Hazard Control programs reduce childhood lead poisoning cases by 70%
  - % of children <6 years with lead poisoning</li> reduced from 8% to 1% in a decade
- Cost Effective Prevention: \$17-\$221 return for every \$1 invested\*
  - \$181-\$269 billion estimated net savings\*

\*Gould, *Environmental Health Perspectives* 117:1162-1167(2009)



# OHHLHC Accomplishments: Healthy Homes Programs

- Nationwide adoption of comprehensive "healthy homes" approach and increased technical capacity
- Ongoing activities:
  - Federal Healthy Homes Work Group
  - Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
  - White House Children's Environmental Health Task Force

#### Sustainable Communities Initiative

- Landmark Interagency Collaboration
  - Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Department of Transportation
  - Environmental Protection Agency
- Office of Sustainable Housing & Communities
  - Founded in 2009
  - Mission: create strong, sustainable communities by connecting housing to jobs, fostering local innovation, and help build a clean energy economy



# Sustainable Communities Initiative 6 Livability Principles

- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Support existing communities
- Coordinate policies and leverage investment
- Value communities and neighborhoods



### Applying Livability to Health

- Where people live, work, shop, and play have implications for health
  - Safety
    - Housing quality
    - Crime-free neighborhoods
    - Pedestrian environment
  - Access to opportunities for healthy living
    - Fresh and healthy foods
    - Parks and recreational spaces
    - Walkable and bikable streets
  - Access to employment opportunities
    - Efficient transportation
    - Good schools
    - Effective policing



#### Sustainable Communities Grants

- Landmark process involving joint grant funding (HUD-DOT) and joint grant review (HUD-DOT-EPA-Philanthropy)
- Regional planning grants
  - \$98million awarded to 45 grantees nationwide
  - Supports multi-jurisdictional planning efforts
- Community Challenge grants
  - \$40million from HUD plus \$28million from DOT awarded to 42 grantees
  - Includes both jurisdiction-wide projects and targeted projects within jurisdictions

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\_ offices/sustainable\_housing\_communities

### Next Steps

- HUD presence at the **GIH Conference** 
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- Ongoing work with GIH to identify small group of funders with extensive experience in this area to meet with HUD officials
- Information exchange on healthy communities best practices



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# Questions and Comments

