

# Special IHCD A Info- Building Upon Success



## Meet Matt:

[Matt Rayburn](#) has been with IHCD A for five years and in that time has served as a Compliance Auditor, Compliance and Asset Manager, and most recently as the Deputy Director of Compliance and Asset Management since July 2012. Matt currently represents IHCD A on the Housing Credit Certified Professional Board of Governors and the National Compliance Professional Advisory Board.

He is already hard at work expanding IHCD A's training and technical assistance opportunities and plans to further our collaboration with senior and disability advocacy groups to advance IHCD A's goals for aging in place. Matt is looking forward to new challenges and getting to meet IHCD A partners that he didn't work with in his previous positions.

Matt lives in Franklin with his wife, Erin who is an assistant professor and department chair of



At IHCD A, we strive to provide the best and most comprehensive administration of the federal and state programs, funding, and initiatives we are entrusted with executing for the developments, projects, and partnerships we cultivate throughout Indiana.

With an emphasis on providing top notch customer service and management of each of the many facets that make up our agency, we constantly evaluate our best practices to ensure they are indeed our best practices.

At the helm of IHCD A are:

- [Jake Sipe](#), Executive Director
- [Mark Wuellner](#), Deputy Executive Director, Legal Counsel & Chief of Staff
- [Blake Blanch](#), Chief Financial Officer

IHCD A has evaluated our organizational structure as well as program delivery and management and is proud to announce the promotions of three of our staff to the newly expanded executive team.



## Meet Kevin:

[Kevin Stage](#) has also been with IHCD A for the past five years and has served in multiple roles in IHCD A's Accounting and Finance Departments. Most recently he was appointed Deputy Chief Financial Officer in December 2011.

As the new COO, Kevin plans to create an operations department to standardize processes across the agency as well as accelerate the paperless environment.

He is looking forward to the new experiences this position will provide and is known to regularly quote Seinfeld.



## Meet Donna:

[Donna Billiard Wright](#) has been with IHCD A for four years this month where she has served as the Weatherization Contracts and Funds Management

English at Ivy Tech Columbus and is particularly fond of jazz and tries to see live music as frequently as possible.



The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. Growing Indiana's economy starts at home.

For more information on IHCDA please visit [www.ihcda.in.gov](http://www.ihcda.in.gov).

For IHCDA partner information please visit [www.in.gov/myihcda](http://www.in.gov/myihcda)

For updates from Lt. Governor Ellspermann and the agencies she oversees, sign up at [www.lg.in.gov](http://www.lg.in.gov).

- [Matt Rayburn](#), Chief Real Estate Development Officer
- [Kevin Stage](#), Chief Operating Officer
- [Donna Billiard Wright](#), Chief Community Programs Officer

We are excited to have Matt, Kevin and Donna as an addition to IHCDA's Executive Team and welcome feedback and suggestions from our partners along the way. Feel free to utilize the [Feedback for our Executive Director](#) link on IHCDA's website.

In addition to the Executive Team expansion, if you have visited either of our websites recently (and we certainly hope you have) you may have noticed the multitude of job postings.

It's an exciting time to watch IHCDA fill some much-needed vacancies and to grow our talent. You will likely continue to see posting throughout the next couple of months as our new 6-member team works through the staffing needs of the agency.

We are in the process of hiring or have recently filled the following positions:

- Community Programs Specialist- [Lindsay O'Brien](#)
- Community Programs Analyst (working with CSBG, EAP & IDA)- [Allison Knox](#)
- Community Services Analyst (working with NAP & HOPWA)- [Evan Shearin](#)
- Compliance Attorney
- Constituent Liaison and Communications Specialist
- Director of Accounting
- Director of Real Estate Development
- Hardest Hit Fund Financial Analyst- Post Closing- [Carla](#)

Administrator, then Weatherization Administrative Manager and was appointed Deputy Director of Energy Programs in August of 2012.

Donna's newly created position leaves plenty of room for creative and innovative management of IHCDA's client-centered programs. She hopes her 12 years of experience in nonprofit program management will lead to further collaboration among IHCDA directors, managers and staff to provide exceptional community programs with a variety of partners statewide.

An avid runner for over 23 years, Donna plans to compete in some upcoming 5K races. Good Luck Donna!

### **Chief Community Programs Officer**

Donna's position as the Chief Community Programs Officer is a new role within the agency, with the goal to create collaboration within our client-service based programs and initiatives.

For example, we have seen a trend in recipients who receive EAP utility assistance also present in the HMIS homeless database. By combining our Energy and Community Services programs under Donna's leadership, we hope to streamline IHCDA resources and find solutions to these types of issues.

[Bruce](#)

- HMIS Manager- [Jill Robertson](#)
- Legislative and Policy Affairs Director
- Real Estate Development Underwriter- [Jonathan Ehlke](#)
- Systems Specialist- [Peter Nelson](#)

IHCDA would also like to recognize some internal staffing changes as we continue to see our staff taking opportunities to learn and grow their skill sets and continue to add to the overall success of our agency.

- [Carly Colombero](#), Real Estate Underwriter is now working with the Information Technology Department as the Senior Business Analyst taking the lead on IHCDA's Data Management System.
- [Darin Edwards](#), Real Estate Production Analyst in the NW Region will be filling the role of the Real Estate Development Underwriting and Closing Manager.
- [Pamela Emery](#), EAP Specialist has moved into the position of Community Programs Analyst, Weatherization giving her greater interaction with the provider networks.
- [Samantha Higdon](#) joined IHCDA as the Risk Manager and has recently been promoted to Director of Financial Operations.
- [Jeff Hasser](#), Constituent Liaison has joined the Real Estate Department as the Production Analyst in the SW Region.
- [Jeff Ivory](#) and [Mike Recker](#), currently Senior Compliance Auditors in the Real Estate Department have been promoted to Compliance

Managers. Jeff will be working with the RHTC compliance and Mike will oversee federal programs such as CDBG & HOME compliance.

- [Brian Philps](#), Special Projects Manager has transitioned from the Real Estate to Communications Department and will now serve as the Outreach and Communications Project Manager.
- [Omid Ranjbar](#), Program Accountant has been promoted to the newly created Program Accounting Manager position.

Be on the lookout for future announcements by visiting the [Contact Us](#) pages on both of our websites for the latest changes to the IHEDA Team.

