



Center for Cooperatives

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Free webinar:
**Cooperatives and Community Housing
Needs**

Date: June 21, 2018

Time: 12 - 1 p.m. CDT

Communities often face challenges in providing housing options that meet resident needs. This webinar will highlight the use of cooperative model to bring the benefits of home ownership to manufactured home residents, and to provide viable housing options for seniors.

This webinar is the second in a series that explores cooperative solutions to meet the needs of rural and urban communities.

Who should attend? Economic and community development professionals, cooperative developers, and interested community members.

PRESENTERS:

Warren Kramer, Executive Director, Northcountry Cooperative Foundation (NCF)

Warren joined NCF in July 2002 and has served as its executive director since 2009. He came to NCF from Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP), a statewide non-profit focused on rural affordable housing development, where he provided technical assistance to non-profits engaged in housing development in small communities across Minnesota. Warren has more than 20 years of experience in the affordable housing field, working with non-profit, public and for-profit entities in development and capacity building activities.



Dennis Johnson, Board Chair, Senior Cooperative Foundation

Dennis Johnson's career has been devoted to cooperative organization and finance, and he has long played a leading role in the senior co-op housing sector. His numerous leadership roles include Partner and President, Cooperative Housing Resources, LLC, founder and Board Chair of the Senior Cooperative Foundation, organizer of the Senior Co-op Housing purchasing cooperative, and organizer and chair of the Homestead Housing Center, which developed 17 rural senior housing cooperatives. Recognizing the need for



members to understand the cooperative model, he created the Senior Co-op Housing Education Program.

He held local and national positions with the Farm Credit System, including President and CEO of the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives. He was a 2016 inductee into the Cooperative Hall of Fame, Washington, D.C.

**Margaret Bau, Cooperative Development Specialist,
USDA Rural Development**

Margaret Bau has been a Cooperative Development Specialist with USDA Rural Development since 1998. She has assisted in the formation of over 30 cooperatives across her home state of Wisconsin in sectors as diverse as long-term care, local food distribution, arts marketing and galleries, conventional grocery, senior housing, disability services, nonprofit shared services, forest management, logging, and employment among people with mental illness. Margaret now works for the USDA national office as a resource on cooperative development, but remains based in central Wisconsin.



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Upcoming webinars in the series:

Cooperatives and Business Succession Strategies - *July 19, 2018*

Cooperatives and Community Infrastructure Needs - *September 2018*

Cooperatives and Community-Owned Businesses - *October 2018*

All webinars will be held at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Central Time. Webinars will be recorded and made available on the UWCC website.

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