



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No: 31180

RESOLUTION

R187 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on December 3, 2025

Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

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.

COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS

Joshua Newlin

Term Expiration: 12/04/2029

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

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 31180 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 3rd day of December, 2025, 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 25, 2025

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>
Joshua Newlin	Commission on Homelessness	12/04/2029
Elizabeth Still	Commission on Homelessness	12/04/2029

Both appointments will be filling vacant seats on the Commission. Their resumes are attached.

JOSHUA NEWLIN, CRS

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EDUCATION

Political Science and Pre-law - Northampton Community College

August 2023 - current

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Valley Health Partners Community Health Center

November 2023 - Current

Criminal Justice Navigator/Certified Recovery Specialist - Street Medicine

- Connect with individuals currently incarcerated in Lehigh County Jail, who were unhoused to create a plan of residency
- Track and report on individuals after release from LCJ for continued support to avoid recidivism (currently operating with an 81 % success/engagement rate)
- Advocate for clients in court to receive appropriate services with compassion and dignity
- Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with organizations in the Lehigh Valley to develop services for the unhoused in the Lehigh County
- Partner with local agencies to provide services to victims of human trafficking and domestic violence
- Communicate with appropriate community partners as well as internal committees and leaders

Lehigh Valley Health Network

May 2021 - November 2023

Certified Recovery Specialist - Inclusion Health Recovery Care, Street Medicine

- Participating on the care team of 200+ patients and actively supporting 60+ patients at any time
- Addiction support as well as registration, social services, behavioral health services, trauma informed care
- Instruct community based Narcan trainings, facilitate recovery support groups
- Travel to Emergency Departments to offer support to patients in need
- Advocate for local political and environmental change to meet needs of homeless in the Lehigh Valley
- Engage with policy and legislation regarding substance use, justice reform and healthcare
- Onboard, train and oversee peer CRS's

Pyramid Healthcare

January 2020 - May 2021

Behavioral Health Technician

- Facilitated psychoeducational and 12 Step groups to clients
- Ensured safety of milieu
- Provided de-escalation strategies to clients who were experiencing mental health crisis
- Participated in team meetings for continuity of care for the clients

PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- International Street Medicine symposium – Criminal Justice Navigator Role in a Street Medicine Program, 9-18-24
- National Harm Reduction Coalition – Radical Welcome, 10-14-22
- Lehigh Valley Anti-Trafficking Collaborative- Collaboration in The Community Awardee – November 2024

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- SONshine & Arise Bloom Community Group for Men, Bloom House for Women – Governing Board Member **July 2024 - Current**
- Neighborhood Health Center – Governing Board Member **2022-Current**

SPECIAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Certification
- Psych Armer Certification - Veteran Trauma Support
- BLS Certification
- Proficient in Microsoft word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook
- Effective communication skills
- Obtain a current and valid driver license