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## 2017 HOUSING INSTITUTE: May 2017 – Guest Speakers

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### Neil Linscheid, University of Minnesota Extension

Neil Linscheid is an Extension Educator in the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality. His work is focused on supporting local leaders as they navigate economic changes taking place in their community. His mission is to teach, coach, and connect local leaders as they try to make informed decisions about their community's economic future.

He received his Master's of Public Policy with a concentration in rural economic development and Bachelor of Political Science degree's from the University of Minnesota. He is also a Ph.D. student in the Human Factors and Ergonomics Design at the University of Minnesota. He is also a 2017 Bush Fellow.



### Barbara Dolan, Minnesota Housing Partnership



Barbara has over eighteen years' in the housing industry. She comes to MHP with experience in delivering high-level project technical coordination, database management, financial management, training-event management, IT services and is a certified Housing Development Finance Professional and licensed real estate broker.

Before joining MHP, she worked in out-state community action agencies managing single family homeownership programs and housing development. She also has experience in staff management, project management, grant writing, and in coordinating strategies and providing support for local communities implementing affordable housing options.



## **Nancy Fasching, Southwest Initiative Foundation**

Nancy still remembers waiting on the edge of her hometown with her friends for the carnival rides to arrive at the annual community festival. It's that community spirit that brings her back every year to reconnect with friends, and propels her in the daily work directing SWIF's grant and community programs. Because of her rural Minnesota roots, Nancy see the value SWIF brings to the towns in our region, and she's proud to be a part of our unique model of philanthropy.

Nancy has a bachelor's degree in management and geography from Gustavus Adolphus College. She's on the United Community Action Agency board of directors and Winsted Economic Development Commission, helped found the Winsted Arts Council and is an alumna of the Blandin Community Leadership Program.



## **Cherre Palenius, Minnesota Housing Partnership**

Cherre' has over three decades of experience working in the housing industry. As a certified HOME Program Specialist and Housing Development Finance Professional, Cherre' specializes in providing HUD-related technical assistance to promote single family and rental housing development and rehab. At her prior position working with the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) Cherre' provided technical assistance to promote the design of homebuyer programs, homeownership rehabilitation, and rental housing development.



Cherre' enjoys working with diverse groups of individuals/organizations creating and implementing affordable housing programs for their communities. In her spare time, she enjoys most outdoor activities: gardening, camping, hiking, fishing and spending time with family and friends.