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## **New Executive Director appointed at Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority**

**DECEMBER 7, 2016, HAMILTON, OH** –The Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority (BHMA) Board of Commissioners has appointed Ben Jones as the new Executive Director to lead day-to-day operations.

Joining the Authority in 1993, Ben has over 20 years of leadership experience in the field including financial management, HUD regulatory and compliance and redevelopment experience and currently serves as Deputy Director for BMHA. Mr. Jones has the experience needed to facilitate long-term sustainability at the Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority and will oversee all administrative duties. Reporting to the Board of Commissioners, he is also responsible for formulating and upholding policies on behalf of BMHA.

Mr. Jones has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Miami University and holds PHM and EDEP certifications. Mr. Jones will officially begin his new position January 1, 2017.

Mr. Jones will replace Phyllis Hitte, the current Executive Director at BMHA, who will retire December 31, 2016. Ms. Hitte joined BMHA in August 1991, and during her tenure, she held 9 different positions and was appointed Executive Director in 2008. A once struggling agency, Hitte brought stability and leadership to the Authority. Her key accomplishments include a 30% increase in the Public Housing Assessment System score, oversaw the successful development of Beacon Pointe and doubled the size of the Section 8 program – while improving relationships with area service agencies and local government groups.

"On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority we thank Phyllis Hitte for her twenty five years of service to the housing authority and the citizens of Butler County." said James Sherron, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. "While we will truly miss working with Phyllis, we look forward to working with Mr. Jones as he transitions into his new role."

For more information, please contact Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority via email at [bmha@butlermetro.org](mailto:bmha@butlermetro.org).

The Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority (BMHA) has been serving the citizens of Butler County for over 70 years by providing affordable rental housing to low and moderate income persons. BMHA is a political subdivision of the state of Ohio and was created under the Housing Act of 1937 through an act of the Ohio Legislature. BMHA is administered under the regulations of: The Department of Housing and Urban Development, The State of Ohio and local governments.

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