New England Community Development Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 7, 2016
Board of Director's Room (31st Floor)

Breakfast 9:30 AM

Welcome & Introductions 10:00 – 10:30 AM
Prabal Chakrabarti, Senior Vice President, Community Affairs Officer

Federal Reserve System’s Small Business Credit Report 10:30 – 11:00 AM
Presentation/Q&A
Anthony Poore, Deputy Director

The Community College Initiative 11:00 – 11:30 AM
Presentation/Q&A
Sarah Savage, Community Affairs Manager

Roundtable Discussion/Lunch 11:30 – 1 PM
New England CDAC Members

1. **Overall economic conditions**: What are the Council members’ assessments of overall economic conditions for low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities?
2. **Labor markets**: How have the labor markets in which Council members operate changed in recent months? In particular, assess the degree of job loss or gain (how much and in which industries). What changes to wages for LMI earners have Council members observed? How is underemployment affecting the LMI?
3. **Workforce Development**: What local, state or regional efforts have been effective at providing LMI with skills and connections to jobs? Are you familiar with any financial institutions generally being involved in Workforce Development efforts?
4. **Multifamily and affordable housing lending**: What is the Council’s view of the availability of credit for multifamily and affordable housing projects? Have Council members seen any changes in the demand for multifamily and affordable housing loans since the beginning of the year?
5. **Housing markets**: How have house prices and rental rates changed in recent months? Have there been any changes in housing activity for LMI communities in Council members’ regions?
6. **Small business lending**: Has credit availability for, and demand for credit from, small businesses changed significantly?