

Wednesday, May 8 – 9:10 – 10:00 a.m. – Shaping Policy Breakout

Topic B: From Health & Housing to Community Revitalization

Policy Table Discussants: **Alan Mallach, Jeff Lubell, Kathy Stack, and Sue Polis**

Breakout Rooms: Main Conference Room (2 & 3) – B-1 (Alan Mallach and Jeff Lubell -Left Side Facing Front) & B-2 (Kathy Stack and Sue Polis - Right Side Facing Front)

Context/Background: In many cases, Lutheran Services in America members have been in service to their communities for decades and often for over a century – working to strengthen and deepen their faith-based, trusted, community-centered approach to addressing health and housing and other essential needs. They are long-time partners with Lutheran and other faith-based congregations, churches and/or schools to advance shared goals, together, fostering deep connections including in housing. Specifically, converting land, buildings, and other resources to develop housing and community facilities. With the move to home and community-based services (HCBS) away from residential facilities among other changes in communities – this breakout will explore how to build upon and strengthen LSA member exiting efforts in housing and health to further enhance broader community revitalization efforts.

- ***Based on work to date, what is needed to support and expand partnerships and efforts with Lutheran and other faith-based congregations, churches and/or schools to better address housing, health, and other social determinants to more fully advance community revitalization?***

Consider:

- Data (e.g., what questions exist where data/data analysis is needed? What are data gaps that need to be addressed?)
 - Financing (what financing and/or funding flexibilities are needed e.g., braiding/blending, to support development/conversion/rehabilitation of properties?) Equity investment/grants? Other?
 - Partnership development?
 - Planning support?
 - Civic engagement/community voice.
- ***What federal/state/local policies have supported OR challenged your efforts locally? And what is needed to ensure greater equity and sustainability?***