Biography

Harry D. Sewell **Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

Mr. Sewell was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he attended public schools and graduated with honors from West Philadelphia High School. He was awarded an academic scholarship by the Philadelphia Board of Education to attend the Pennsylvania State University and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Labor Management Relations.

Upon graduation from Penn State, Mr. Sewell began a career in real estate finance, management and development that has included the positions of Assistant Director of Philadelphia Urban League's Housing Information Center; Board Member of the Philadelphia Housing Authority; Director of Real Estate and Housing for the City of Wilmington, Delaware; Vice President of ABG Financial Services in Baltimore Maryland; Interim Executive Director of the Wilmington Housing Authority, and Chairman of the Housing Authority of New Orleans, Louisiana.

In April of 1987, Mr. Sewell was appointed by Governor Robert P. Casey to serve as Deputy Secretary for Administration for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. As the Chief Administrative Officer of that agency, his responsibilities included the Department's finances, human resources, information systems and facilities management. DPW was the largest department in state government with over 29,000 employees and a budget of $6.8 billion.

Mr. Sewell was the founder and President of Ujima Development Corporation. Ujima was created to meet the challenges to producing, managing and maintaining affordable housing in the era of public housing and welfare reform. It provided management consulting services and executive management for Public Housing Authorities and other providers of affordable housing.

In November of 2000 Mr. Sewell joined the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to serve as Assistant Secretary and Director of the Community Development Administration.

Harry is married to Simone C. Sewell and has three children....Tswana, Jamelle and Marcus.

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Assistant Secretary
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Presently, Mr. Sewell is an Assistant Secretary of DHCD and serves as Director of the Community Development Administration. CDA is the Housing Finance Agency for the State of Maryland administering single family and multi-family financing programs. It also is responsible for the allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits. While at CDA, Mr. Sewell increased the issuance of tax-exempt bonds for multi-family housing and pioneered a pooled financing program for Public Housing Authorities in the State.

President
Ujima Development Corporation
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Mr. Sewell was the founder and President of Ujima Development Corporation. Ujima was a real estate management, development and consulting firm created to meet the challenges to producing and maintaining affordable housing posed by public housing and welfare reforms. It has served as a Technical Assistance consultant to HUD for the HOPE VI program and was selected by the Office of Troubled Agency Recovery to act as an Administrative Receiver for Troubled Public Housing Authorities. In this capacity, Mr. Sewell served as Chairman of the Housing Authority of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Harry D. Sewell
Professional Experience

Interim Executive Director
Wilmington Housing Authority
Wilmington, Delaware

The WHA Board of Commissioners retained Ujima for Mr. Sewell's services as the Interim Executive Director. As the Chief Executive Officer, he was responsible for all management functions including housing operations, finance, human resources, development and procurement for this 2000+ unit housing authority with operating and capital budgets exceeding 15 million dollars. He developed and implemented the agency's fiscal recovery plan, concluding the fiscal year with a budget surplus, by restructuring the organization, renegotiating collective bargaining agreements and recruiting a new Executive Staff including the position of Executive Director.

Vice President
PRWT Services, Inc.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

As Vice President, Mr. Sewell directed a nationwide line of business that supplied data processing professionals and business process re-engineering consulting services to state and local government agencies. The duties included business development, contract negotiations, staff recruitment and project management. Technical teams worked for the States of California, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Massachusetts and consulting teams worked with public housing authorities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Los Angeles, California.

Deputy Secretary for Administration
Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The Deputy Secretary serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for DPW directing the Bureaus of Financial Operations, Personnel, Information Systems, Facilities Management, Civil Rights Compliance and Administrative Services. Together, these units were responsible for the daily business affairs of the State's largest agency with over 29,000 employees and a budget of 6.8 billion dollars. In this capacity Mr. Sewell managed the development and implementation of an automated state-wide Client Information System, negotiated the divestiture of state owned acute care hospitals to private ownership and upgraded leased office facilities in the Capitol Complex and at field locations across the state.

Harry D. Sewell
Professional Experience

Vice President
ABG Financial Services
Baltimore, Maryland

Responsibilities included conducting extensive research into financial techniques, including credit enhancement vehicles, for the development of assisted living facilities. Mr. Sewell served as the corporate spokesman at over two dozen seminars on the development of affordable housing for the elderly sponsored by organizations such as the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, the National Association for Senior Living Industries and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Mr. Sewell also originated, underwrote and closed over 75 million dollars in multi-family loans using FHA coinsurance and GNMA mortgage backed Securities.

Director
Department of Real Estate and Housing
Wilmington, Delaware

The Director managed the Community Development Block Grant program for the City of Wilmington, Delaware. The Department's four divisions were responsible for relocation, rehabilitation loans and grants for single and multi family housing, tax-exempt bond financing programs and the acquisition and disposition of real property. Under Mr. Sewell's direction, the Department was credited with the drastic reduction of vacant city owned properties through the creation of home ownership programs. The Department also developed a large mixed income, mixed use community on vacant city owned land and implemented the Neighborhood Strategy Area program rehabilitating over 300 units of housing for Section 8 use.

Community Relations Specialist/Editor Infill Magazine
Housing Association of Delaware Valley
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In the position of Community Relations Specialist, Mr. Sewell helped to organize tenant councils at several suburban Philadelphia housing authorities and established HUD mandated grievance procedures for resident complaints. As the Editor of Infill Magazine, he published a quarterly housing journal reporting on community development issues in the Delaware Valley.

Harry D. Sewell
Professional Experience

Assistant Director
Philadelphia Urban League Housing Information Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Responsibilities included qualifying families for home ownership using the FHA's 235 mortgage insurance program for low-income buyers. Provided credit counseling for families with poor credit histories enabling them to qualify for mortgages under the FHA's 237 mortgage insurance programs. Developed and implemented home maintenance workshops using professional craft persons to teach routine maintenance and trouble shooting skills to first time home buyers.

Education

West Philadelphia High School Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Honors Graduate
Pennsylvania State University State College, Pennsylvania
Bachelor of Arts Labor Management Relations

Boards and Corporate Offices

Housing Authority of New Orleans, Chairman
Philadelphia Housing Authority, Commissioner
Downtown Housing Council, Deal Committee
Quaker Hill Housing Corporation, President
Wilmington Homeownership Corporation, President
Delaware Chapter of NAHRO, Sr. Vice President
Wilmington City Housing Corporation, Secretary
Wilmington Zoning Board of Adjustment, Secretary
Wilmington Revitalization Corporation, President
Pennsylvania Employee Benefits Trust fund, Trustee
National Association for Senior Living Industries, Executive Committee
Harambee Institute Charter School of Science and Technology, Vice Chairman