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High Performing Housing Authority Executives Appointed to Instruct NJ Local Training Program in Orange

Orange, New Jersey – January 26, 2016 – Executive Director, Dr. Walter D. McNeil, Jr. and Chairman Coram Rimes of the Orange Housing Authority, have been selected by Rutgers University Center for Government Services to teach training courses to commissioners and executive directors of housing authorities and redevelopment agencies in January 2016.

NJ Local Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency Training Program, administered by Rutgers Center for Government Services, came into existence in 1991 requiring all Commissioners and Executive Directors of local public housing authorities and redevelopment agencies to complete a comprehensive training program consisting of required and elective courses.

“We are pleased Dr. Walter McNeil, has agreed to teach the Ethics course for public housing authority directors and redevelopment directors,” said Allen Zalkind, Director of Center for Government Services. “This is a required course for Housing Authorities and Redevelopment Directors and Walter is a very appropriate candidate to be teaching the course. We are grateful that he consented to serve as an instructor.”

The complete course of study provides commissioners and executive directors with the opportunity to enhance the knowledge and skills necessary to oversee and administer the operations of housing authorities and redevelopment agencies.

“The Orange Housing Authority has made an extraordinary commitment to provide outstanding services for our community,” said Coram Rimes, Chairman of the Housing Authority. “We are pleased to share our knowledge and enthusiasm with our peers in the housing industry.”

“We are delighted to take on this new opportunity at such an important time. OHA’s Board of Commissioners and I have been very proactive with exposing the City of Orange to new opportunity and we are happy to bring what we have accomplished in our community to a respected program.” said McNeil. “Ensuring we have the very best professionals in our trainings is vital.”

Today, Dr. Walter D. McNeil, Jr. serves as the Executive Director for the Orange Housing Authority. He is responsible for 250 residences, 642 “Section 8” vouchers, 114 tax credit units and various Scattered Sites throughout the City of Orange. With the support of a proactive Board of Commissioners, the Authority is steadily rehabilitating the East Ward by revamping old, abandoned properties that surround public housing.

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