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Conference Recap

OCTOBER 3 - 5

VAIL, COLORADO

The Housing Colorado NOW! 2018 Conference was a tremendous success. The event took place October 3-5 at the Vail Marriott. With a registration of 850 the 30th Anniversary event was the largest yet. Vail was buzzing with excitement over innovative solutions, potential deals and partnerships, and inspiring sessions.

Wednesday started out with Dr. Megan Sandel as our opening speaker. Her session, titled "Housing as a Vaccine" explored how housing can act as a vaccine to provide multiple long-lasting benefits. Wednesday afternoon provided the first of three days of workshops -- 42 in all over 7 tracks: Property Management, Small Communities, Development, Policy, Professional Development, Finance and Colorado's Future. The day closed with the ever-popular (and very crowded!) Welcome Reception.



Thursday began with a deep dive on federal policy with the Housing on the Hill session over breakfast. The panel included Amy Broadwater, Beth Mullen, David Gasson and Bob Moss. Attendees then workshopped until lunch where we were treated to the wisdom and humor of Colorado political strategist Steve Welchert. The afternoon provided more workshops and then

the Housing Colorado-board-hosted members-only wine-tasting, followed by a well-attended and lively networking dinner at BOL – Vail's hip version of a bowling alley!

On **Friday** morning we switched things up a bit by scheduling some early-morning workshops followed by a closing brunch. Keynote speaker Papa Joe Bradford had us wiping our eyes and jumping from our seats with his inspirational story about his personal journey from extreme poverty to helping those in similar situations.



A special thank you to our 2018 conference co-chairs Carrie Kronberg and Michael Thomas. Michael will be joining us again for 2019, along with our newly announced co-chair Ron Mehl. We wished a fond farewell to our Board President Lee Patke and welcomed incoming President Amy Case.

Thanks!

A conference this big and successful represents the work, dedication and support of many. Heartfelt thanks to the following people and organizations:

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