

## Greensboro Housing Authority Hosts Rental Assistance Demonstration Roundtable

Greensboro Housing Authority's Claremont Courts Community Center was the site of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Roundtable on February 6, 2013. The session provided public housing agencies an overview of the RAD program and gave attendees a unique opportunity to have open discussion with their peers, HUD and Federal Housing Administration (FHA) stakeholders about the housing program. There were 70 participants at the session.



*(l to r, front row) Director of Multifamily Housing Dottie Troxler, CEO Tina Akers Brown, (second row) Field Office Director Curtis L. Davis, Senior Project Manager of HUD Headquarters in Washington, DC, Greg Byrne, and Director of the Office of Public Housing Michael Williams*

Michael Williams, director of the Office of Public Housing, stated, "I was very excited about the turnout and potential for additional housing authorities participating in the RAD program based on the knowledge and information communicated during the Roundtable. In addition to that we truly appreciate the use of the Claremont Community Center and the support provided by the Greensboro Housing Authority staff prior to and during the event."

RAD allows public housing units to convert their contracts to section 8, to open up the units to private capital funding. The program is a central part of HUD's strategy to preserve rental housing, which works to preserve the nation's stock of deeply affordable rental housing, promote efficiency within and among HUD programs, and build strong, stable communities.

"Since RAD is a new initiative," said Adrienne Datcher of HUD, "we wanted to provide PHAs an opportunity to discuss the program with stakeholders from both Public Housing and Multifamily/FHA."

Presenters at the RAD Roundtable included Senior Project Manager Greg Byrne from HUD's headquarters in Washington, DC; and Greensboro's HUD Field Office staff including Director of Office of Multifamily Housing Dottie Troxler, Asset Management Director Bhavna Patel, Mortgage Analyst Kathy Budd, Asset Manager Candace Brunson, Senior Construction Analyst Dennis Drake, and Senior Appraiser Virgil Tetsworth.

