

**Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey
Biographies for Candidates for Board of Directors
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015**

Wendy Brown - Municipal Housing Liaison/Administrative Agent, City of Orange Township - Wendy is the Municipal Housing Liaison and Administrative Agent for the City of Orange Township, Works closely with developers and the city's municipal planner. Prepare Project Plans and Amendments, monitors RCA funds, and Trust Fund accounts prepare reports, monitor and implement rehabilitation program, interview homeowners and tenants to determine income eligibility. Wendy works as an alternate Liaison between the City of Orange Township and the County of Essex Community Development Block Grant Program; she prepares and monitors CDBG contracts. She has been a member of AHPNJ since 2006 and is currently serving on the Board of Directors and as Co-chair of the Nominating Committee.

Diane Clapp - Director of Social Services, Readington Township - Diane received her Master's in Social Work from Rutgers University. She has administered Readington Township's Affordable Housing Program since 1991 and has been Director of Township Social Services since 1984. Diane found that the combination of Affordable Housing and Social Services in her community were a natural one. While Diane enjoys working with people in this very positive way, she has found that her social work interviewing and information and referral skills have been invaluable in the Affordable Housing process.

Sharon Clark - Executive Director, Central Jersey Resource Center - Sharon has approximately 30 years combined experience in the areas of real estate development, property management and affordable housing. For the last 16 years, she has held the position of Executive Director with the Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) formerly known as Somerset County Coalition on Affordable House (SCCOAH). CJHRC is a HUD approved housing counseling agency that serves approximately 2,500 clients a year with housing hurdles. Various towns and boroughs have contracted with CJHRC to serve as their administrative agent. She is a member of 15 other groups/organizations and serves on several committees. When the discussions came about regarding creating an organization that could provide vision and leadership in the area of affordable housing she was extremely interested. These discussions resulted in the creation of Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey (AHPNJ). By being on the AHPNJ Board of Trustees she gains valuable input from the other members, and participates on the policy committee with the primary goal of ensuring a fair system of policies and procedures in the area of affordable housing pose the existing system(s). AHPNJ provides her with an opportunity to discuss her opinions and experiences and gain valuable information and knowledge by listening to the other members.

Adam M. Gordon - Staff Attorney, Fair Share Housing - Adam has been a Staff Attorney at Fair Share Housing Center since 2006, when he joined the organization as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. In his work with FSHC, Gordon has litigated at the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division and worked on state and federal policy issues including very-low-income housing in high opportunity communities, Low Income Housing Tax Credit allocation, and statewide fair share allocation. Gordon is also co-founder of the magazine Next City, which the New York Times described as a "subtle plan to change the world," and a non-resident fellow at the NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy where he has worked on several initiatives on reshaping federal housing policy to focus on sustainable and inclusive communities. A New Jersey native, Gordon holds a B.A. and J.D. from Yale University.

Randy Gottesman - President, Community Grants Planning & Housing, LLC - Randy is the President of Community Grants Planning & Housing, LLC (CGP&H), which is a for-profit organization that provides planning and implementation services to more than 60 municipalities and private organizations across the State. CGP&H works on all COAH related activities, from developing or updating Housing Elements, Spending Plans and other related COAH Planning, to Administrative Agent services and implementation of affordable housing programs, including accessory apartments, market to affordable programs, housing rehabilitation programs, lead inspection services, and helping to develop special housing group home and independent living projects. Randy and his company also has several decades of extensive experience with all aspects of grant writing, grant administration, CDBG and HOME programs and other HUD funded initiatives.

Gail Pfister - Municipal Housing Liaison/Administrative Agent, Township of Robbinsville - Gail is the Municipal Housing Liaison and Administrative Agent for the Township of Robbinsville. Gail is responsible for overseeing; coordinating and the implementation of all COAH related activities. She is the municipality's primary point for all inquiries from the State, developers, affordable housing sponsors, owners, property managers and interested households. Gail is responsible for compiling, verifying and the submittal of annual reports and monitoring the status of all restricted units in the municipality's Fair Share Plan. She has been a member of AHPNJ since 2007 and is currently serving on the Board of Directors and is the Program Committee Chair.

Beverly M. Riddick - Executive Director of Homes of Montclair Ecumenical Corp. (HOME Corp) – Beverly has held the position since 1996 following a three-year volunteer commitment as a HOME Corp Trustee. As Executive Director, Riddick is responsible for the development and implementation of affordable housing programs and initiatives which address HOME Corp's mission: to provide safe, decent, affordable homes in Montclair and to promote neighborhood development. Since Riddick assumed the role of Executive Director, HOME Corp has acquired, renovated and sold 37 single and multi-family properties to income-eligible homebuyers in Montclair and rehabilitated and managed 63 rental units, all occupied by low, moderate and middle-income families and small commercial businesses. Since 1996 Riddick increased HOME Corp's budget 400%. During Riddick's tenure HOME Corp housed over 370, counseled over 7,000 residents and generated total project funding exceeding \$12,000,000. From 1990-1996, Riddick served as Assistant Vice President of Real Estate Finance at Chemical Bank New Jersey (now PNC Bank). While at Chemical she managed a \$20 million portfolio in real estate loans and asset management accounts. From 1985-1990, Riddick was employed at the First National Bank of Boston (now Bank of America) as a real estate lender/workout specialist. Riddick is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College located in South Hadley, Massachusetts, where she majored in Urban Studies. Following Mount Holyoke, she was awarded a twelve-month fellowship in the Coro Foundation, a public affairs internship program located in St. Louis, Missouri. Upon completion of Coro, Riddick obtained a Master's Degree in Public Policy Analysis at Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California. Riddick has received a number of awards including the Shirley Chisholm-Catalyst for Change Award, American Association of University Women-Women as Agents of Change Award, US Congress Certificate of Congressional Recognition, Montclair Economic Development Corp.-Community Award, and the National Council of Negro Women-Business Award. Riddick is married with 2 children and resides in Montclair, New Jersey.

Edwin W. Schmierer, Esq., Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. - Ed received his J.D. from Boston College and his B.A. from Seton Hall University. Ed is currently a practicing attorney, employed by Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. His practice areas include Governmental Affairs and Real Estate and Land Use with areas of emphasis on Municipal Affordable Housing Compliance, COAH Administrative Hearings; Impact Fee Methodologies, Wastewater Planning and Redevelopment & Housing Programs. Ed serves as Princeton Township Attorney, West Windsor Township Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney, Counsel to Pennington Borough Planning Board, Counsel to East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority, Assistant Counsel to New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Hopewell Township Planning Board Attorney, Assistant Counsel to New Jersey Planning Officials, Edison Township Planning Board Attorney and Borough of Highland Park Attorney. He is a member of the New Jersey Institute of Local Governmental, New Jersey Planning Officials, Board of Directors, Woman Space, Inc. and Board of Directors of Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. Ed is a member of the New Jersey Bar and has been admitted in to U.S. Supreme Court.