

# TEAM Housing Forum – Jan. 16, 2020, Seymour CT

## EXPERT Contact Information

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**Department of Housing:** Michael Santoro, Comm. Dev. Specialist (860-270-8171) [Michael.Santoro@ct.gov](mailto:Michael.Santoro@ct.gov). Mike has intimate knowledge of all DOH programs and how they may apply to individual towns and projects.

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**Remediation:** Laura Settlemyer, Blight Director, City of Hartford (860-936-5213), [laura.settlemyer@hartford.gov](mailto:laura.settlemyer@hartford.gov). Laura is an expert in dealing with problem housing properties and the applicability of land banks in providing ways to restore housing to tax rolls.

**Capital4Change:** Carla Weil, Chief Strategy Officer, (203-623-7868), [cweil@capitalforchange.org](mailto:cweil@capitalforchange.org). Carla has spent her career tailoring creative financing for homeownership and multifamily housing.

**CT Green Bank:** Kim Stevenson, Director of Strategic Initiatives, (860-257-2890), [kim.Stevenson@ctgreenbank.com](mailto:kim.Stevenson@ctgreenbank.com). Kim is an expert in providing financing that can create and restore housing while also finding energy savings and efficiencies.

**Housing Development Fund:** Ali Robinson, Director of Commercial Lending, (530-386-1769), [arobinson@hdfconnects.org](mailto:arobinson@hdfconnects.org). Ali is able to arrange financing for multifamily and single-family projects for first-time buyers and towns seeking to increase homeownership.

**CT Main Street Center:** Patrick McMahon, CEO, (860-280-2023), [patric@ctmainstreet.org](mailto:patric@ctmainstreet.org). Patrick and CMSC are able to help towns with strategies to restore their town centers with residential and commercial development using such tools as the state's new TIF statute.

**Beth-El Center:** Jen Paradis, Exec. Director, (203-876-0747). Jen has successfully helped individuals and families facing homelessness and can describe the range of services and service-providers ready to help towns in the region.