Human Development

Summer Board and Leadership Meeting
Hilton Cleveland Downtown
Room: Center Street Room D
Cleveland, Ohio
June 19-21, 2017
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
FEDERAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 19

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  REGISTRATION
Third Level, Lakeside Foyer

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  NLC BOARD AND COMMITTEE JOINT WELCOME RECEPTION
Bar 32, located on the 32nd floor of the hotel

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION
Third Level, Lakeside Foyer

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  NLC BOARD AND COMMITTEE JOINT BREAKFAST
Hope Ballroom E, Third Floor

8:00 a.m. – Noon  FEDERAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MOBILE WORKSHOPS
Shuttle pickup at 7:30 a.m. along Ontario Street

The City of Cleveland is providing the following mobile workshop opportunities for members of the Federal Advocacy Committees:

- **Eds, Meds, & Economic Mobility**
  Just south of the thoroughfares that connects Cleveland’s two biggest employment centers – Downtown and University Circle – sits the Urban Agricultural Zone. Based in the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods, this area will make you re-think urban innovation. Greenhouses and urban farms sit in the shadows of world-renowned healthcare institutions. Programs, policies and practices that assist Cleveland residents in participating in today’s economy will be addressed. In this workshop, you will also learn more about the Democracy Collaborative, Evergreen Greenhouses, and the Opportunity Corridor.

- **How a Cleaner River Spurred Economic Development**
  The birth of the Environmental Protection Agency can be traced back to the City of Cleveland and its burning
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Center Street Room D, Third Floor

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Center Street Room D, Third Floor

1:30 p.m.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING OVERVIEW

- The Honorable Gil Ziffer, Chair
  Mayor Pro Tem, Tallahassee, FL

1:45 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF CORPORATE PARTNERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

- The Honorable Zach Reed, Vice Chair
  Councilmember, Cleveland, OH

Cuyahoga River, nearly 50 years ago. We’ll take you back in history to learn about the polluted river and its evolution to becoming a city asset once again. You will travel by land and by sea to witness how Cleveland’s waterfront rebounded after environmental practices were improved. Development along the river and city’s lakefront will be showcased.

- East & West: Case studies for two Cleveland neighborhoods
  During this mobile workshop, we’ll highlight the development activity in two Cleveland neighborhoods: Detroit Shoreway and Buckeye. Detroit Shoreway is home to the Gordon Square Arts District, a vibrant near west side neighborhood that has evolved into one of Cleveland’s sparkling gems, also the home district of NLC President Matt Zone. You’ll see how arts served as a catalyst for economic development and how the local CDC works to preserve affordable housing in one of Cleveland’s hottest real estate markets. In Buckeye, learn how Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, a community development intermediary, worked to anchor the east side neighborhood with its transformation of the former Saint Luke’s Hospital campus. This transit-oriented-design project turned blight into a $150M mixed-use campus with a future.
1:55 p.m.  REVIEW OF MARCH 12, 2017 MEETING NOTES
- The Honorable Angelia Washington, Vice Chair
  Councilmember, Jacksonville, NC

2:05 p.m.  REPORT FROM NLC’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- The Honorable Gil Ziffer, Chair
  Mayor Pro Tem, Tallahassee, FL

2:15 p.m.  FEDERAL ADVOCACY UPDATE
- Stephanie Martinez-Ruckman
  Program Director, National League of Cities

  Committee members will receive an update from Washington on the 2017 NLC Federal Advocacy priorities, as well as an update on human development issues before Congress, the Administration and the courts.

2:45 p.m.  BREAK
  Center Street Rooms Foyer, Third Floor

3:05 p.m.  PRESIDENT ZONE PRESENTATION ON ECONOMIC MOBILITY & OPPORTUNITY TASK FORCE

3:20 p.m.  WORK PLAN BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

  Committee members will break into subgroups to discuss the three major work plan items identified during the January 2017 conference call, and discuss before regrouping to share conclusions.

4:15 p.m.  REPORT-OUT AND WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

  Subgroups will reconvene as a full Committee and discuss the outcomes of the small group discussions. The Committee will finalize its work plan for the remainder of the calendar year and discuss dates for events, activities, and deliverables.
5:00 p.m. WRAP UP

6:30 p.m. -10:00 p.m. HOST CITY EVENING EVENT
Cleveland Public Theater (shuttle pickup at 6:00 p.m. along Ontario Street)

Wednesday, June 21

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION
Third Level, Lakeside Foyer

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m NLC BOARD AND COMMITTEE JOINT BREAKFAST
Hope Ballroom E, Third Floor

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Center Street Room D, Third Floor

8:30 a.m. – Noon SITE VISIT TO CLEVELAND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) INITIATIVE
The Commons at West Village, 8301 Detroit Avenue

*Shuttle to The Commons at West Village leaves the hotel promptly at 8:45 a.m.

Since 2006, the Housing First coalition has supported the opening of permanent supportive housing projects, through rehab and new construction, in the city of Cleveland. Championed by NLC President and Cleveland City Council Member Matt Zone, the city has made major reductions in its chronic homeless population and has is close to achieving functional zero for its homeless veterans population. At this site location, which houses 66 individuals including 25 veterans, we will hear from a wide range of service providers in Cleveland who have played a major role in tackling the issue of homelessness for individuals, families and veterans.

Noon – 1:00 p.m. FEDERAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE LUNCH
Hope Ballroom E, Third Floor
1:00 p.m.  
**GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY: AUGUST RECESS PREVIEW AND ONGOING ENGAGEMENT**  
*Center Street Room D, Third Floor*

- Ashley Smith  
  *Senior Associate, Grassroots Advocacy, National League of Cities*

1:30 p.m.  
**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW**

The Committee will review and consider amendments to the Human Development National Municipal Policy chapter, review existing resolutions, and consider proposals for new policy of resolutions.

3:00 p.m.  
**CLOSING REMARKS AND WRAP UP**

- The Honorable Gil Ziffer, Chair  
  *Mayor Pro Tem, Tallahassee, FL*

**Enclosures:**
- CitiesSpeak Blog: “8 Things NLC Has Accomplished in Trump’s First 100 Days”
- CitiesSpeak Blog: “City Leaders Get Things Done. So Do National Service Programs.”
- Grassroots Advocacy Video – Mayor Pro Tem Ziffer
- Committee Roster
- March 12, 2017 Meeting Notes

**Next HD Committee Meeting:**  
**NLC City Summit**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
November 15-18, 2017
8 Things NLC Has Accomplished in Trump’s First 100 Days
By: Irma Esparza Diggs, Senior Executive and Director of Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities
April 19, 2017

Here at the National League of Cities (NLC), we’ve been busy these first 100 days of the Trump administration. While everyone is grading the administration and discussing the president’s performance, we’ve decided to take a look back at our advocacy efforts to amplify city voices to the administration and Congress.

Here’s a breakdown of what we’ve been up to during President Trump’s first 100 days in office:

We Met the New Faces in Town
Since the election, NLC has committed itself to making inroads with the new administration and the 115th Congress. Back in December, we met with transition team officials to discuss city priorities long before the inauguration. We also set out to meet with the offices of each new member of Congress. So far, we’ve held more than 360 meetings on the Hill with members of Congress and their staffs.

We also had the administration come to us. Both Secretary DeVos of the Department of Education and EPA Administrator Pruitt addressed delegations of local officials at our Congressional City Conference (CCC) in March.

Our state municipal league fly-in this February included 42 meetings between state league leaders and congressional offices. During our CCC, we provided grassroots training to local officials and organized more than 200 meetings on the Hill attended by nearly 500 of our members.

We Changed the Narrative around Cities
We set out to aggressively refute mischaracterizations of cities that developed during the presidential campaign last year. We delivered our message that cities are partners to the Trump transition team in December and have been continuing it ever since. Our goal was to highlight how cities are economic centers that drive this great nation. Cities are home to 80 percent of our residents and produce the lion’s share of our national GDP. Local governments own half of the nation’s bridges, 78 percent of the nation’s road miles and 95 percent of the nation’s water infrastructure. We are continuing to reaffirm that cities are not a problem; rather, they are a crucial part of the solution.

We Testified Before Congress
Multiple Congressional committees have wanted to hear from cities. Since January, our members testified at three congressional committee hearings: President Zone testified on Brownfields before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Mayor Sal Panto of Easton, Pennsylvania, testified on Brownfields before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; and Councilmember Jermaine Reed of Kansas City, Missouri, testified on the impacts of unfunded mandates on local budgets before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

We Stood Up against Threats to Federal Funding to Cities
We took a firm stance against attempts to cut federal funding to so-called “sanctuary cities.” The fact of the matter is that cities do comply with current immigration law and many routinely collaborate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We welcomed a court ruling against the “sanctuary city” executive order, which would have ultimately put American cities at risk. Our message is simple, if the federal government is unable to enforce the nation’s broken immigration laws, it should not attempt to shift that burden onto cities.

We Continue to Push Back on Efforts to Preempt Local Control
On the regulatory front, NLC and the state municipal leagues submitted comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defending city authority to review applications for wireless infrastructure
against preemption threats. NLC cautioned the FCC from pursuing additional preemption powers, arguing that Congress’s existing authorization for the agency does not intend for the FCC to strip local governments of their authority over the rights-of-way.

**We Made Sure Health Care Reform Doesn’t Shift the Burden to Cities**

Facing a health care reform proposal that could have dramatically shifted costs of unreimbursed care onto cities, we launched an action alert to activate our members. Our members told Congress that they must support and work toward a health care system that protects mental health and drug addiction services, does not raise the total number of uninsured Americans, keeps requirements for essential health benefits and does not place an unfair burden on local governments.

**We Told Congress We Need a Better Budget Proposal**

The president’s “skinny” budget proposal included massive cuts to domestic programs vital to cities. We urged Congress to throw out the administration’s proposal and create a plan focused on building prosperity, expanding opportunity and investing in our future. But we didn’t stop there. During CCC, more than 600 local officials signed our letter to Congress to save Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and other key areas of federal funding to cities.

We also took advantage of Congress’ April recess to activate our members in home districts through our #FightTheCuts campaign. This fight may be far from over, but local leaders from Alaska to New Jersey met with their members of Congress, placed op-eds and held constituency events in an effort to protect federal funding for local programs with proven results.

**We Affirmed that Cities Will Continue to Lead**

Congress just narrowly averted a federal government shutdown by passing a seven-day continuing resolution to fund the government through next May 5. But as local leaders continue to demonstrate, they will lead even if there is continued uncertainty in Washington.

Whether it’s a city like Fayetteville, Arkansas organizing a town hall style event to educate constituents on the potential impacts of drastic cuts to domestic funding, or one of the 150 local elected officials who signed the #Cities4Climate letter to President Trump reaffirming their commitment to acting on climate change — we as local leaders will continue to lead, period.

We’ve made it our mission to highlight the good work that cities and city leaders do every day, and we will continue to listen to your stories and advocate to make sure that local priorities are Washington’s priorities. Please continue to share your cities story with us by sending them to advocacy@nlc.org.
The House Health Care Plan: What City Leaders Need to Know
By: Stephanie Martinez-Ruckman, Program Director for Human Development, National League of Cities
May 5, 2017

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives narrowly voted to approve the GOP plan to reform the Affordable Care Act (ACA). While the first attempt to pass the reform package, the American Health Care Act (AHCA), was unsuccessful last month, the Administration and House leadership were able to amass a 217-213 victory. All 193 Democrats opposed the bill, along with 20 Republicans concerned with protecting those with pre-existing conditions.

What Helped the House Bill Pass?
Negotiations with Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, and Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ), a co-chairman of the moderate Tuesday Group, produced an amended plan that would allow states to apply for waivers to opt out of core ACA requirements. Under this provision, states could choose whether or not insurers can charge higher premiums for those with pre-existing conditions as long as the state also offers a high-risk pool. The House plan also repeals the ACA’s essential health benefits, which define mandatory minimum plan benefits, including those for mental health and addiction services.

Later negotiations with Reps. Fred Upton (R-Mich.) and Billy Long (R-Mo.) included an additional amendment that would provide $8 billion over five years to help those with pre-existing conditions afford premiums in states that are granted a waiver through the MacArthur amendment. Many public health experts criticize this number as being far from enough to cover the true cost of those who would need this support. Combined, these amendments helped position the bill in a way that earned enough votes from members of the conservative Freedom Caucus and moderates.

What Does the Bill Mean to Cities?
The House bill was passed without a score from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and without congressional hearings or additional amendments, forcing many members of the House to scramble to review bill language with only three hours of debate before the vote.

Prior versions of this bill estimated that its provisions would leave an additional 24 million more people uninsured by 2026. The latest amendments did not alter any of the proposed deep cuts to Medicaid that existed in previous versions, which include taking away the Medicaid expansion provided in the ACA by 2020 that currently provides coverage to 10 million low-income Americans. It also converts Medicaid into a block-grant program that will lose $800 billion over the next decade. The impact to states, and ultimately cities, would be severe as many residents lose coverage and the financial burden of uncompensated care falls onto public and private health care providers.

This is especially concerning to cities under the backdrop of the Administration’s proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget, which plans to strip $54 million in domestic spending from critical programs that cities rely on, from Community Development Block Grants to 21st Century Community Learning Centers and AmeriCorps. City leaders work hard to balance the needs of their cities, from fixing roads and bridges to ensuring their residents have access to clean water and safe communities. These duties would all be made exponentially more challenging under the House-passed healthcare plan and the Administration’s proposed budget.

As NLC President Matt Zone said in a recent statement, “Congress cannot promise to fix the American health care system and stick the bill on local governments. By threatening Medicaid funding, withdrawing services for drug addiction and mental health during the nation’s deadliest drug epidemic, and reducing funding for preventative medicine and wellness programs, today’s health care bill threatens to leave millions of Americans...
uninsured. When the federal government pulls back on its commitment to health care, local governments, states and health care providers are left to pay the bills of increasing rates of unreimbursed care.”

**What’s Next?**
The bill will now travel to the Senate where many within the Republican party have been critical of the House version, particularly as it relates to Medicaid and the impact within their states. Leader McConnell will begin work with his colleagues to craft a Senate version of the bill. In contrast to the House, the Senate budget rules require a CBO score prior to any vote that shows that the legislative impact will not increase the deficit after 10 years. The Senate has also stated their intent to hold hearings on their version of the bill.

We urge the Senate to stand with cities and to craft a piece of legislation that protects and promotes healthy communities without passing the financial burden onto local governments.
City Leaders Get Things Done. So Do National Service Programs.
By: Gil Ziffer, Mayor Pro Tem, Tallahassee, Florida
April 7, 2017

Five years ago, the National League of Cities (NLC) joined city leaders across the nation to participate in the first-ever Mayor’s Day of Recognition for National Service. What began as a collection of just a few hundred mayors to highlight the impact of national service in their cities has grown to include more than 3,500 local leaders – mayors, councilmembers, county officials and tribal leaders – and is a true testament to the power of citizen service.

But the connections between city leaders and national service don’t stop there.

Local leaders are all about getting things done. They’re focused on solving problems for their communities. That’s a mission shared with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency in charge of the nation’s national service programs like AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and other volunteer initiatives. Before they are able to begin their service, each AmeriCorps and Senior Corps member must raise their hand and recite a pledge committing to ‘get things done’ for America.

That’s exactly what they’re doing in more than 50,000 locations across the nation – in our biggest cities and smallest towns. Dedicated Americans, young, old and in-between, tackling the tough challenges facing our communities. Bringing forgotten neighborhoods back to life. Restoring city parks. Ending veteran homelessness. Strengthening schools and boosting graduation rates. Preparing youth and adults for 21st century jobs.

We don’t have to look far to find powerful examples of national service members getting things done. In my own city of Tallahassee, Florida, AmeriCorps members are tutoring and mentoring students in low-performing schools, helping to improve student performance and attendance and reduce disciplinary actions. Our homeless receive job training, resource connections, financial literacy and housing assistance. And our Alzheimer's Project provides families respite care, allowing caregivers a much needed break. In Albuquerque, New Mexico, Senior Corps volunteers are ensuring that more than 150 home-bound seniors every year are able to live independently. And from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Richwood, West Virginia, national service members are helping communities impacted by devastating disasters recover and rebuild.

In every challenge, there is an opportunity. Programs like AmeriCorps and Senior Corps build upon that opportunity to make communities a better place to live, work and raise a family. National service is a solution for cities that need to do more with less by harnessing the ingenuity and "can-do" American spirit of the citizens within their community.

In his proposed budget, President Donald Trump eliminates funding for various independent agencies, including CNCS – and this will have a direct impact on the Americans working with us and showing that it does, in fact, take cities to move America forward. I hope you will join me in fighting to ensure that CNCS remains an agency dedicated to service by sharing with our members of Congress how this funding is critical to communities across the nation.

City leaders can also celebrate the impact of national service in our communities by participating in this year’s Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 4, 2017. Signing up is easy! Click here to learn more.
2017 Human Development (HD) Committee Roster

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Summary
Human Development Federal Advocacy Committee
Congressional City Conference 2017
March 12, 2017


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Meeting Goals: Review and Prioritization of 2017 Workplan

Summary:

Introduction and Welcome
Committee Chair Ziffer welcomed members to the Congressional City Conference meeting of the Human Development Committee. After welcoming members and guests to the meeting, the chair reviewed the meeting agenda. The agenda for this meeting included: an overview of NLC’s 2017 priorities and an update on issues before Congress and the Administration, a discussion about the prioritization of HD Committee issues for 2017 and two guest speakers from NLC’s Institute on Youth, Education and Families.

Chair Ziffer reminded the Committee that the workplan, and identifying ways for members to support the work, is critical to the overall success of the goals. Committee members need to be thinking about how to make connections between workplan priorities and how they as local leaders will support them – taking a meeting with your congressional representatives, making a personal call or building a coalition. We need to show our value as a committee that leads and actively supports our workplan.

Overview of the 2017 NLC Federal Advocacy Priorities
Stephanie Martinez-Ruckman, the Committee’s Federal Advocacy lobbyist, briefed members on current actions in Washington. The Senate is hard at work in the confirmation process for the President’s nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Gorsuch. This month the Senate is also
finishing out confirmation of the President’s Cabinet, including the nominee for the Department of Labor, Alex Acosta.

On the budget front this will be a busy year for Congress. The 114th Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown, which extended federal funding for programs and services until April 28, 2017. Thus, Congress must pass a full FY17 budget before that date – it’s expected that they will do another CR through the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, Congress will get to work on the FY18 package. The President’s budget request increases defense spending by $54 billion and takes that money from discretionary domestic spending across the board. In addition to the budget process, Congress is moving forward on repeal and replace of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as well as tax reform. Plans for an infrastructure package will likely get pushed to next year.

Discussion Regarding 2017 HD Priorities:
Chair Ziffer led the Committee members in a conversation around federal advocacy priorities for the Committee for 2017. Based on the conversation, the current list of topics for are:

- Affordable Care Act
- Immigration
- Homelessness

A workplan for these three areas will be circulated to the Committee in the coming weeks. In addition to these top three issues, it was noted that additional areas of interest to the committee members fall under the purview of the Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) Federal Advocacy Committee – Sanctuary Cities, opioids, human trafficking. The Committee is interested in exploring ways to work in collaboration with PSCP on these policy areas. Stephanie Martinez-Ruckman will discuss these possibilities with her counterpart, Yucel Ors, for the summer meeting in Cleveland. HD members are encouraged to review the PSCP section of the National Municipal Policy.

The Committee will also follow areas concerning the affordability of child care, TANF reform and higher education reform.

Speakers – Economic Mobility and Opportunity & Early Childhood Education and Alignment

Economic Mobility and Opportunity
The Committee was joined by Heidi Goldberg, director of economic opportunity and financial empowerment within NLC’s Institute for Youth, Education and Families. Heidi shared with the committee the goals and approach of President Zone’s Economic Mobility and Opportunity Task Force and asked members to commit to the Local Action Challenge to increase economic mobility and opportunities within their communities in 2017!

Early Childhood Education and Alignment
Katie Whitehouse and Alana Eichner, also from NLC’s Institute for Youth, Education and Families, joined the Committee to discuss their work in the early childhood education space.
Alana shared their work their Educational Alignment for Youth Children (EAYC) framework and the importance of this population to the future of cities.

The presentations from both Heidi and Alana can be found on the conference website [here](#) in the HD meeting section.

**Summer Meeting in Cleveland!**
Chair Ziffer reminded members that we will next meet at the summer meeting in Cleveland – home of NLC President Matt Zone! The **HD Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 30 from 1:30 – 5:00 PM and Wednesday, June 31 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.** A full schedule for the summer meeting events will be available shortly.

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