

**National Urban Indian Housing Conference**  
**Action: Policy Development Through Planning**

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**A.) Resource Availability and Community Need**

The questions that must be asked first are:

1. Who funds projects/programs that are developed as part of a community plan?
  - i) All levels of government (plan as part of other plan)
  - ii) Private sources (implementers)
  - iii) Non-profit organizations (implementers)
  - iv) intermediaries
  - v) foundations/philanthropists
2. How did we carry out our plan?
  - i) Stakeholder involvement/participation
  - ii) Process vs. product
    - Education/awareness
    - Lobbying
    - Marketing

**B.) Planning and Changing or Creating Policy**

1. Planning is all about maximizing and changing current policy: If all policies were fine, we wouldn't need to plan.
2. Changing the status quo
3. Advocacy
4. How change is happening
  - i) National Intermediaries and Foundation
    - National models of success
    - Resources to thoroughly explore issues/practices
    - Policy
    - Priorities
    - Influence
    - Paradigm shift

- ii) Government
  - Understanding political and economic process
  - Capitalize upon opportunities
  - HOPE VI as example
  
- iii) Local Level
  - Government, school boards, authorities
  - Easiest access/influence?
  - Planning is opportunity to create policy change at local level
  - Changes tie into major funding programs at local level