



COALITION NEWS

The Florida Housing Coalition is thrilled to announce the addition of Wight Greger, George Romagnoli, and Bill O'Dell to the Board, Lydia Beltrán, to the staff, and Michelle Braun to the Financial Services Committee.

WIGHT GREGER joined Jacksonville's affordable housing team in June 2006, and currently serves as Deputy Director of the newly created Housing and Neighborhood Services Department. Wight spent the last ten years as a Senior Technical Advisor for the Coalition and assisted in the implementation of the Florida Community Land Trust Institute. Ms. Greger's expertise includes public policy development, affordable housing development, organizational development and nonprofit capacity building and implementation of all aspects of affordable housing programs. Wight is a long time resident of Jacksonville, Florida, and is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of North Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in political science and public administration.



Greger

tion he has held since 2002. His department administers the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and SHIP programs, as well as the Housing Finance Authority. His department manages comprehensive neighbor-



O'Dell

hood redevelopment programs, and recently successfully received a \$13 million Section 108 loan from HUD to redevelop Tommytown, the county's poorest neighborhood. The county's housing programs has assisted over 4,000 families for homeownership, rehabilitation, foreclosure prevention, rental development, and other programs. His housing programs have received attention with its aggressive loan repayment program, which is now providing almost 30% of his department's \$11 million budget. George received his Bachelors degree in Political Science from Stetson University and Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University.

WILLIAM O'DELL is a key member of the University of Florida's Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing research team. Bill manages Florida's

Data Clearinghouse for Affordable Housing. He has worked closely with the Florida Housing Coalition for many years on a variety of issues including providing the information needed to determine housing need for the Sadowski Act Coalition and the information the

Florida Housing Coalition uses in its work around mobile home park closure displacement. Bill's work includes the development of tools and applications that utilize the Center's evolving housing database. He is currently working on contracts that make extensive use of census and property appraiser data. Bill received a Bachelors degree in Architure, a Masters in Political Science and has completed the coursework for his Ph.D at the University of Florida.



Romagnoli

GEORGE ROMAGNOLI is the Community Development Manager of the Pasco County Community Development Division, a posi-

LYDIA BELTRÁN

comes to the Florida Housing Coalition staff with a history of approximately fifteen years in community development.

Her experience ranges from project




Beltrán

coordination for nonprofits, program management for major entitlement cities and community planning and development through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Her specific experience includes management of HOME, SHIP and CDBG program funding including technical assistance, and addressing strategies associated with affordable housing development. Lydia has a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Braun

MICHELLE BRAUN is the new Community Relations Executive for Florida at Wachovia. In this position, Michelle directs Wachovia's

philanthropic and employee volunteerism programs, community development, Community Reinvestment Act compliance and statewide and local community partnerships. Michelle received a Bachelors degree in Business Administration/Philosophy from Notre Dame and a Masters degree in Nonprofit Management from The Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University. 



The Florida Housing Coalition has a collaboration with NeighborWorks America to help Florida's housing professionals obtain full certification in Housing Counseling training.

For details on the next five-day course, contact the Florida Housing Coalition at (850) 878-4219 or visit the Coalition's website at www.flhousing.org.

UPCOMING COALITION WORKSHOPS

Catalyst workshop series, sponsored by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. There is no cost for attending these workshops, but space is limited. To register go to www.flhousing.org and click on "Workshops, Training & Technical Assistance - ONLINE REGISTRATION" on the top menu bar.

Planning, Financing and Developing Affordable Rental Housing	November 15, 2006	Melbourne
The Development Process	November 16, 2006	Boca Raton
Understanding the Income Qualification Process	December 5, 2006	St. Petersburg
Developing Housing for Extremely Low Income Households	December 12, 2006	Orlando
A Quantitative Analysis of the SHIP Program	January 9-10, 2007	St. Petersburg
Planning, Financing and Developing Affordable Housing For Ownership	January 24, 2007	St. Petersburg
Homebuyer Counseling and Training	February 1, 2007	Gainesville
Enhancing Your Housing Strategies	February 6, 2007	St. Petersburg
Alternative Funding Sources	February 21, 2007	Orlando
Income Compliance and Program Management	March 6, 2007	St. Petersburg
A Quantitative Analysis of the SHIP Program	March 20-21, 2007	Coral Gables
Understanding the Income Qualification Process	April 4, 2007	Boca Raton
Predevelopment Process	April 11-12, 2007	Orlando
Joint Ventures: How and When to Partner	April 18, 2007	Orlando
Get SHIP Shape for Your Monitoring Visit	May 2, 2007	Boca Raton
Planning, Financing and Developing Affordable Housing for Ownership	May 16, 2007	Orlando
Creating and Sustaining Affordable Housing for Long-Term Affordability	May 31, 2007	Orlando
Planning, Financing and Developing Affordable Rental Housing	June 12-13, 2007	Coral Gables
Owner Occupied Rehab	June 27, 2007	Boca Raton

The Florida League of Cities, partnering with the Florida Housing Coalition, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, National League of Cities, Florida Department of Community Affairs, and Florida State University's John Scott Dailey Institute of Government, launched a major new initiative aimed at helping local governments alleviate the state's affordable and workforce housing shortage.

The initiative, known as the Institute for Community Housing, is a catalyst for local governments to access the knowledge and tools they need to create or improve affordable housing in their communities.



From left to right: Jeff Hendry, Florida Institute of Government, Michael Davis, Florida Housing Coalition, Rene Flowers, Florida League of Cities, Secretary Thaddeus Cohen, Department of Community Affairs, and Steve Auger, Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

The Florida Housing Coalition will assure that the ICH provides the best possible assistance to local governments, addressing their inclusive housing needs by providing the tools, trends and funding resources they need most for smart, strong and effective housing programs.

As its first order of business, the Institute is planning a series of one-day seminars for local government officials in Orlando, which will take place October 2006 through August 2007. The seminars will cover topics ranging from visioning

and funding to creating partnerships.

Additional information on the Institute is located at www.flcities.com.