

Presenter Bios

Rebecca Morley, National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH)

Rebecca Morley is the executive director of NCHH, where she lead its multi-disciplinary staff in creating healthy and safe housing for children through practical and proven steps. She led the development of the National Healthy Homes Training Center and spearheaded NCHH's work in the Gulf Coast following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. She has authored numerous articles and publications on the topic of housing-related health hazards. She also worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she developed lead paint regulations and managed an array of children's environmental health projects. She served on the President's Task Force for Children's Environmental Health and Safety and contributed to HUD's preliminary Healthy Homes Initiative plan and Strategic Plan to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning by 2010. Ms. Morley also served as a legislative fellow to U.S. Senator Jack Reed, where she authored key components of the Kennedy Health Bill related to childhood lead poisoning and helped to establish a national childhood lead poisoning prevention week through a Senate resolution. She serves on the Board of the National Disease Clusters Alliance and on the Howard County Environmental and Sustainability Commission.

Michael Berry, Massachusetts Energy Star Program

As an Associate for ICF International, Mr. Berry facilitates the Massachusetts New Homes with ENERGY STAR Program for the Joint Management Committee (JMC). Mr. Berry works with current builders in the program, prospective builders, and market allies. He manages and sponsors utilities, unit goals, and matrices. Mr. Berry also trains, educates, and recruits new ENERGY STAR partners, developers, and builders. Mr. Berry has worked in the Energy Conservation field for the past eight years and has an MA Construction Supervisor License.

Michelle Roberts, Ecohealth Homes

Michelle A. Roberts, a Professional Affiliate of the Boston Society of Architects, is a Building Science-Systems Designer and Consultant. She is also an expert in Healthy Housing and one of nine governors of the National Association of Home Builders Board of Governors. Michelle is currently the Principal and CEO of Chatham Hill Residential Design and Build, LLC and a national instructor for the Pennsylvania College of Technology-Penn State Factory-Built Housing Center. She is also the founder and creator of Ecohealth Homes and holds her MA Home Improvement Contractor License. Michelle was appointed to Governor Patrick's Zero Net Energy Task Force in July 2008.

Eleanor White, Housing Partners, Inc.

Ms. White has over 40 years of experience in the field of affordable housing. Prior to forming Housing Partners, Inc. in 1995, Ms. White served as Deputy Director and Chief of Operations of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (now MassHousing) and held a variety of positions at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington and Boston. In 2007–2008, Ms. White served on the Housing Policy and Urban Policy Committees, advising the Barack Obama campaign for President, and served on the Obama National Finance Committee. Housing Partners, Inc. consults to a wide variety of for-profit, nonprofit, and public-sector clients on the full range of issues relating to the development, management, and financing of affordable housing. Ms. White is extremely active in the community, currently serving as Chair of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Housing Task Force, and is a Past President of Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA).

Healthy Homes, Healthy Families

A Summit for Municipal Leaders

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Homes should be safe havens for families. Sadly, it is the place where children are most likely to be injured or become ill.

Every year in the U.S. there are:

- Over 13 million home injuries
- Nearly 3,000 deaths due to house fires
- Two million emergency room visits for asthma
- An estimated 250,000 children with elevated blood lead levels

With both our housing and health care sectors in crisis, there is a critical need to tackle the preventable disease and injury caused by unhealthy housing and neighborhood conditions. Learn how to create healthier, sustainable homes in your community and find out about several new laws that were enacted in Massachusetts last year, including the Green Communities Act, the Green Jobs Act, and the Global Warming Solutions Act.

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Agenda

10:00am Coffee and Networking

10:30am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers:

Dr. Robert Antonucci, President Fitchburg State College
Lisa Wong, Mayor of Fitchburg, MA
Jennifer Flanagan, Massachusetts Senator (D-Leominster)

10:50am Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Rebecca Morley, Executive Director, National Center for Healthy Housing
Michael Berry, Massachusetts Energy Star Program
Michelle Roberts, Creator of Ecohealth Homes

11:50am Questions from the Audience

12:30pm Lunch

Keynote Speaker:

Eleanor White, Housing Partners, Inc.

