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Secretary Donovan names Barbara Fields as HUD New England Regional Administrator



HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan announced President Barack Obama's selection of Barbara Fields to serve as HUD's Regional Administrator for the six states in HUD's New England Region including Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Fields most recently served as the Executive Director of the Rhode Island office of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the nation's leading community development intermediary. Created by the Ford Foundation, LISC finances urban and rural revitalization efforts nationwide by leveraging philanthropic dollars with private and public investment capital to stimulate economic recovery of depressed communities.

Under Fields' leadership, a LISC office was established in Rhode Island in 1991 as a single person operation. Since then, Rhode Island LISC has become a significant local institution

investing more than \$280 million to support nearly \$1 billion of development in communities across the state. In addition to her proven record of building a strong community development sector that produces affordable housing, Fields has successfully linked housing development in low income communities with strategic community economic development, education and public safety initiatives.

"Barbara's extensive knowledge of affordable housing and her comprehensive approach to community revitalization are a perfect complement to the Obama Administration," said Donovan. "When you look at Barbara's track record, her commitment to helping those in need comes across loud and clear. She will be a tremendous asset to us in carrying out HUD's mission to build strong, sustainable communities that offer affordable and healthy housing options for all Americans."

Since Fields' arrival in 1991, LISC's National Equity Fund has invested nearly \$180 million equity in multifamily housing and \$30 million equity in New Markets projects throughout Rhode Island. In addition to numerous high profile housing and commercial development projects, Rhode Island LISC has become a key partner in youth programming, child care, workforce development, and community safety efforts. One LISC targeted community, Providence's Olneyville neighborhood, became the subject of a Department of Justice book, *Building Your Way Out of Crime*, when calls for police service dropped 80% in five years.

"This is a tremendous honor. I share President Obama and Secretary Donovan's vision and enthusiasm for creating strong and sustainable communities of choice," said Fields. "During this important time of economic challenge

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HUD celebrates Black History Month



HUD's Region I celebrated Black History Month with an event that drew more than 80 attendees from other federal agencies, the general public, and HUD partners. Pictured above along with Region I Deputy Regional Administrator Kristine Foye (sixth from left) and William Burney, HUD's Maine Field Office Director (third from left) are some of the attendees who traveled from Portland Maine to listen and talk about their work restoring the Abyssinian Meeting House and linking important historical sites through the Portland Freedom Trail.

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and opportunity, I look forward to applying my expertise to help address the housing and community development challenges confronting the people and places of New England. I am determined to bring people to the table, link agendas and get results."

In her new position, Fields will serve as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, elected representatives, state and local officials, members of Congress, private and non-profit developers, stakeholders and customers. Fields is one of 10 regional administrators in the United States.

Prior to her service at LISC, Fields worked for the Massachusetts Government Land Bank, a quasi-public state development finance agency, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the City's main redevelopment agency.

Fields has served in leadership positions on many professional and community boards, including serving as Vice Chair of the Providence Housing Authority and Chairwoman of the Rhode Island Attorney General's Advisory Commission on Lead Paint. She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the newly formed Institute for Comprehensive Community Development and to the New England Community Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Ms. Fields has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and German from Tufts University and a Masters degree in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Event Name: Fair Housing Month Event: Live Free – Fair Housing

Event Duration: April 15, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Event Description: An overview of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and a discussion of how it applies in Rhode Island. HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity John Trasviña will deliver the keynote address.

Event Location: Board of Alderman Chamber
Providence City Hall
Room 302
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

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To register for the event go to: <http://www.hud.gov/emar/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=796&update=N>

Let's Talk Sustainability



From left, Ernest Zupancic, Region I, operations specialist, speaks to the Boston Chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar, where he provided an overview on the New England Sustainable Communities Partnership along with Mary Beth Mello, Federal Transportation Administration, regional administrator and Joanne Telegen Weinstock, Federal Transit Administration, Region I, transportation program manager.

NOFA News

To view the latest 2010 [Notices of Funding Available](#):

- [Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly](#)

New Director for Office of Community Planning and Development

HUD's New England Regional Office has a new Director of Community Planning and Development. Robert Shumeyko has been selected to fill the position left vacant by the retirement of Robert Paquin.

As CPD director, Shumeyko is responsible for the administration and oversight of HUD's Entitlement grant programs to five states and 55 cities in New England. These programs include the Community Development Block Grant program and HOME program. In addition, the office oversees HUD's homeless grants to governments and non-profits throughout New England.

Shumeyko received a bachelor's degree in policy studies from Syracuse University's Maxwell School and attended graduate school at Farleigh Dickenson University for public administration.

He has worked in HUD's CPD Office for the past eight years as a program manager and also as a CPD representative for Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Prior to his work with HUD, Shumeyko served as a program manager for the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development where he was responsible for all aspects of administration of the State small cities program, including preparation of



the competitive RFP's for the distribution of 30 to 40 million dollars in grant funds annually. While at HUD CPD, Shumeyko has worked with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to direct the majority of their CDBG funding in a more integrated and targeted approach to community revitalization.



Kelly DiBisceglie, Region I, Federal Career Intern, is shown at the dedication of a new computer lab at the Providence Housing Authority. Kelly is currently interning at the Providence Housing Authority as part of her training.

FREE HUD GRANT WRITING TRAINING

April 13, 2011, 8:30 a.m.
through April 14, 4:30 p.m.

Event Description: Free grant writing training is being offered for Faith Based and Community Organizations.

Event Location:

555 Windsor Street
Community Renewal Team , Inc.
Hartford, CT 06120

Workshop Topics will include: Grant Proposal Writing Techniques; How to Access Government Funds; HUD Programs Available to Nonprofits; HUD Common Factors for Award; The Ten Commandments of Grant Writing; Working with Local Governments; Organizational Capacity Building; Coalition Building

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To register for the event go to: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=782&update=N>



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HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination; and transform the way HUD does business. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Inter- net at www.hud.gov and espanol.hud.gov.

HUD Focus— Richard, Wesley Heights resident, Shelton, CT

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series that will focus on the impact that HUD funded programs have on people's lives. This article focuses on HUD's Assisted Living Conversion Program.

Richard, a Connecticut resident, worked in the aerospace industry for Pratt & Whitney. During the Cold War, he fabricated parts for fighter planes as the United States competed with Russia for air superiority. After the Russians launched Sputnik and put the first man into space, his work shifted to products that were being developed for the American space program in its early years.

Always involved with community service, Richard served as a volunteer fireman, a part-time member of the State Police, and a member of local ambulance corps. He has two sons, one in Connecticut and one in Kentucky.

For the last 10 years, Richard has had diabetes and a heart condition, both of which affect the muscles in his legs. He uses a walker to steady himself and prevent falling in case one of his legs get weak.

In 2001, at age 67, Richard moved to a Wesley Heights apartment, where he can eat breakfast, lunch and dinner each day in the nearby central dining room. He is glad that he does not need to shop for food or prepare meals, and he can make friends, attend music performances and participate in brain challenging games.

Richard witnessed the changes brought about by HUD's Assisted Living Conversion Program between 2006 and 2010. The physical changes in his apartment building included renovating his apartment bathroom, replacing the bathtub with a shower and bench seat; constructing a new activity room, sunroom and library; and installing power-assisted doors at the front entrance and at all the entrances to the renovated dining room and new activity rooms. Because Dick spends most of his time inside Wesley Heights, all of these renovations have made it easier for him to get around and improved his quality of life.

However, it is the availability of assisted living services at Wesley Heights that is really making a differ-



ence for him. Two resident services coordinators, one a registered nurse and one a social worker, oversee his care.

Once a week, a housekeeper cleans his apartment and does his laundry. Aides provide daily personal assistance. All of this nursing and personal care is paid for by Connecticut's Medicaid Assisted Living Pilot Program, which makes it possible for Richard to continue to live safely in his own apartment rather than requiring nursing home care.

About Wesley Heights: Located in Shelton, Connecticut. Wesley Heights was the recipient of two Assisted Living Conversion grants in 2005.

Wesley Heights II received \$1,518,974.00 in funds to convert 28 units into a fully accessible Assisted Living Facility for frail elderly persons, with common and resident service space on the floor. Services provided include congregate meals, visiting nurses, dental care, housekeeping, transportation, dementia care, and emergency response. Costs include relocation expenses, and rehabilitation, including wider doors, wheelchair accessible bathrooms with grab bars, minimum 30" front approach to lavatories, showers, roll-in and transfer, with grab bars; kitchens with wheelchair accessible work surface and sink counters; common area opposite elevators with laundry area, with accessible kitchen, dining area, recreation, social and seating area.

Wesley Heights III received \$1,585,501.00 in funding to convert 30 units into a fully accessible Assisted Living Facility for frail elderly persons, with common and resident service space on the floor. Renovations were made to the activity area, employee dining room, and employee restrooms. Funding was also used to install an elevator to improve access between the main floor areas that include apartments, common dining room and kitchen and the lower level where business and administrative offices are located.