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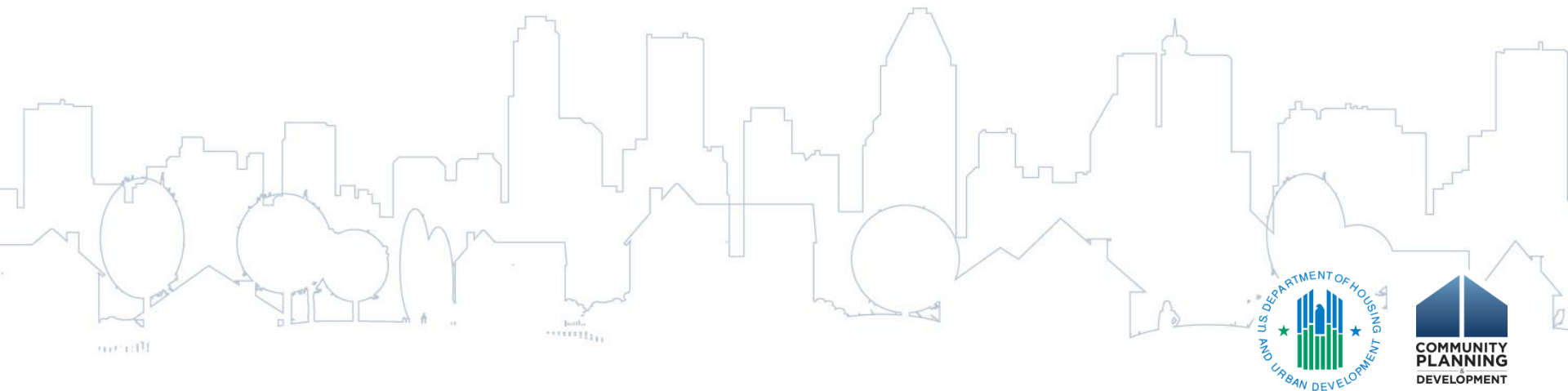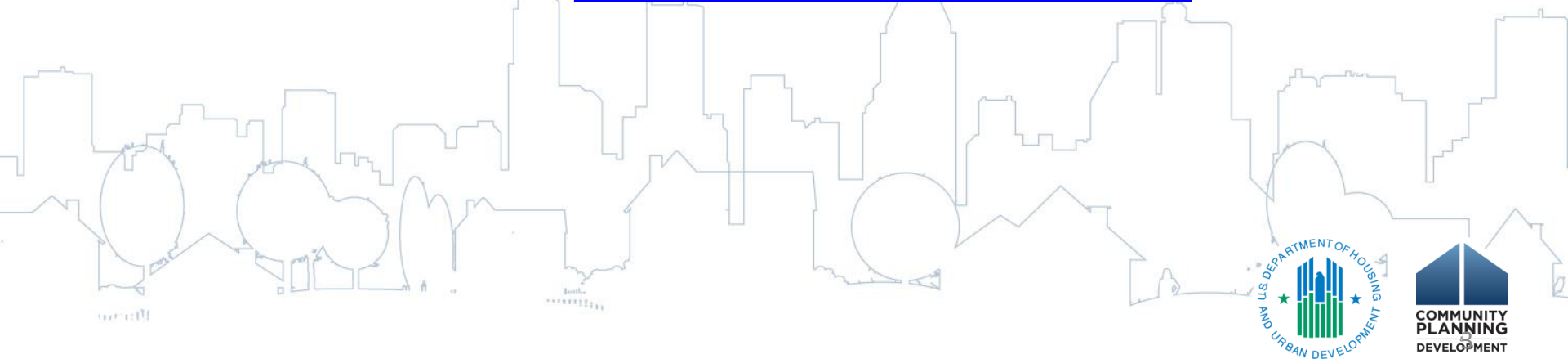
October 29, 2019

2:00-3:30pm ET

Agenda

- Introductions & Housekeeping
- 2020 PIT Count
- Counting Survivors of Domestic Violence
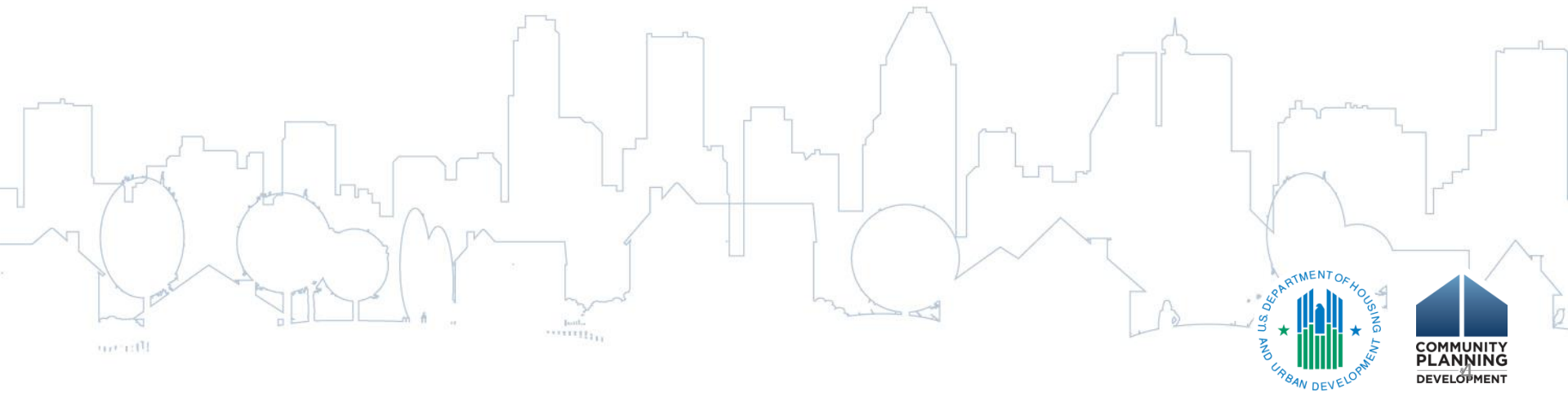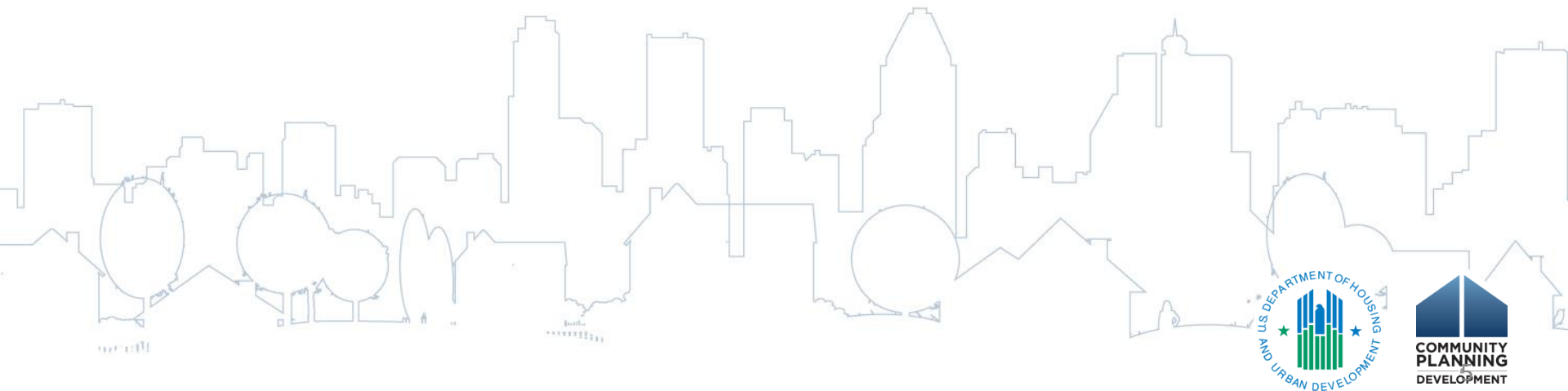- Open Discussion and Q&A

Introductions

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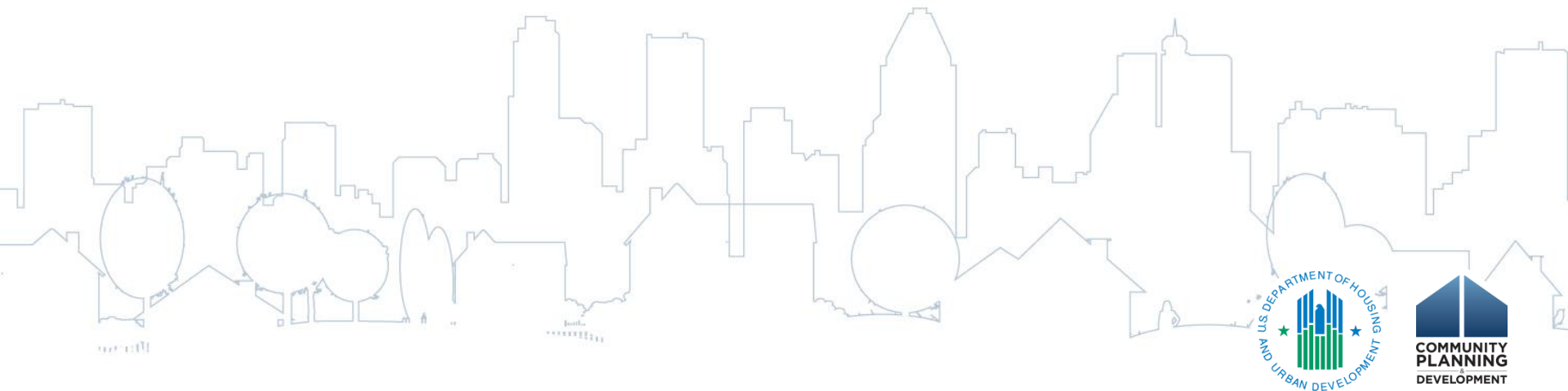# Housekeeping: WebEx How-To

2020 PIT Count & Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

PIT Count & HIC Notice

- No new *Notice* for 2020

- The 2019 *Notice,* **Notice CPD-18-08: 2019 HIC and PIT Data Collection for CoC and ESG Programs,** continues to inform data collection for 2020

HIC/PIT Count Reminder: TH/RRH

Reporting for CoC-Funded Joint TH/RRH Recipients:

HIC Reminders

- Enter **two separate projects** on the HIC—one for TH and one for RRH.
  - For **TH**, report all unit/beds inventory **available for use**.
  - For **RRH**, report all inventory **in use** (*often equals the number of people served on the night of the count*)
- When entering funding source on the HIC for **both components** of all TH/RRH projects, select the new option called **HUD: CoC – Joint Component TH/RRH**. The new, single funding source option in the 2020 HMIS Data Standards replaces the instruction to select two separate funding sources for each component.

PIT Count Reminders

- Only people residing in TH beds should be included in your full sheltered PIT count.

HIC/PIT Count Reminder: YHDP

Reporting for YHDP Recipients:
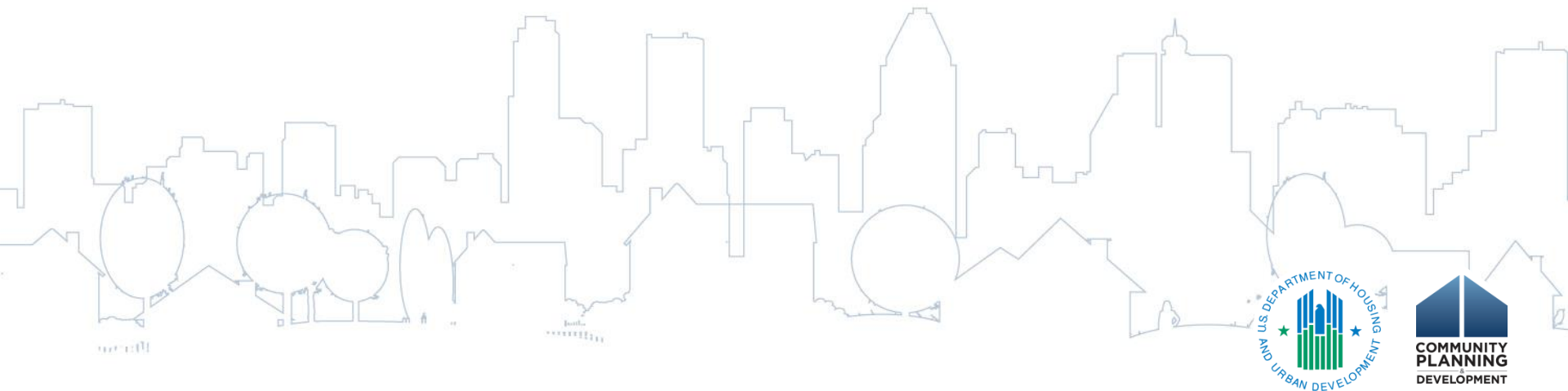
HIC Reminders

- Report YHDP grants based on the project type identified for each project in *e-snaps*.
  - For example, if a YHDP recipient was funded for a host home program identified with a TH project type, then it will be included in the HIC as a TH project, and the youth in that project will be included in the sheltered PIT count.
- CoCs must select the **HUD: CoC – YHDP** funding source options in response to the HUD McKinney-Vento Funded question for each YHDP project.
- As with other grants, CoCs only report **residential** projects in the HIC and exclude service-only projects like HUD-funded Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.

PIT Count Reminders

- Your sheltered PIT count should only include youth residing in TH YHDP projects on the night of the count. Those residing in RRH or PSH projects
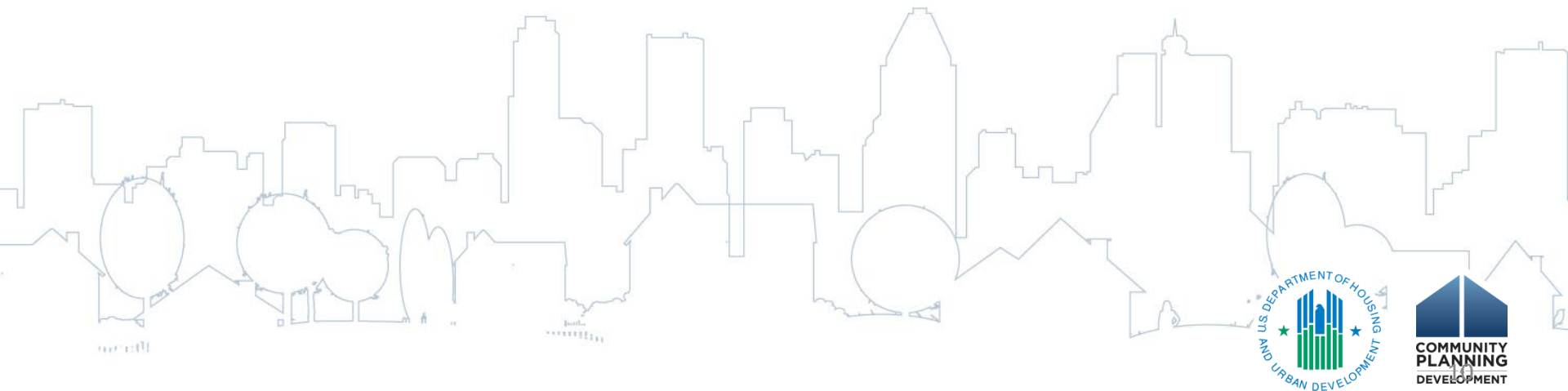
Questions on the *Notice?*

Topic of Focus:
Counting Survivors of Domestic Violence

Safety Considerations

CoC Safety Considerations:

- CoCs should consider whether they can safely and confidentially administer the PIT unsheltered survey to anyone experiencing DV/SA. What happens if you survey a survivor who is actively fleeing?

- If the answer is no you don't have a plan or cannot do this safely, then please do not pursue the collection of survivor data.

- Some additional questions to consider first and foremost

Safety Considerations (continued)

- What is your CoC plan should you meet a current, fleeing survivor?

- Will victim service providers be available/on-call to assist with immediate safety needs?

- Is your team trained to conduct the survey in a trauma informed way?

- Victim service providers who receive HUD McKinney Vento shelter funds can provide aggregate data only for sheltered clients.

Point-in-Time: including DV data

Reporting on the number of sheltered and unsheltered survivors of domestic violence will continue to be optional. <u>HOWEVER</u>, there are many benefits to including survivors in the PIT Count:

❑ Demonstrates need for housing for survivors and their families

❑ Identifies gaps in supports and services for survivors

❑ Helps to secure **additional resources** for survivors

❑ Highlights the importance of developing survivor-specific CoC programs

❑ Results in stronger partnerships between housing providers and DV providers to ensure safe, stable, affordable housing for survivors after they flee domestic violence

❑ Helpful to see how the DV Bonus projects are doing

Point-in-Time: including DV data

HUD highly encourages CoCs who choose to include survivors in their PIT count to partner with their local Victim Service Providers to determine the best way to safely and confidentially collect this data.

❑ Communities should evaluate how to ensure adequate safety and confidentiality for those interviewed and conducting the survey.

❑ Communities only submit **aggregate** data to HUD and should have policies in place to protect data on persons after it is collected.

How to have a Successful DV Count

Safety, confidentiality, and trauma-informed care are essential to a successful PIT count!

How and when should DV service providers be engaged in PIT Count?

❑ PIT Planning Process

❑ For the sheltered count

❑ For the unsheltered count

❑ To address safety and confidentiality concerns

How to have a Successful DV Count

PIT Planning Process

❑ Engage DV service providers early in the planning process

    ❑ Create a PIT Planning Committee

    ❑ Identify who should be a part of the count and assign tasks

    ❑ Highlight benefits of participation

❑ Utilize a Trauma-Informed Approach

    ❑ PIT survey design

    ❑ Language used in survey

How to have a Successful DV Count

For Sheltered Count

❑ Allow DV service providers to administer sheltered count in their facility

❑ De-Identify Information

❑ Report Aggregate Information

    ❑ Only number of persons currently experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

How to have a Successful DV Count

For Unsheltered Count

❑ Involve DV service provider staff and volunteers in administering unsheltered count

❑ Educate on safety planning and available resources

  ❑ *If* and *how* direct service referrals should be made if survivor is identified

  ❑ Teach volunteers how to conduct brief safety planning
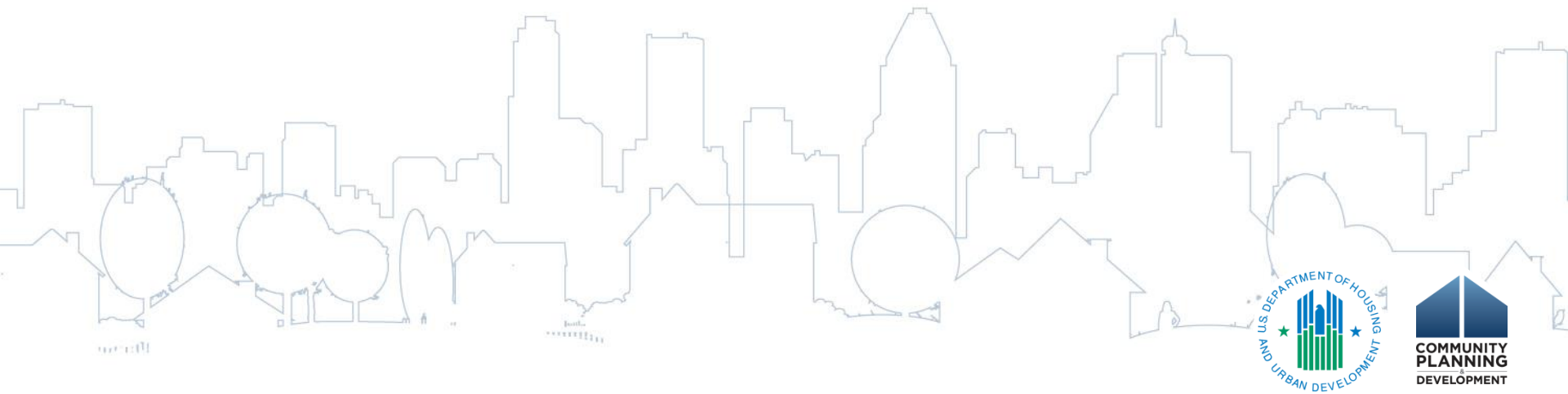
How to have a Successful DV Count

For Unsheltered Count...continued

- ❑ Specialized training for PIT volunteers administering unsheltered survey
  - ❑ Approach survivors in non-threatening, non-judgmental way
  - ❑ Interview protocols for privacy and safety
  - ❑ Helping respondents feel respected and safe to respond to questions however they choose
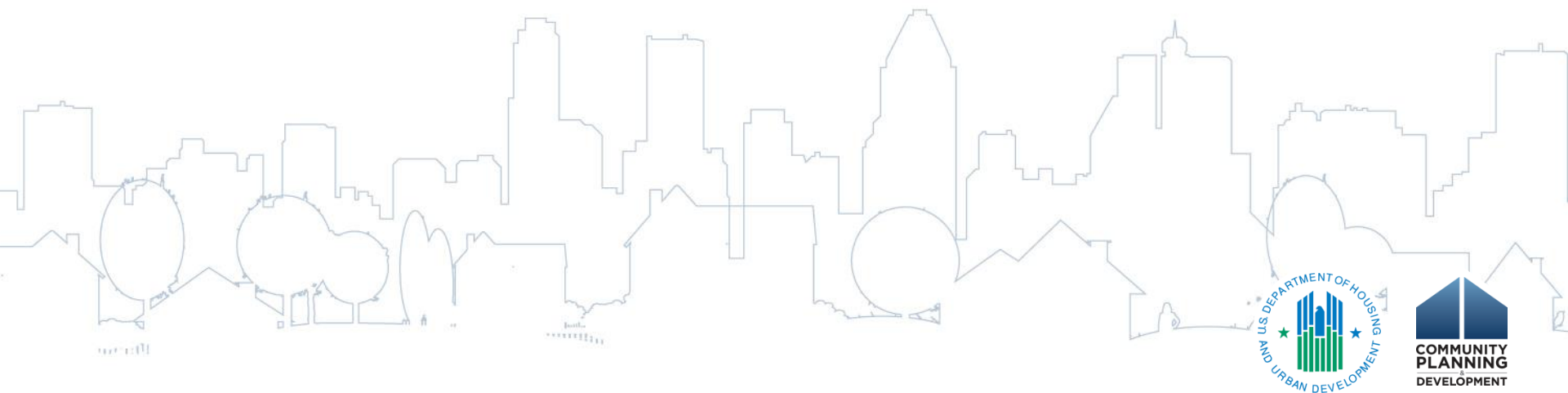
Questions?

PIT Count Lessons Learned from the 2019 HDX Submission and CoC Program Competition

Great Stuff CoCs are Doing:

- Engaging people with lived experience in planning and counting
- Involving schools in planning and counting
- Implementation of or greater focus on trauma-informed practices
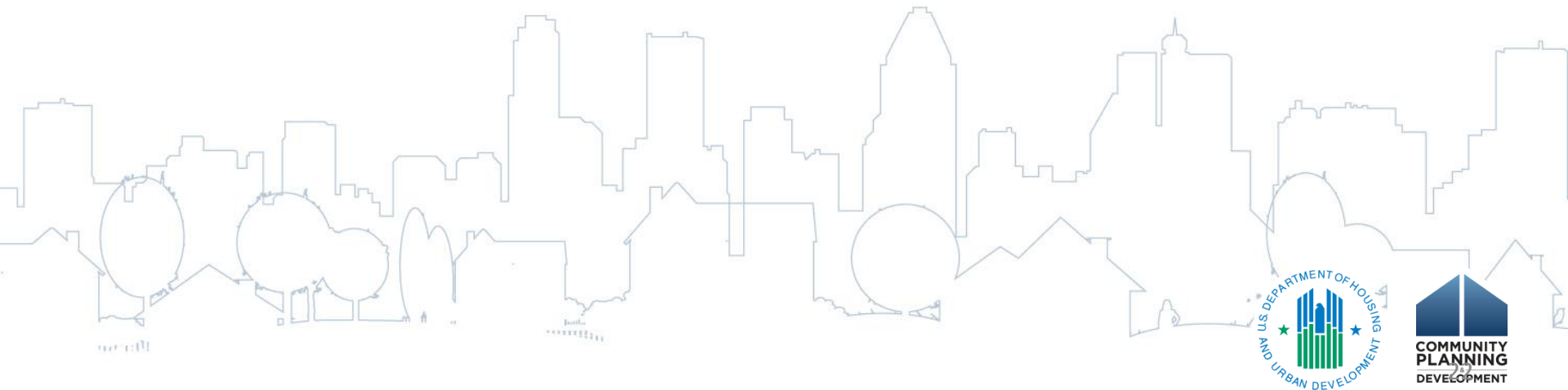- Use of mobile applications

Challenges CoCs Still Face:

- Confusion about when and how to extrapolate

Open Discussion / Q&A

What questions do you have about PIT count planning, implementation, analysis, and reporting?

Additional PIT Count Resources

General Resources:

- [PIT Count & HIC Guides, Tools, and Webinars page](#) on the HUD Exchange, featuring:

- *[PIT Count Methodology Guide](#)*

- [PIT Count Standards & Methodologies Training](#)

- ***NEW*** **[PIT Count Volunteer Training Toolkit](#)**

- [PIT Count Implementation Tools](#)

- [Model PIT Count Survey Tools](#)

- [Ask-A-Question (AAQ)](#) feature on the HUD Exchange

DV-Specific Resources:

- [Guidance for Domestic Violence Partners and CoCs on Participating in the PIT Count](#)

- [Safe Housing Partnerships: Federal Domestic Violence and Housing TA Consortium](#)

- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#) (including contact info for all of the state coalitions)