

BIO

Dennis S. Guest

Dennis S. Guest began his career with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) in 1986 and is presently the Executive Director. He manages a staff of 250 employees.

CMHA is authorized to provide Section 8 vouchers for approximately 10,000 families in Franklin County and performs contract administration for 1700 units of project based Section 8. These programs allow for the distribution of over \$70,000,000 to rental property owners in the county.

With a \$15,000,000 operating budget, CMHA manages 3,427 public housing units and also operates 200 units of moderate-income housing. Additionally, in a partnership with 8 other Ohio housing authorities and a private company, CMHA serves as contract administrator for 58,000 Section 8 project based housing units throughout the State of Ohio and 6,100 Section 8 project based units in Washington, DC.

Through partnerships with the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Community Shelter Board, United Way, ADAMH Board and experienced non-profit housing organizations, CMHA endeavors to provide the best housing and supportive services to its 34,000 residents.

Prior to this position, Dennis served as the Director of Housing Management at the San Francisco Housing Authority. He was also the Executive Assistant at the Oakland Housing Authority and a VISTA Volunteer at the Seattle Housing Authority.

Dennis received a Bachelors of Art degree from the University of Michigan. He serves on several Boards: Funders Collaborative (Community Shelter Board), Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board and President of the Assisted Housing Services Corporation. Dennis enjoys golfing and reading. He is married to Bernadette and resides in Columbus, Ohio,