**Federal Agency Panel – 2023**

**Eileen Fitzgerald, Moderator**

Eileen Fitzgerald is the founder and principal of ThruSight LLC, a strategic consulting and advisory services firm. As a principal at ThruSight, she leverages the expertise and insight she gained as a leader in her more than 30-year career in the housing, community development, and nonprofit industry.

Prior to forming ThruSight, Fitzgerald served as head of housing affordability philanthropy with Wells Fargo, where she led the development and execution of a $1 billion Housing Affordability Philanthropy commitment. At Wells Fargo, she initiated an immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the Keeping People Housed initiative, and also launched the $60 million WORTH program to support 40,000 new homeowners of color. She spearheaded the $40 million Growing Diverse Housing Developers initiative to increase affordable housing supply and support the increased financial strength and capacity of Black and Latino developers.

Fitzgerald previously served as president and chief executive office of Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF), a collaborative of nonprofits that collectively owns and operates more than 140,000 affordable rental homes nationwide with a focus on advancing the creation and preservation of healthy sustainable affordable rental homes for low- and moderate-income households. At SAHF, she also launched CORES (Certified Organization for Resident Services and Engagement) and played a key role in SAHF’s energy and climate work.

Fitzgerald also previously served as chief executive officer and chief operating officer with NeighborWorks® America. During her tenure, NeighborWorks created the National Foreclosure Counseling Mitigation program (NFMC), an unprecedented initiative funded through Congressional appropriations, tripled the network’s engagement in affordable rental housing, initiated the first online training curriculum and substantially grew Success Measures, with a focus on community impact.

She also worked at the Fannie Mae Foundation and as chief investment officer for Single Family at the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, served at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Housing Service as the Associate and Acting Administrator, and held positions in Virginia and Maryland state governments.

Fitzgerald is a graduate of Fordham University and Princeton University’s School of Public and International Affairs. She serves on the boards of the National Housing Trust and the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) and is a resident of Takoma Park, MD.



**Sarah Brundage** (she/her)

**Senior Advisor for Housing Supply and Infrastructure, Office of the Secretary**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Sarah Brundage is the Senior Advisor for Housing Supply and Infrastructure in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In this capacity, she advises the HUD Secretary and leads the Department’s efforts to enhance HUD programs that increase the production and supply of housing, including the execution of the Administration’s Housing Supply Action Plan. She previously served as General Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at HUD. Prior to joining HUD, Sarah was the Senior Policy Director at Enterprise Community Partners, leading the national organization’s tax and fair housing policy and advocacy including co-leading the national ACTION Campaign to strengthen and increase the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Sarah also previously led Enterprise’s state and local policy in California, where she managed the state fair housing taskforce and the successful implementation of California Opportunity Maps. Sarah previously contributed to research with *Color of Law* author Richard Rothstein, the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, and the Terner Center for Housing Innovation, and worked for the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Sarah holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Florida and a Master of Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Jimmy Dahman – Chief of Staff, USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

Prior to joining USDA, Dahman spent ten years organizing for causes and candidates across the country, including serving as the Coordinated Campaign Director for the Biden-Harris campaign in Ohio. In 2017, he launched and then ran a civic engagement non-profit organization that helped constituents engage with their elected representatives. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Kent State University in Northeast Ohio.



**Josiah Keilson**

**Outreach Manager, U.S. Treasury Department**

Josiah Keilson serves as an Outreach Manager at the U.S. Treasury Department for the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), where he focuses primarily on the Southeast region. Before joining Treasury, he worked as the Senior Strategy and Innovation Manager at Capital Impact Partners, one of the nation’s largest non-depository CDFIs. Previously, he worked with federal clients, nonprofits, and social enterprises on strategy and analytics projects at Deloitte Consulting. He is a current MBA candidate at Georgetown University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from North Carolina State University.



**Lynda Perez, Director of Division of Community Discretionary and Demonstration Programs, HHS**

**Lynda Perez** is the Director of the Division of Community Discretionary and Demonstration Programs (DCDDP) which administers three discretionary grant programs: [Community Economic Development (CED) program](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ced), [Rural Community Development (RCD) program](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/rcd), and [Diaper](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/afi) Distribution Demonstration and Research Pilot (DDDRP). Ms. Perez has extensive experience in program operations, grants management, and procurement. She has been with OCS since 2000 and in her current position since 2006.  Ms. Perez has a master’s degree in social work from the University of Chicago and has earned a reputation for being a compassionate advocate who strives to ensure that under-served communities receive equitable share of available resources.



**Daniel Upham**
**Chief, Microenterprise Development Division, Office of Financial Assistance
U.S. Small Business Association**

Daniel Upham is currently managing SBA’s Microenterprise Development Division, including the Microloan Program, PRIME Program, and ILP Program. He joined the SBA in October 2009 as a Financial Analyst on the Microloan team and was promoted in April 2014 to the Deputy Chief role. In October 2014, he took his first supervisory role at SBA as Chief for SBA’s Community Advantage Pilot Loan Program, and in February 2015 he became the Chief for the Microloan Program. Dan also served as the Acting Director for the Office of Economic Opportunity from January 2018 to June 2019 when that office transitioned into the Office of Financial Assistance.

Prior to joining SBA, Dan worked on a multi-billion dollar Federal Grants program for victims affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Dan also has experience with real estate lending, and has owned several businesses specializing in commercial finance, including commercial aircraft leasing and general equipment leasing.