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## Biographies

### Neal Rackleff, Assistant Secretary, CPD



Neal Rackleff currently serves as Assistant Secretary of the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mr. Rackleff is responsible for overseeing the administration of HUD federal funding appropriated to alleviate homelessness, revitalize communities and develop high quality, affordable housing, for low- and moderate-income families. Mr. Rackleff oversees the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Technical Assistance and Capacity Building program, and Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS). Additionally, Mr. Rackleff oversees HUD's CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding used to rebuild areas affected by natural disasters.

Prior to joining HUD, Mr. Rackleff was a Partner at Locke Lord L.L.P., a nationally recognized law firm, where he focused his practice on community and economic development, affordable housing, inner-city revitalization, and public/private partnerships.

Mr. Rackleff served as Director for the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department from 2012 through 2016. During his tenure, he oversaw the production of approximately 10,000 high-quality affordable multifamily housing units and assisted 1,700 single-family homeowners with reconstruction of hurricane-damaged homes. Chronic homelessness declined in Houston over 70% and the City of Houston became the first major city to effectively end veterans' homelessness. Mr. Rackleff has spent over 20 years working at the intersection of the public and private sectors, focusing on community development efforts that resurrect ailing communities and provide high-quality housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income families.

Mr. Rackleff graduated cum laude from Brigham Young University and received a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Southern California. He currently resides in Arlington, VA with his wife, Christa, and has four children Eve, Annie, Stephen and Karen.

## **Ralph H. Gaines, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, CPD**



Ralph Gaines is the former President and CEO of BeBetter Health Inc., a national population health management company. Under his leadership BeBetter Health transformed into a leading provider of health and wellbeing solutions to state governments, municipalities, hospital systems, and employers; creating and delivering products and programs to address behavior change. Ralph's career has encompassed positions in large and small company cultures including investment banking, manufacturing, and technology with broad experience in general management, strategic planning, and operations. Ralph maintains an active lifestyle having competed in Kona, Hawaii's Ironman 70.3 triathlon, and Chicago's Olympic triathlon and regularly pursues his love of skiing, golf, and tennis.

Ralph is a former member of the Young President's Organization, YPO, and a former member of the Associates Board at Rush University Medical Center. In 2009 Governor Joe Manchin appointed Ralph to The Healthy Lifestyles Coalition in the state of West Virginia. Ralph earned a Masters in Business Administration from the J.L Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

## **Lori Michalski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, CPD**



Ms. Michalski joined HUD in August 2003 and currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, Office of Community Planning & Development (CPD). In her current role, Ms. Michalski provides operational support to all program offices in the Office of Community Planning and Development for hiring and recruiting, consultative services, human capital programs, systems and technology, labor relations, facilities, budget and continuous process improvement. Additionally, Ms. Michalski provides oversight of CPD field operations, as well as CPD's technical assistance program and audit resolution and closeout functions. Prior to joining CPD, Ms. Michalski served as the Deputy Assistant for Housing Operations where she was responsible for helping to establish a quality organization in HUD, promoting the use of Lean Methodology and workflow automation as continuous improvement techniques.

Ms. Michalski has worked for HUD in a variety of positions, including Special Assistant to the FHA Commissioner for Continuous Improvement, Director, Office of Management, and Director, Organizational Policy, Planning and Analysis Division. Ms. Michalski previously worked as a Management and Program Analyst for the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Transportation (DOT) and in the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) as a Marketing Analyst and an Operations Specialist. Having worked in the USPS for almost 10 years, her responsibilities covered a variety of assignments, from marketing to retail to operations.

Ms. Michalski holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Strayer University in Virginia and graduated with honors as Summa Cum Laude.