

RESUME

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Served as director of the Community Planning and Development Division of HUD's Milwaukee Office for ten years overseeing CDBG, HOME, Homeless, Technical Assistance and other programs from 1998 to 2008. This office has been recognized for its program expertise and management, strong and positive relationships with clients including cities, counties, and the state, as well as non-profits. In addition, this office has always provided outstanding training and technical assistance both directly to grantees and through intermediaries. Prior to moving to Milwaukee in 1998, was Program Manager for affordable housing programs in the Chicago HUD office from 1987, and oversaw CDBG, the HOME Program, HOPE 3 Homeownership Initiative, Urban Homesteading and Section 312 Rehabilitation. Previously served as Community Development Program Officer in HUD's Chicago Regional Office from 1980 to 1987 and as a Community Planning and Development Representative in both the Richmond, Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa. field offices from 1971 to 1980. Masters Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University and BS in Journalism from West Virginia University. Retired from HUD in January, 2008, after 37 years of service.

Experience:

Community Planning and Development Advisors (CPDA) LLC. Partner May, 2008 - Present

CPDA is a newly formed consulting firm specializing in providing assistance to local governments and non-profit entities regarding utilizing federal funds including Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME, homeless programs, technical assistance programs and other HUD funding. CPDA also provides advice and assistance on general urban planning issues, intergovernmental coordination, cooperation and organization development. Clients include the Cities of Appleton, Kenosha, and Sheboygan, Wi., Hebron House and Waukesha County, and the Chicago Rehab Network.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development July, 1971 - January, 2008

37 years with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Director, Community Planning and Development, Milwaukee. 1998-2008: Oversaw field office responsible for Community Development Block Grant, HOME, homeless programs and technical assistance programs.

Program Manager, CPD, Chicago Office, 1988 - 1998: Manager of Affordable Housing Program Management Team responsible for HOME Program, housing rehab programs under CDBG and previously the Urban Homesteading and Section 312 Rehab Program.

Program Officer, Regional CPD Management Office, Chicago Regional Office, 1980 - 1988: Management reviews and guidance for six field offices in Midwest Region.

CPD Representative, Richmond (Va) Field Office, 1973 -1980

HUD Disaster Team cadre, served during 13 disasters from 1972 - 1980

Metropolitan Planning and Development Representative, Pittsburgh Field Office, 1971-1973

Education:

- Masters in Public Administration (MPA), Maxwell School, Syracuse University
- B.S., Journalism, West Virginia University

Related Skills

- Capacity building for nonprofits
- New construction and housing rehabilitation program Management
- Disaster recovery
- Housing program development, finance and operations
- Monitoring and compliance
- Continuum of Care homeless assistance planning and management
- Training, mentoring and organizational development

Recent Pertinent Accomplishments:

- Participant in joint Milwaukee-Milwaukee County Special Needs Housing Action Team. Integrally involved in attracting major non-profit special needs housing developers to Milwaukee such as Mercy Housing/Lakefront.
- Assisted in troubleshooting and problem solving with the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County on numerous troubled projects and programs including West Samaria, Guest House, ANET, Walkers Point Development Corporation. Worked intimately with the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County and other groups to develop the innovative Surgeons Quarters Section 8 SRO homeless project saving significant HUD funding originally allocated to the failed Walkers Point Development Corporation.
- Planning committee member for seven years from its inception of the Milwaukee Community Development Summit.
- Developed and conducted CDBG and HOME training for governmental, non-profit and HUD staff. Organized and conducted annual Community Planning and Development (CPD) CDBG/HOME Entitlement Grantee Counterpart conferences for cities, counties and the State.
- Administered CPD Technical Assistance Programs for CDBG, HOME and Homeless Programs working with technical assistance providers such as Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development (WPHD), Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin (UEDA), ICF International (national provider of HOME training), TDA Associates (Training and Development

Associates, a national provider of technical assistance and training for HUD homeless programs).

- Member of HUD HQers Quality Management Review Team that reviewed program administration of HUD CPD offices across the country. Participated on reviews of Philadelphia, Richmond, Little Rock and Anchorage offices.