

BIOGRAPHIES

2019 AHPNJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE (term 2020-2021)

Joshua Bauers, Esq. - Joshua graduated from the Rutgers School of Law and is a staff attorney with the Fair Share Housing Center. He is tasked with enforcing New Jersey's affordable housing mandates in municipalities across the state. Previously he was a Maida Public Interest Fellow at FSHC and an extern for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. His experience also includes acting as a housing counselor for Senior Services United Community Services and in that role advocating for seniors seeking affordable housing.

Sharon Clark - Secretary - Sharon is the Executive Director of the Central Jersey Resource Center and has over 35-years' experience in the housing industry, the last 26 years with the CJHRC (formerly Somerset County Coalition on Affordable Housing). She has served in numerous positions with the agency and has been Executive Director since 1997. Prior to her employment with SCCOAH, Ms. Clark spent eight years as a property manager for Unirok Enterprises, Inc. where she was responsible for over 600 rental units in four different states. Ms. Clark and the agency have been recognized numerous times for outstanding programs, counseling and community service. Most recently (June 2019) Sharon was awarded the Corneila B. Thum Award for Leadership & Vision in Human Services. Under Ms. Clark's leadership, the organization has experienced steady growth and expansion. Central Jersey Housing Resource Center continues to be recognized as a non-profit leader and works collaboratively with over 25 other organizations to ensure services are not duplicated and client's needs are met. Over the last twenty years, Sharon has become an expert on the complex regulations and controls for the State of NJ Affordable Housing Program. Currently CJHRC has contracts and is the administrative agent for more than 1,200 low and moderate income housing units located in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. In addition to her management responsibilities, Ms. Clark serves on various committees and task forces focused on housing issues in NJ and how to resolve problems clients in Somerset County and the region face. She is regularly asked to speak at conferences and seminars concerning a variety of housing issues, including Healthy Homes. She completed the Rutgers/AHPNJ Affordable Housing Certificate Program in early 2017. Sharon is a Founding Member of the Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey and has served on the Board of Directors for eleven years.

Toi Collins - Toi is the Director of Housing Outreach Services at the Affordable Housing Alliance and has managed the agency's affordable rental and sale programs for the past 20 years in addition to managing housing counseling and education staff. She is the direct point of contact for all Administrative Agent services and responsible for developing unit pricing strategies, affirmative marketing plans and contract administration. She is a certified housing counselor in homeownership counseling and foreclosure prevention counseling as well as a certified homeowner and home buyer educator. Toi has also taken numerous COAH trainings with Rutgers University's Governmental Services Department. On October 1, 2018, she earned her Affordable Housing Professional Certification from Rutgers University and the Affordable Housing Professional Certificate Program. She holds an Associate's Degree in Human Services from Brookdale Community College and a B.A. in Social Work with a concentration in Real Estate and Community Development from Monmouth University. Toi has been nominated for several

appointments to serve on the Monmouth County Fair Housing Board which ensures that everyone has access to housing options free of discriminatory practices.

Randy Gottesman - Treasurer- Randy is the President of Community Grants Planning & Housing, LLC (CGP&H). CGP&H provides planning and implementation services to more than 120 municipalities and private organizations across the State. CGP&H works on all affordable housing related activities, from developing or updating Housing Elements and Fair Share Plans, Ordinances, Spending Plans and Expert Testimony, to providing turnkey Administrative Agent services and implementation of all affordable housing programs, including accessory apartments, market to affordable programs, housing rehabilitation programs, affordability assistance programs, lead inspection services, and much more. Randy and his company also have several decades of extensive experience with all aspects of grant writing and the administration of CDBG and HOME programs and most other state and federally funded initiatives for municipalities. Randy is currently an officer of the AHPNJ Board of Directors, currently serving as the organization's Treasurer.

Samantha Hennessey - Samantha is a development associate with The NRP Group, a national real estate company with a mission to provide housing for people of all incomes. She has spent 10+ years developing affordable housing throughout New Jersey including urban redevelopment, multifamily, senior, single-family, and supportive housing. Involved in the concept to completion of over 2,000 units, she has considerable experience in the financing, construction, and property management of affordable housing. She has expertise in many affordable housing financing programs including the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC), Federal Home Loan Bank, HOME, Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), Section 8 and other public and private resources. Samantha is a recent addition (December 2018) to the board of Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey (AHPNJ) and is excited to be part of an organization dedicated to the affordable housing industry.

Raphael Kasen - Raphael joined New Jersey Community Capital in January 2018 as Homeownership Administrator for the Address Yourself affordable homeownership program. In this role, he is responsible for management and outreach for the program, including outreach to Limited English Proficiency and ITIN borrowers. Prior to joining NJCC, Mr. Kasen worked as a Community Building Specialist for the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, where he spearheaded local policy and advocacy work, as well as technical assistance and training around problem properties, foreclosure, and neighborhood revitalization issues. He has spoken at state, regional, and national conferences, and been featured as subject matter expert in both the Burlington County Times and the New Jersey Star Ledger. He also serves as a board member for Homefirst Interfaith Housing & Family Services in Plainfield, New Jersey. Raphael holds a master's degree in Regional and City Planning from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

Marc E. Leckington - Marc is President of Leckington Advisors and an instructor for Rutgers' Affordable Housing Professional Certification Program. Previously he was the Chief of Housing Production for the City of Trenton, which involved oversight of the Housing Rehabilitation Program, First Time Homebuyer Program, and HUD entitlement grants, and prior to that was the Vice President of

Housing at Community Grants, Planning & Housing where he supervised the monitoring and development of affordable housing in New Jersey.

Gail Pfister - Program Committee - Gail is the Municipal Housing Liaison and Administrative Agent for the Township of Robbinsville. Gail is responsible for the oversight, coordination and 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. Gail is also the Chair of the Mercer County Human Services Advisory Council.

Edwin W. Schmierer, Esq. - President - Ed received his J.D. from Boston College and his B.A. from Seton Hall University. Mr. Schmierer 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. He serves as Assistant Princeton Municipal 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 COAH Attorney, Assistant Counsel to New Jersey Planning Officials, Borough of Haddonfield Special COAH Counsel, and Borough of Highland Park Attorney. He is a member of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys, New Jersey Planning Officials, Board of Directors, Womanspace, Inc. and Board of Directors of Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. Mr. Schmierer is a member of the New Jersey Bar and has been admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. He is the current president of the AHPNJ Board of Directors.