**Updated September 2021**

**Delaware Community Development Network**

**Charge & Outcomes**

**October 2021-December 2021**

**Background:**

The Delaware Community Development Network (DCDN) is the voice for Delaware’s community development sector. DCDN focuses on providing resources to affordable housing developers, housing counseling agencies, and community-based nonprofits located in Delaware.

The DCDN will: 1) build capacity of partner organizations; 2) promote policy and engage in advocacy to advance the work of partner organizations; 3) engage with all partner organizations and community stakeholders to support community development.

The Delaware Community Development Network is facilitated by Housing Alliance Delaware (HAD). HAD will work with public and private partners to support the work of the DCDN. All activities will focus on the mission and vision of the DCDN.

**Mission:** The Delaware Community Development Network will increase the individual capacity of community partners by building partnerships, eliminating duplication of efforts, and to ensure large scale community development funding.

**Vision:** The Delaware Community Development Network envisions Delaware communities that are safe, healthy and full of opportunity.

**Values:** The Delaware Community Development Network works to harness the potential of all communities by working alongside the community.

**Goals:** The Delaware Community Development Network will build capacity, promote policy, and engage with all community stakeholders to support community development.

To support this work, partners will engage as part of the Delaware Community Development Network to:

**1) Address the Economic and Social Impact of Community Development in Delaware**

DCDN will launch a campaign to educate the public, legislators and funders about the important social and economic impacts of Delaware’s community development sector.

**2) Build Capacity of the DCDN and the Community Development Sector**

The DCDN must develop its capacity and the capacity of partner organizations.

**3) Promote Housing as a Vital Condition/Social Determinate of Health**

Housing is a social determinant of health or a vital condition. The Delaware Community Development Network is in a unique position to bring together partners to address the health and housing issues exposed by the COVID 19 crisis.

**4) Advance Approaches to Social Justice**

Community development initiatives must consider the impact on community and work as a driver of social justice.

**Charge and Outcomes:**

The Delaware Community Development Network will use a charge and outcome tool to define areas of focus and annual work cycles. The charge and outcome tool includes specific dates/times and agendas for group engagement as well as timelines for shared decision-making and project management. Partners within the Delaware Community Development Network will lead individual work strategies and will provide systems leadership, thought partnership, and share best practices with peer organizations. In order to accomplish this, members of the Delaware Community Development Network will:

* Launch an education campaign;
* Review and provide feedback on state policy and procedural tools to develop, implement, evaluate, and support community development;
* Participate in community development initiatives and share updates with partner organizations;
* Define opportunities for professional learning and peer collaboration through in-person and online formats as well as group learning/field trips (where available and appropriate);
* Define areas for technical assistance and shared learning, and provide support to each partnering organization; and
* Provide a forum to bring together partners to address issues of health and housing.

To carry out the charge, the Delaware Community Development Network will convene nine (9) times during the 2021-2022 year and participate in the Day for Housing event in May. Each meeting will be one (1) hour in length. Meeting reminders will be sent via email.

To accelerate this work, HAD will distribute all meeting documents to the Delaware Community Development Network approximately one (1) week in advance of each meeting. Partners will be asked to review all meeting materials and come prepared to each meeting with ideas and feedback. Partners are encouraged to share meeting materials with additional staff in their organization. All meetings will be recorded, with documented group agreements, next steps, and participant responsibilities in follow-up to each meeting. The group will also serve as an online forum for discussion, document repository, and just-in-time professional development. Some content may be pre-recorded and shared with participants to watch in advance of future meetings.

**Delaware Community Development Network Meeting Schedule:**

Date: October 6, 2021 from 10:00am–12:00pm (tour 10-11; meeting 11-12)

Location~~: (for tour and meeting) The Teen Warehouse, 1121 Thatcher Street, Wilmington DE  19801 /~~ Zoom

Goal: ~~1) Tour and overview of Reach Riverside;~~ 2) Provide background on Delaware Community Development Network. Provide an orientation and get to know partners. Discuss asset mapping process across partners.

During this meeting the Delaware Community Development Network will:

* ~~Tour Reach Riverside;~~
* ~~Q&A with Logan Herring;~~
* Discuss the Delaware Community Development Network goals, and outcomes;
* Outline plan for partner engagement;
* Review partner roles and responsibilities; and
* Project a year-at-a-glance to map future work activities and immediate next steps.

Date: November 3, 2021 from 10:00am–12:00pm (tour 10-11; meeting 11-12)

Location: Walking tour downtown Dover meet outside of home at 14 S. Queen Street Dover DE 19904; Meeting at NCALL, 363 Saulsbury Rd, Dover, DE 19904

Goal: 1) Tour and overview of NCALL; 2) Review marketing and education campaign.

During this meeting the Community Development Network will:

* Walking tour of Dover;
* Q&A with Trish Kelleher;
* Discuss performance outcomes.

Date: December 1, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm (tour 10-11; meeting 11-12)

Location: Walking tour of Life Lines meet outside 1708 W 8th Street Wilmington DE; Meeting at West End Neighborhood House 710 Lincoln Street, Wilmington DE 19805

Goal: 1) Tour and Overview of Cornerstone West; 2) Discuss funding opportunities; 3) Review and provide feedback on website and resource library.

During this meeting the Delaware Community Development Network will:

* Walking tour of Life Lines;
* Q&A with Sarah Lester;
* Discuss engagement in any potential joint funding opportunities.