



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No 30975

RESOLUTION

R212 - 2024

Introduced by the Administration on December 4, 2024

COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

Christina DiPierro

Term Expiration: 12/5/2027

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following appointment to the Commission on Homelessness submitted to this Council by Mayor Matt Tuerk.

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	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30975 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 4th day of December, 2024, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.



 City Clerk



MATT TUERK
MAYOR

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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Matt Tuerk
Mayor

DATE: November 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Christina DiPierro	Commission on Homelessness	12/5/2027
Sherri Brokopp Binder	Commission on Homelessness	12/5/2027

DiPierro will be filling a vacant seat on the Commission. Binder will be filling the seat of Ellen Denizard, whose term has expired. Their resumes are attached.

Christina DiPierro

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EXPERIENCE

VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE <i>Program Coordinator</i> <i>Street Outreach & Transitional Living Program</i>	Bethlehem, PA November 2020 – Present
<i>Operations Management:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed operations for multiple programs addressing transitional age youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.• Monitored service quality and safety compliance with standards, program regulations, and funding contracts.• Cultivated positive relationships with key stakeholders, including funders, community providers, school districts, law enforcement, elected officials, shelters, day programs, and treatment centers. <i>Eastern Continuum of Care Coordination:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted community entry assessments and referrals for individuals facing imminent homelessness.• Provided trauma informed care, street-based outreach, and education services to mitigate risks of abuse, trafficking, and exploitation.• Advocated and navigated services within various systems, including Child Welfare, hospitals, and court systems. <i>Community Engagement and Coordination</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinated interdisciplinary meetings throughout the Lehigh Valley focused on addressing increasing rates of homelessness among families. Presented as a panel member during Lehigh Valley Anti-Trafficking seminar as part of “Boots on the Ground” advocacy group.	
LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES <i>Supervisor, Daybreak Center Day Program</i>	Allentown, PA April 2013 – September 2020
<i>Center Management</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed and operated Daybreak, day program for adults in treatment for mental health, substance abuse disorders, and HIV/AIDs, including individuals who are homeless and elderly in the local community. <i>Supervision and Team Leadership:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervised staff, overseeing training, hiring, work assignments, performance appraisals, and conflict resolution. <i>Volunteer Coordination:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organized, coordinated, and managed 2,000+ volunteers annually from diverse organizations, including social, civic, community groups, schools, and churches. <i>Presentations and Grant Management:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsibility for presentations, grant writing, and grant evaluations to secure funding for center operations and future planning initiatives.	

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I2aqJonS8wOgavz1S4Cb32ykAFUQxjxz/view?usp=sharing>
Crisis Intervention:

- Provided crisis intervention for emergency situations, including medical and mental health emergencies.

Regulatory Compliance:

- Ensured compliance with City of Allentown, Lehigh County MH/ID, Aging and Adult Care, USDA by maintaining appropriate records, documenting protocols, and policy adherence.

LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES Representative Payee, Homeless Prevention Program	Allentown, PA August 2018 – September 2020
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Client Development and Enrollment:

- Achieved a 50% increase in new client enrollment while concurrently serving as the Daybreak Supervisor.

Benefit Payment Management:

- Managed benefit payments for individuals unable to care for their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income payments.

Budget Oversight for Homelessness Prevention:

- Ensured clients stayed on budget, minimizing risk of homelessness.

Community Relations Leadership:

- Led community relations efforts with government agencies, banks, landlords, clients, and case managers to foster positive connections and collaboration.

CENTER FOR FAMILY SUPPORT Assistant Director of Residential Services	New York, NY December 2004 – July 2007
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Residential Group Home Management:

- Managed and operated residential group homes at multiple sites for individuals with Intellectual disabilities and co-occurring mental health diagnoses.

Staff Supervision and Budget Management:

- Supervised 60-70 staff members, including management, involving training, hiring, performance appraisal, and conflict resolution. Managed budgets exceeding a million dollars for each residential facility.

Facility Coordination and Regulatory Compliance:

- Coordinated the opening of new residential facilities, overseeing procurement and community relations. Conducted internal audits to ensure regulatory compliance, resolving problem areas. Provided direct oversight for multiple residences in accordance with agency policies and OMRDD regulations.

EDUCATION

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ Bachelor of Arts: International Relations and Anthropology	New Paltz, NY 1994-1998
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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Lehigh Valley Anti-Trafficking Community Advocacy Award	November 2023
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