

## Rural Supportive Housing Initiative

Collaborative Solutions is excited to partner with CSH to sponsor the *Spotlight on Rural America* Track at the CSH Summit 2018. Held June 5-7 in Los Angeles, this year's Summit has the most interactive sessions yet, including a panel with federal partners sharing their perspective on addressing homelessness in rural areas. Detailed track information is provided below and more information can be found at [CSH Summit 2018](#). We look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles in June!

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CSH Summit 2018](#)

### **Tuesday, June 5, 1-5pm, Rural Supportive Housing Clinic**

Developing supportive housing in rural communities takes creativity, commitment and extensive partnerships. Come participate in a highly interactive session where participants will walk through the steps of creating quality supportive housing in rural communities.

### **Wednesday, June 6, 10:30am, Supportive Housing Development in Rural Communities**

Developing rental housing for the most vulnerable in rural communities requires nontraditional approaches to housing models and financing, unique and broad-based partnerships, and the creativity and determination of local leaders. This session will feature various approaches communities are taking to meet the supportive housing needs of our rural citizens.

### **Wednesday, June 6, 2pm, Addressing Rural Homelessness: Federal Partner Perspective**

Join federal partners from HUD and USICH to discuss the challenges and opportunities in addressing homelessness in rural areas. This engaging session will feature current federal priorities, trends in rural housing and homelessness efforts, and potential solutions federal representatives are seeing from across the country.

### **Wednesday, June 6, 3:30pm, Coordinated Entry Across a Balance of State Part I**

This session will focus on how Iowa met the HUD requirements for a coordinated entry system across its Balance of State that includes rural and urban communities. Presenters will share the collaborative efforts that went into the planning, implementation and review of systems, including how coordinated entry functions at the local level. The session will also share the overall role that coordinated entry plays in identifying community challenges, developing real partnerships, and creating a functional crisis response system dedicated to ending homelessness.

### **Thursday, June 7, 10:30am, Coordinated Entry Across a Balance of State Part II**

As follow up to Part I which focused on planning and structure, this session will focus on the implementation of coordinated entry in Wisconsin's Balance of State CoC including the mechanics, referral process, use of data, and successes and challenges.

### **Thursday, June 7, 12:15pm, Building Relationships Through Rural Outreach**

Housing those who most need supportive housing requires the ability to identify and engage populations with complex needs, which can be very challenging in rural areas given the vast geographies, limited town centers and difficult terrain. Come hear about West Virginia's approach to ensuring outreach coverage and how their front line and direct services staff are critical to obtaining resources and funding in support of the Balance of State CoC's efforts to end homelessness.

