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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director 2003 - Present

Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipality of Anchorage

For the past five years I have served as an executive to the Mayor, responsible for promoting public and private economic development projects for the Municipality of Anchorage. Highlights have included the new Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center schedule for completion September of 2008, the transfer of the Museum from a public to private non-profit entity, the Library Renewal Initiative, the reorganization of the Parks and Recreation Department and the creation of the Parks Foundation. I have oversight for the rewrite of the Municipality's land use codes to be completed in 2008, completion of the Downtown Comprehensive Plan and the revitalization of one of our most underserved neighborhoods, Mountain View. In addition to spearheading many projects for the city I am responsible for an array of department including: the Port of Anchorage, the Planning Department, Heritage Land Bank and Real Estate Services, the Libraries, Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Neighborhoods and the Anchorage Community Development Authority. Responsibilities also include formulating and approving budgets for each department, spearheading departmental reorganizations, long range transportation planning for Anchorage, multimillion dollar grant proposals, real estate, capital improvement project planning and local, state and federal budget request formulation.

Executive Director and CEO 1999 to 2003

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services / Anchorage Mutual Housing Association

I served as the Chief Executive Officer for Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services (ANHS) a non-profit community development corporation dedicated to promoting affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization. ANHS is affiliated with the National Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation and is certified as a Community Financial Institution. From 1998-2003 ANHS loaned \$18 million and leveraged \$34 million in first mortgages. Of the 545 loans made to low to moderate income families, 91 of those borrowers have been persons who experience a disability. Also under my direction was the sister organization, Anchorage Mutual Housing Association, which owned and managed 1,150 units of affordable rental housing in twelve locations citywide. Total assets for both companies at the time was 62.2 million dollars, legislative affairs, and the overall administration of the organization. Duties also include the oversight of Anchorage Mutual Housing Association.

Executive Director 1981 to 1999**The Arc of Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska**

For 18 years served as the Executive Director for The Arc of Anchorage. I was instrumental in building an organization with an initial grant of \$180,000 to more than 12 million. Programs included an array of services for persons with developmental and other disabilities including a day activity center, residential care, case management, in-home family services, respite, and specialized services for persons who experience dual diagnosis and emotional disturbances. I also sought funding, purchased, renovated and/or constructed more than 60 housing units, single and multifamily, to ensure safe, affordable housing for those we served. I worked with the Governor's office and the legislature on many issues facing persons with disabilities throughout the State of Alaska. Responsibilities included assets management, program development, grant writing, public relations, fundraising, legislative affairs, and advocacy on behalf of person with developmental and other disabilities and their families.

State Executive Director. 1982 to 1996**The Arc of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska**

In a dual role along with being the Executive Director for The Arc of Anchorage, I also coordinated statewide efforts for The Arc of Alaska. I was responsible for coordinating with the national office, The Arc of the United States on national issues facing persons with developmental disabilities, as well as statewide efforts.

University Research Assistant. 1986**Department of Human Services, University of Northern Colorado**

Project assistant for research assessing the long-term care needs of elderly developmentally disabled adults in the state of Colorado. Included surveying existing services for the developmentally disabled and elderly and determining feasibility of integrated programs.

EDUCATION

- 1986 **University of Northern Colorado, Greeley**
Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling with an Emphasis in Vocational Evaluation
- 1976 **California State University, Fresno**
Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation

BOARDS

- 2002-pres The Arc of Anchorage Foundation
2003-pres Anchorage Community Development Authority
2004-pres CIVIC Ventures Board of Director's

2005 Anchorage Community Land Trust
2003 - 2005 Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau
2003 - 2005 Alaska Native Heritage Center
2002 - 2007 Special Olympics of Alaska

AWARDS AND HONORS

2005 Heart of the City Award "Visionary Award" Downtown Partnership
2005/1996 YWCA Outstanding Professional in Chosen Field Nomination
1999 International People First Conference Award
1998 Gold Key Award (Key Campaign)
1998 People First Award for Support
1997 State of Alaska, Recognition, Harborview Closure
1991 Legislative Commendation for Services to the Developmentally Disabled
1990 Outstanding Service to the National Conference of Executive Directors/The Arc of the United States
1986 Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society
1984 The Arc Alaska Board Commendation
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