VALERIE AGOSTINO has more than 40 years of experience in affordable housing and community development. She has been with Mercy Housing for 20 years and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Health Care & Housing, a role recently created to increase the organization’s focus on affordable housing as a platform for improved health outcomes for residents.

Agostino began her career in San Francisco in the late 1970’s working with Catholic Charities to develop opportunities for very low income, frail elders to live independently in a service-enriched supportive community setting.

In 1994, she joined the staff of Mercy Housing’s California regional office as the Director of Property Management for the then nascent California organization. In 2001, she was named Chief Operating Officer for Mercy Housing California and spent the following twelve years overseeing various community development, real estate and resident service activities throughout the state of California. In 2014 Agostino was promoted to Senior Vice President of Health Care & Housing and will support Mercy Housing’s efforts in California and throughout the nation.

Current affiliations include: Commissioner for the Housing Authority for the City of Berkeley, Commissioner for the City of San Francisco’s Long Term Care Coordinating Council, Member of the City of San Francisco’s Dementia Task Force

Agostino has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts and completed the Achieving Excellence in Community Development Program at the Kennedy School of Government, a program of Harvard University and NeighborWorks.

PEGGY BAILEY is the Senior Policy Advisor for CSH. She joined CSH in 2009 after five years as the behavioral health policy and program analyst for the National Alliance to End Homelessness (the Alliance). At CSH, Peggy oversees our efforts to ensure all residents of supportive housing have health insurance, typically through Medicaid and Medicare, and access to insurance benefit packages that comprehensively meet their needs. In addition, as part of the Government Affairs and Innovations team, she has worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families to target resources for supportive housing for families, engaged federal partners to improve housing for those exiting jails and prisons and worked with Congress and the Administration to increase behavioral health investment in supportive housing.

For five years prior to joining the Alliance, Peggy was the senior healthcare financing policy analyst for the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. Throughout her career, Peggy has worked on federal, state and local policy and service delivery regarding a wide variety of issue areas, including: agriculture research and extension service policy; youth homelessness policy and service delivery, Medicaid eligibility and benefits for families and people living with disabilities, SAMHSA homeless services grants, welfare benefits policy, SSI/SSDI access for eligible populations, public health innovation and child welfare. Peggy is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and has a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas.

MERTEN BANGEMANN-JOHNSON has over twenty years local, national and international experience in housing and economic development, public and non-profit management, planning and public relations. He is keenly interested in advancing rural housing issues to the forefront of health and housing discussions nationwide. In just a few short years, Merten has led the transformation of Gilman Housing Trust, Inc. d/b/a RuralEdge, a nonprofit affordable housing developer serving a very low income area of rural Vermont, from a 14 person organization with a $700,000 operating budget to a full service CDC with 40 full time employees and a combined operating budget of $2.9 Million. Prior to that, he served as startup CEO of a non-profit community development corporation/community land trust. He developed its first annual operating budget of $400,000 and brought in a $1.5 million private foundation grant, $1.3 million public grants, $1.1 million New Market Tax Credits and $2 million HUD 108 loan within the first year. Merten also managed the economic development portion of “Destination Downtown,” Tacoma, Washington’s nationally recognized rewrite of the City’s downtown zoning and land use regulations. As a result of this effort, Tacoma has undergone a massive transformation to one of the most attractive commercial centers in the South Puget Sound.
**JULIE BLUHM**, LICSW, is the Clinical Program Manager for Hennepin Health, a safety-net accountable care partnership serving Medicaid enrollees in Minneapolis, MN. In this role, she leads the implementation and refinement of the Hennepin Health care model and integration of social service delivery to improve care and reduce costs for the complex members served by Hennepin Health’s integrated care network.

Prior to joining Hennepin Health, Julie worked as the Program Director for a Children’s Residential Treatment program, specializing in Trauma Informed Care and the use of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) in residential treatment settings. In addition to program leadership, Julie is a Clinical Social Worker, with experience providing direct Mental Health treatment to individuals and families with complex treatment needs.

Julie is a passionate advocate for enhancing workforce capacity to care for people impacted by trauma. She has consulted and trained on such topics as Preventing and Managing Secondary Trauma, Implementing Trauma Informed Care, and Strategies for Working with Patients diagnosed with Personality Disorders in Healthcare Settings.

Julie earned a Master’s degree in Social Work and a Bachelor’s degree in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota.

**PETER CAREY** is Acting Chief Operating Officer of NeighborWorks America. Before coming to NeighborWorks America, Carey was president and CEO of Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), a regional community development organization serving eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley. Self-Help developed 1,300 multifamily rental homes and 6,000 mutual-self-help homes. In addition to developing new housing, Self-Help rehabilitated more than 6,200 homes, and assisted 1,500 first-time homebuyers. Self-Help provides technical assistance to dozens of rural communities struggling to meet the need for safe drinking water, resulting in 28,000 new water and sewer connections.

Carey has been involved in rural development work since 1969, when he served with the Peace Corps. Exposure to self-help housing in West Virginia led him to the San Joaquin Valley as a VISTA Volunteer in 1974. Since then he has received national recognition for his work in support of rural housing, including the Housing Assistance Council’s Clay Cochran Award for Distinguished Service in Housing for the Rural Poor and LISC’s Mike Sviridoff National Leadership Award. In 2014, Carey was recognized by the National NeighborWorks Association with the Richard H. Stallings Lifetime Achievement Award.

Carey is past president of the National Rural Housing Coalition, California Coalition for Rural Housing and the National Rural Self-Help Housing Association. He is also a board member for the Housing Assistance Council, and sits on the board of governors for the California Housing Consortium. He served nine years on the board of the California Housing Finance Agency, including five as chair. Carey is a past mayor, council member and planning commissioner for the city of Visalia, CA.

**DALTON DUFFIE** serves as a Resident Representative on the Foundation Communities Board of Directors. Duffie is also an Assistant Manager for the Salvation Army. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, listening to music and attending festivals around Austin. Duffie has been an instrumental in helping Foundation Communities reach out to the community through his board service and by sharing his story on our video, speaking at donor and volunteer events and by engaging his fellow residents. Dalton on his community service: “For me it is a unique opportunity to have a chance to help others get the same help I have been given to turn my life around. To help someone who has been a drug addict and/or alcoholic find a new way of life, to help that person regain his/her self-esteem, and to assist with housing, which is the ultimate step back into society and being a productive citizen again in life, to me that is the most gratifying feeling one can get in this life.”

**DAVID J. ERICKSON** is director of the Center for Community Development Investments at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and edits the Federal Reserve journal Community Development Investment Review. His research areas in the Community Development Department of the Federal Reserve include community development finance, affordable housing, economic development, and institutional changes that benefit low-income communities. Erickson has a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Berkeley, with a focus on economic history and public policy. He also holds a master’s degree in public policy from Berkeley and an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College. He has also been a leader in the collaboration between the Federal Reserve and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on bringing health together with community development. To date, this collaboration has resulted in 15 conferences around the country and numerous publications, including a cluster of articles in Health Affairs in November, 2011. His book on the history of community development, The Housing Policy

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Revolution: Networks and Neighborhoods, was published in 2009 by the Urban Institute Press. He also co-edited Investing in What Works for America’s Communities: Essays on People, Place, and Purpose. It is available at: http://whatworksforamerica.org.

DON FALK, Executive Director - As Executive Director of Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, Don Falk leads a community-based, non-profit housing development, management and social services agency in San Francisco with nearly 300 employees and 30 properties containing over 2500 homes. For eleven years prior to being named Executive Director in October 2005, Don served as TNDC’s Director of Housing Development. From 1982-1994, Don held a variety of positions with Jubilee West, a neighborhood based nonprofit that provides services and housing in West Oakland. He serves on advisory boards of Enterprise Community Partners, NeighborWorks America, St. Francis Foundation and the Federal Home Loan Bank of SF and is a past President of the Nonprofit Housing Association of Northern California. He holds a B.A. with honors in Economics and Urban Studies from Oberlin College, as well as a Masters of Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

CHARISE FONG, Chief Operating Officer, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation - Charise works closely with all of EBALDC’s programs to align and continuously improve impact evaluation, information systems, and cross-departmental collaboration. In addition to her operations role, Charise oversees EBALDC’s San Pablo Ave. Corridor Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative. Charise has deep experience with people-based strategies and cross-sector collaborations. She was a founding member of SparkPoint Oakland, and launched EBALDC’s East Oakland community hub and the Age-Friendly Community in the San Pablo Ave. Corridor. She also has expertise in outcomes measurement systems. Charise started her career as a litigation attorney in Los Angeles. She transitioned into the nonprofit sector to work on policy advocacy at CAA in San Francisco and then served as Program Director at Mission Hiring Hall/South of Market Employment Center. Charise has also worked in business development for a technology startup. As an independent consultant, she has assisted nonprofit clients with program development, research and fundraising. She first came to EBALDC in 2006 as the Director of Neighborhood and Economic Development. During this time, she launched the Resident Services program and significantly expanded Family Economic Success programs. She also facilitated organizational discussions on EBALDC’s Healthy Neighborhoods strategy and helped launch EBALDC’s pilot healthy neighborhoods. Charise holds a B.A. in history from UCLA and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law.

AMY GILLMAN has been instrumental in improving social and economic well-being in low-income neighborhoods for more than 20 years. As a national program director at LISC, the country’s largest community development nonprofit, Gillman focuses on integrating health strategies into neighborhood revitalization and increasing access to early education. Prior to LISC, she held numerous positions in social welfare policy and international community development in New York and Washington, DC. Gillman holds a master’s degree in management from Yale University and a bachelor’s degree from Wesleyan University.

JANE GRAF began her career in not-for-profit housing development in Oregon in 1978 through her involvement in housing issues affecting persons with disabilities. In 1981, she founded Specialized Housing, Inc., a not-for-profit housing development corporation that serves persons with developmental disabilities throughout the State of Oregon.

In 1987, Graf joined Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco as the Director of Housing Development and doubled its production of affordable housing over the next 6 years. In 1993, as part of a merger between the housing development department of Catholic Charities and Mercy Housing, Graf joined Mercy Housing as the President of the California region. Over the course of the past 20 years, her role at Mercy Housing has included responsibility for growing the entire Western Region comprised of California, Washington and Idaho. That oversight resulted in the development of more than 12,000 units of affordable housing in the 3 states.

Prior to being named COO and then President of Mercy Housing Inc., Graf was the President of Mercy Housing California which spans the state with offices in Los Angeles, West Sacramento and San Francisco. During her tenure in California, Mercy Housing California has developed 120+ multi-family properties and 3,000 affordable single family homes for a total of 10,000 units of affordable housing in the state of California.

Current board affiliations include: Board Member Housing Partnership Network; Board member Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future; Board member, National Affordable Housing Trust. Past board roles included 10 years on the Affordable Housing Council of the San Francisco Federal Home Loan Bank and 2 years as Chair; 6 years on the board of the Non Profit Housing Association of Northern California and 2 years as President as well as
President of the Board of Jelani House, Inc., of San Francisco; Chair of the board of directors of Northern California Presbyterian Homes and Services.

Graf received a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Oregon and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from the University of Minnesota.

ROB GROSSINGER is a vice president at Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. He works with a broad set of partners to provide thought leadership and technical assistance in the areas of community stabilization and the intersection of health care and housing. Rob currently oversees our work in both of these areas nationally and supports this work in Enterprise’s markets. Rob also serves as a subject expert for Enterprise’s public policy work, helping to set and implement the policy agenda in close coordination with the national policy team.

Rob brings more than 30 years of experience in providing financial and legal services to the community development industry to his role. He joined Enterprise in 2010 from Bank of America, where he was senior vice president in the corporate social responsibility group overseeing the bank’s neighborhood stabilization efforts, including its Real Estate Owned sales to NSP recipients. Rob worked in several progressively-advancing roles during his nine-year tenure at Bank of America and LaSalle Bank in Chicago, including serving as regional community impact manager for Illinois and Michigan and manager of LaSalle Bank’s Community Development Corporation. He previously served as vice president at the Corporation for Supportive Housing. Prior to that, Rob worked as assistant director and assistant general counsel at the Illinois Housing Development Authority and began his career as a legal aid attorney representing low income households in Illinois.

Rob is a graduate of University of Iowa College of Law and Indiana University.

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Ms. Haberle has co-authored a number of PRRAC reports, including Accessing Opportunity: Recommendations for Marketing and Tenant Selection in LIHTC and Other Housing Programs (December 2012), and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing at HUD: A First Term Report Card (January 2013), and she recently published an article on the new HUD discriminatory impact rule, titled “Introducing HUD’s Implementation of the Fair Housing Act’s Discriminatory Effects Standard” (Clearinghouse Review, fall 2013)

MICHAEL HANLEY is the Chief Executive Officer of United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNC), a multi service social service agency serving the needs of families, individuals, senior citizens and children through a network of community centers, childcare centers, senior centers and community services programs. Hanley began his career at United Neighborhood Centers in 1988 as the director of youth programs at UNCs Bellevue Community Center advancing to the Director of Aging Services Programs in 1992 Assistant Executive Director in 1994 and Executive Director in January of 1995. During his tenure, UNC has more than tripled in size, primarily through the expansion of its housing, community services and crisis programs. He instituted a One Stop Shop Housing Counseling program serving over 1,000 households annually with a variety of housing needs including first time homebuyers education, foreclosure prevention counseling and transitional as well as permanent supportive housing programs for homeless individuals and families. In addition, Hanley also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation, a subsidiary of UNC with a mission of developing affordable rental housing for low income households as well as addressing the comprehensive community development needs of struggling neighborhoods. Hanley holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from the University of Scranton, and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Marywood University. He is a 2010 graduate of NeighborWorks America’s Achieving Excellence Program at Harvard University’s John F Kennedy School. Hanley is a Board member of the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education and Metro Action of Lackawanna County. He is also a member of the National Advisory Board of Center for Engagement and Neighborhood at the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities He is a former board member of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania and a founding member of the Housing Coalition for Lackawanna County and the Acting Chair of the Human Relations Commission for the City of Scranton.
YIANICE HERNANDEZ is Deputy Director of Green Communities, overseeing Enterprise’s comprehensive research and evaluation of the economic, environmental and health benefits of green affordable housing. Through this effort, Enterprise seeks to demonstrate that, by improving the performance of affordable housing developments through green methods and materials, it is possible to achieve lower operating costs due to energy and water conservation in addition to improvements in occupant health through the use of non-toxic materials and better ventilation.

In addition, Yianice manages the development of tools and resources that share best practices and directs the ongoing performance tracking of Green Communities developments. She administered the research for the 2009 Incremental Cost, Measurable Savings: Enterprise Green Communities Criteria report, the first-of-its-kind study showing the cost effectiveness of meeting the Enterprise Green Communities Criteria. She also speaks to national, regional and local audiences about the Green Communities program.

Prior to her time at Enterprise, she was a member of the construction project management team of Common Ground Community, one of the largest nonprofit supportive housing development organizations in New York City. Yianice has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Pace University and a master's degree in nonprofit administration from the University of Notre Dame.

JULIAN HUERTA is the Deputy Executive Director for Foundation Communities, Austin’s largest nonprofit provider of affordable housing with supportive services. Julian develops and directs health, education and asset-building and programs that serve more than 30,000 working poor families and homeless adults annually in Austin and North Texas. He brings over 25 years of experience in program development, nonprofit administration and fundraising, the last 16 years with Foundation Communities. Julian is a member of the Board of Directors of RAISE Texas and serves on the Advisory Committee for the Humanities Institute at the University of Texas. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of the Incarnate Word and a Master’s Degree from the University of Texas.

DOUGLAS JUTTE, MD, MPH is a pediatrician, professor and population health researcher at UC Berkeley’s School of Public Health. He has been a leader in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco’s Healthy Communities Initiative, and he is now Executive Director of the newly formed Build Healthy Places Network, a national organization that aims to catalyze and support collaboration across the community development and health sectors. Dr. Jutte’s research focuses on the impact of social determinants of health on children, and he has published in a number of prominent journals including Epidemiology, American Journal of Public Health, Academic Pediatrics, and Health Affairs. A graduate of Cornell University, Harvard Medical School and the University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley, Dr. Jutte’s clinical work has been in low-income community clinics and as a hospitalist caring for newborn infants.

KIM NETTLETON is the Central Region Product Director, Complex Care Team at United Healthcare. Kim Nettleton has worked in Medicaid Managed Care for the past 16 years and in healthcare for more than 25 years. Kim has been with UnitedHealthcare Community and State Division in numerous roles including Vice President of Operations for the Texas Health Plan; Regional Director of Medicare Special Needs Plans; and currently serves as Director, Product Capabilities. Community and State is the segment of UnitedHealthcare that focuses on Medicaid and low-income Medicare populations. Product Capabilities is a team focused on innovative programs, services and products to serve people with Medicaid and low income Medicare members. Kim has been focused on the intersection of healthcare and housing and collaborating with community development to improve the health and wellbeing of United’s Medicaid and Medicare populations. About UnitedHealthcare: UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people nationwide live healthier lives by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. The company offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with 780,000 physicians and care professionals and 5,900 hospitals and other care facilities nationwide. UnitedHealthcare serves more than 40 million people in health benefits and is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company.
SARAH NORMAN joined NeighborWorks in 2014 as senior advisor on health and housing. This newly created position recognizes the important role that homes and neighborhoods play in determining health, and the focus that NeighborWorks places on creating homes and communities that promote and improve health.

The move to NeighborWorks puts Sarah right where she wants to be – close to the ground where effective programs and policies are developed. This was her experience when she served as the chief of the lead, asthma and healthy housing bureau and as senior policy advisor for the Baltimore City Health Department.

“We visited the homes of many children whose asthma was sending them to the ED and causing them to miss school. Many of these children were living in homes with leaks, mold, and other asthma triggers,” says Sarah. “You could see right away how impossible it is to expect sick children to get better when they’re living in environments that contribute to their sickness.”

Sarah comes to NeighborWorks most recently from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) where she directed a new grant program established by the Affordable Care Act to strengthen oversight of insurance rates and to enhance pricing transparency. Previously, she served as senior advisor to the Director of Oversight at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at CMS.

She also served as senior health and housing policy advisor to New York’s Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter and worked in public health in Egypt, Zambia and Ethiopia.

A Massachusetts native, Sarah served in the Massachusetts State House and completed her education at Harvard, with both a Masters in Public Policy from The Kennedy School of Government and a BA from Harvard College. She also serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including Baltimore Medical Systems and the Harvard Alumni Association.

RUTH ANN NORTON serves as President & CEO of Green & Healthy Homes Initiative. A dedicated advocate for healthy housing, she broadened the mission of the organization, formerly the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, by designing a groundbreaking national program built on a framework of cross-sector collaboration to efficiently deliver green, healthy and safe homes in communities throughout the U.S. A founding member of the Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission, she led the efforts in Maryland to reduce childhood lead poisoning by 98% and helped develop 27 pieces of state and local legislation to prevent lead poisoning and create healthier homes. She has served as a consultant to 35 state and local governments to help design effective healthy housing programs. She has been engaged with the management, design and technical assistance for more than 30 federally funded Green & Healthy Homes programs and has helped raised more than $250 million from the public and private sector. She serves as a federally appointed liaison to the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. She is currently working to advance social impact financing and demonstrating health and other benefits of energy efficiency improvements to create models for Medicaid reimbursement.

JEANNE PINADO is the chief executive officer of Madison Park Development Corporation (Madison Park), a non-profit community development corporation in Roxbury, MA. Established in 1966, Madison Park developed and owns 1,250 units of multi-family housing. The organization also develops owner-occupied housing, including the 60-unit Davenport Commons project that won the 2003 Fannie Mae Foundation Maxwell Award of Excellence due to its innovative partnership with Northeastern University. Jeanne serves on numerous boards and committees, including NeighborWorks Capital Corporation (currently president of the board) and the Neighborhood Risk Management Corporation. Ms. Piando holds a BA degree in economics from the University of Virginia and an MBA in finance from Columbia University. Jeanne’s awards include the African American Achievement Award for Community Service from The City of Boston and the Suzanne King Public Service Award from New England Women In Real Estate. In 2006, she travel to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mexico and Haiti as a Barr Foundation Fellow

JASMINE N. HALL RATLIFF is a Program Officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her work include managing projects focusing on childhood obesity prevention through local policy change and projects that bridge community development and health, along with exploring the use of program related investments to further the foundation’s goals to build a Culture of Health. Previously, she worked with the Missouri Foundation for Health where she directed the Women’s Health grant program and the development of the Smiles Across Greater Missouri Oral Health program. She was also a member of the Foundation’s Healthy and Active Communities initiative team and contributed to its 2008–2010 strategic plan. Ratliff earned a master of health administration from the Saint Louis University School of Public Health and a BA from the University of Virginia. She is vice chair of the Emerging
Practitioners in Philanthropy Board of Advisors and a member of the Association of Black Foundation Executives. She has presented at the Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families, the American Public Health Association Annual Conference, and various childhood obesity summits across the nation. Born in Virginia, Ratliff now resides in Lawrenceville, N.J., with her husband, young daughter and cat. In her leisure time, she enjoys time with her family, reads historic fiction, going to the movies and the beach.

SAMUEL ROSS, M.D., M.S., is the CEO of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System. Along with managing an 88 bed acute care hospital, he is also responsible for a network of community outreach divisions that focus on housing, education, job skills, behavioral health, substance abuse and rehabilitation. Under his leadership, Bon Secours and sixteen (16) partners were awarded one of five Health Enterprise Zone designations by the state of Maryland.

Prior to his arrival to Baltimore, Dr. Ross served at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas.

MEGAN SANDEL, MD MPH, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health, the Medical Director of National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, and a Co-Principal Investigator with Children’s Health Watch.

She is the former pediatric medical director of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless program, and is a nationally recognized expert on housing and child health. In 1998, she published with other doctors at Boston Medical Center, the DOC4Kids report, a national report on how housing affected child health, the first of its kind, and over the course of her career, Dr. Sandel has written numerous peer reviewed scientific articles and papers on this subject.

She has served as a Principal Investigator for numerous NIH, HUD and foundation grants, working with the Boston Public Health Commission and Massachusetts Department of Public Health to improve the health of vulnerable children, particularly with asthma. She has served on numerous committees and advisory boards, such as the National Center for Healthy Housing, a national advocacy group, both the National American Academy of Pediatrics’ and Massachusetts Chapter's Committee on Environmental Health, and CDC Advisory Committee for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.

MADELEINE SHEA is the Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Health at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Prior to joining the Office of Minority Health at CMS, Dr. Shea was the Director of the Disparities National Coordinating Center for Medicare Quality Improvement Organizations where she led Medicare disparities analytics and the diffusion of evidence based interventions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in chronic disease, adverse drug events, and preventive health care access. She is an advisor to Maryland’s Medicare Waiver performance measurement planning and the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Care Reform. Dr. Shea directed Maryland’s State Health Improvement Process, the State’s framework for health reform where she oversaw the development of performance measures to chart the State’s progress in meeting population health goals and coached statewide local health improvement coalitions to align action to meet local health targets. Dr. Shea has held leadership positions in Baltimore City and the State of Maryland in healthy homes, asthma, HIV/AIDS and chronic disease. She has served on numerous national and state committees, advisory groups, and boards and is a champion of performance measurement, improving social health determinants and advocacy for disadvantaged groups. Dr. Shea’s service career started in the Peace Corps in Liberia. She holds degrees in Economics, Management and Public Policy.

PATRICIA L. SMITH joined The Reinvestment Fund (TRF) in 2005, serving as TRF’s Senior Policy Advisor. A certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), TRF has invested $1.4 billion in affordable housing, high-performing charter schools, quality supermarkets, community health centers, and green businesses across the mid-Atlantic region and nationally. She is responsible for developing and communicating TRF’s position on policy issues to a wide range of stakeholders. Ms. Smith leads TRF’s efforts in the national Healthy Food Financing Initiative. In this capacity, she works with a range of partners on food access and is a well-regarded resource to the public sector and other food access programs across the U.S. During her career, Ms. Smith has held community development and leadership positions in the foundation, government and nonprofit sectors. She is a contributor to “Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-first Century” and appeared in in the PBS documentary, “Edens Lost and Found: How Ordinary Citizens Are Restoring Our Great American Cities”. Ms. Smith currently serves on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Ms. Smith is a 2002 Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow. She holds a BA from Mount Holyoke College and JD from George Washington University Law Center.
SARAH L. SZANTON, PhD, ANP, FAAN is an Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing with a joint appointment in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She tests interventions to reduce health disparities among older adults and particularly focuses on ways to help older adults “age in place” as they grow older. Szanton completed undergraduate work in African-American Studies at Harvard University and earned a bachelor’s degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 1993. She holds a nurse practitioner master’s degree from the University of Maryland and a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University. She is Principal faculty of the Center for Innovative Care in Aging at Johns Hopkins as well as Core Faculty at the Center on Aging and Health, the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions and Adjunct Faculty with the Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy and Adjunct faculty at Arizona State University. She is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health, the John A. Hartford Foundation, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center.

CHUCK WEHRWEIN is acting chief executive officer (CEO) of NeighborWorks America. That means he is ultimately responsible for the technical assistance, financial support and training that NeighborWorks America provides a network of more than 245 affordable housing and community development organizations that directly deliver programs and services to thousands of local communities. NeighborWorks America also offers diverse training and development opportunities to professionals from more than 3,400 non-member organizations.

“Working together with our network, we’re able to help tens of thousands of people across the country find and sustain affordable homes in communities that we help thrive,” says Wehrwein.

The son of immigrants who grew up on Chicago’s South Side, Wehrwein became acting CEO in April 2014. When he first joined the organization as chief operating officer in 2012, he brought with him a track record of success in affordable housing, community development, management and finance that included a stint with one of the founding members of the NeighborWorks network.

“I was doing private real estate development and feeling very unfulfilled when I was put in charge of a joint venture with Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago,” Wehrwein recalls. “Together, we built dozens of homes in struggling Humboldt Park as part of the New Homes for Chicago program. This was the spark for me. I realized I could bring my background and experience to this mission and have a positive impact. I never looked back.”

This first exposure to affordable housing put Wehrwein on a path to leadership in the industry, including stints as president of the Housing Partnership Exchange at Boston’s Housing Partnership Network, senior vice president at Mercy Housing, chief operating officer of the National Equity Fund, deputy assistant secretary for multifamily housing at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and deputy administrator for multifamily housing at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Housing Service.

A certified public accountant, Wehrwein earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University.

JONATHAN WILSON has worked at NCHH for almost 22 years, most recently as the deputy director. Previously, Mr. Wilson was director of Co-op Services for Worcester Common Ground, a community land trust in Worcester, MA. During his tenure at NCHH, Mr. Wilson has served as a program manager for research, technical assistance and policy work. He helped coordinate the Evaluation of the HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Program: the largest and most comprehensive study of lead hazard control in housing ever undertaken in the United States. From 2005-2006, he managed a post-Katrina flood clean-up demonstration project in New Orleans, Louisiana with support from Enterprise Community Partners and NeighborWorks. He is currently managing the Healthy Homes, Happy Kids green renovation study for Enterprise. He came to the NCHH with a background in non-profit housing development and a Master’s of Public Policy.