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Seat 15 – Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless (TICH) or State Government Agency

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Current Position:

TX BoS CoC counties served: All of them

Do you have lived experience of homelessness? In other words, have you ever lived in a homeless situation? No

Are you affiliated with a HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program-funded project and/or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program-funded project operating in the TX BoS CoC? No

Are you the Chair of a Local Homeless Coalition (LHC)? No

Please describe your personal and/or work experience with the population you would be representing in the designated seat, if elected.

I'm currently a voting member of TICH representing a state agency. I have 17 years of state level government agency experience. Twelve of my 17 years focused on creating policy and programs for individuals with severe persistent mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.

Please describe how you have participated in the TX BoS CoC in the past.

For the past two years, I have served on the TX BoS CoC board as the state representative.

Please describe your experience, if any, working with the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program or similar programs focused on ending homelessness (ESG, SSVF, PATH, and RHY).

From 2009-2011 I served as chairman of the Coalition to End Homelessness in Oklahoma City. As chairman, I was responsible for leading and convening coalition meetings with 70 local providers. As such, I worked closely with the OKC CoC to ensure coalition meetings met federal funding requirements and expectations.

Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors, including any leadership roles.

For the past two years, I have served on the TX BoS CoC board as the state representative.

Please describe your experience, if any, with managing grants.

I have over 15 years managing federal SAMHSA and OJJDP grants. I have a very good understanding of reporting requirements, outcomes and demonstrating the overall effectiveness of programming.

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Please describe your specific skills that can benefit the CoC.

A specific skill that will benefit the CoC is my ability to think big picture and understanding how the finer details or processes influence outcomes. This is often a challenge for career professionals. They often approach work efforts from a very limited lens. Given my experience working with traditionally underserved populations, grants, evaluating quality assurance efforts, policy and partnering across disciplines; creates the ability to think bug picture and understand the finer details.

Why do you want to serve on the CoC Board?

I have a passion for working with traditionally underserved populations, and believe the best way to transform systems is internally.

If you are elected to the board, what do you plan to work on and accomplish?

Given my experience working with traditionally underserved populations, grants, evaluating quality assurance efforts, policy and partnering across disciplines; creates the ability to think big picture and understand the finer details. I want to see the board grow in the area of youth specific services and supports.

What else would you like the CoC members to know about you?

Driven senior executive with extensive experience in holistic social services and human capital management. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a proven track record of maximizing business opportunities and consistently achieving organizational goals. Colleagues consistently recognize me as a hands-on, expert critical thinker and problem solver that can rapidly resolve systemic challenges. I have established a professional reputation for persistently negotiating partnerships and alliances to support future business market trends.