



Solutions for Older Adults' Homelessness Virtual Summit

Friday, February 20, 2026, from 1:30-4:00 pm ET

Summit Goal: Explore actions that communities can take to ensure older adults have a home in which they can safely and stably age in place, starting with partnerships between Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and homeless Continuums of Care (CoCs)

AGENDA

1:30-1:35 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks Molly French, Director of Housing and Services, USAgging
1:35-1:50 pm	The Power of We: Scaling Impact Through Shared Purpose - Sandy Markwood, CEO, USAgging - Ann Oliva, CEO, National Alliance to End Homelessness
1:50-2:00 pm	Why We Are Here: Insights from a Person with Lived Experience - Lynn Kimball, Executive Director, Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington - Samantha Rickey, Resident of Spokane, WA
2:00-2:40 pm	AAA-CoC Partnerships to Improve Services and Expand Access - Molly French, Director of Housing and Services, USAgging (moderator) <i>Panelists</i> - Charnitta Waters, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia - Julie Dixon, Vice President, Community Planning and Development, The Planning Council, VA - Amber Brafford, Homeless Response Manager, Western Piedmont Council of Governments, NC - Tina Miller, Area Agency on Aging Director, Western Piedmont Council of Governments, NC
2:40-2:50 pm	Break

2:50-3:05 pm	Stories as a Resource to Build Connections • Yolanda Stevens, Program and Policy Analyst-Older Adults and Healthcare, National Alliance to End Homelessness • Michael Larson, Founder, Humans for Housing
3:05-3:10 pm	Changing Aging: Remarks from Next50 • Sydney Byer, Director, Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives, Next50
3:10-3:50 pm	Driving Change Through Collaboration • Sydney Byer, Director, Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives, Next50 (moderator) <i>Denver Panelists</i> • Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Area Agency on Aging Director, Denver Regional Council of Governments, CO • Jeff Martinez, President, Brothers Redevelopment, Inc., CO <i>San Diego Panelists</i> • Tamera Kohler, CEO, Regional Task Force on Homelessness, CA • Kristen Smith, Chief, Agency Operations, Aging & Independence Services of San Diego County, CA
3:50-3:55 pm	Call to Action: Where Do We Go from Here? • Connor Kelly, Research Associate, USAging • Yolanda Stevens, Program and Policy Analyst-Older Adults and Healthcare, National Alliance to End Homelessness
3:55-4:00 pm	Powering Your Journey • Molly French, Director of Housing and Services, USAging