

## Funders Forum Speaker Bios

### Session I: Funders Tackle the "A" Word (Advocacy) (9:15 – 10:30 a.m.)



**Michael A. Stegman, Director of Policy, Program on Human and Community Development, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.** Mike Stegman serves as the MacArthur Foundation's lead observer of domestic policy issues, working to translate policy trends and position program strategies in affordable housing, community change, mental health, juvenile justice, education, and urban and regional policy within the larger context of local, state and national policy developments. Stegman is a Fellow of the Urban Land Institute and has served on several national boards, including the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City and One Economy Corporation. He has been a consultant to the Fannie Mae Foundation, HUD, the Treasury Department, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI), and the U.S. General Accounting Office. Stegman has written

extensively on housing and urban policy, community development, financial services for the poor, and asset development policies. While at HUD, he was founding editor of *Cityscape*, a journal of urban policy research.

**Robert Hohler, Executive Director, Melville Charitable Trust, Hartford, Connecticut.** Robert Hohler is the chief executive officer of the Melville Charitable Trust, a family foundation devoted to addressing the issues of homelessness and housing. He is a senior fellow at The Philanthropic Initiative, a consulting practice that provides organizational and strategic support to the Trust and many similar philanthropies in the US, Canada and Europe. For many years he served as board chair and president of the Civil Rights Project, Inc. (CRPI): the nonprofit affiliate of Henry Hampton's Blackside, Inc., producers of the much honored television series *Eyes On the Prize* and many other distinguished documentaries. Deeply involved in the issues of housing and homelessness, he has worked with many local, regional and national development and outreach programs and he currently serves on the advisory committee of the Connecticut Corporation for Supportive Housing.



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### Session II: Achieving Systems Change... Philanthropy and Government in Partnership to End Homelessness (10:45 to 12 p.m.)



**Anita M. Pampusch, President, Bush Foundation, St. Paul, Minnesota.** Dr. Pampusch became the second president of the Bush Foundation in 1997. The second largest private foundation in Minnesota (\$800 million in assets), the Bush Foundation grants about \$35-\$40 million annually to education, arts and humanities, human services and health, and environmental organizations. Prior to coming to the Bush Foundation, she served in several capacities at the College of St. Catherine (St. Paul, Minnesota), including thirteen years as its president. She has been active on numerous boards and committees, including serving as a Director of the St. Paul Companies, chairing the Boards of the Woman's College Coalition, the Council of Independent Colleges, and William Mitchell College of Law. She also currently is a trustee of the University of Notre Dame, the Alliss Foundation, Northstar Educational Finance,

and Hennepin County Medical Center. She holds masters and doctoral degrees in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and has received five honorary degrees.

**Laura Kadwell, Director for Ending Long-Term Homelessness, State of Minnesota.** This position is charged with implementing Minnesota's business plan to end long-term homelessness in the state by 2010. Ms. Kadwell previously served as Vice President for Policy Studies, Inc., providing management expertise on child support issues to state and local governments. She was previously Director of the Child Support Division with the Human Services Department, served as Legislative Staff Attorney and practiced law with a private law firm. Ms. Kadwell also clerked for Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl.

