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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Executive Director 2003 to 2009**

#### **Office of Economic and Community Development, Municipality of Anchorage**

For the past six years 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 completed in September of 2008, the transfer of the Museum from a public to private non-profit entity, the Library Renewal Initiative, reorganization of the Parks and Recreation Department and the creation of the Parks and Library Foundations which raised more than \$30 million combined. Supervised the completion of the Downtown Comprehensive Plan and helped spearhead the revitalization of one of our most underserved neighborhoods, Mountain View. Responsible for seven departments including the Planning Department, Heritage Land Bank and Real Estate Services, Libraries, Parks and Recreation, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Port of Anchorage, and the Anchorage Community Development Authority. Responsibilities also included formulating and approving budgets, departmental reorganizations, multimillion dollar grant writing, real estate, capital improvement project planning and local, state, and federal requests.

### **Executive Director and CEO 1999 to 2003**

#### **Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services**

Executive Director 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 to 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 were persons with a disability. Additionally, ANHS owned and managed 1,150 units of affordable rental housing in twelve locations citywide. Total assets at the time were \$62.2 million. Other responsibilities included overall management, legislative affairs, and grant writing.

### **Executive Director 1981 to 1999**

#### **The ARC of Anchorage**

For 18 years served as the Executive Director for The Arc of Anchorage. The agency grew from a budget of \$180,000 a year to \$12 million serving more than 400 individuals. Programs included an array of services for children and adults with developmental and other disabilities including a day activity center, 24 hour residential care, case management, in-home family services, respite, and specialized services for persons with

dual diagnosis and emotional disturbances. Responsible for securing the funding, purchased, renovated and/or constructed more than 60 housing units, single and multifamily, to ensure safe, affordable housing. Worked with the Governor's Office and the legislature on many issues facing persons with disabilities throughout the State of Alaska. Other duties included assets management, program development, grant writing, public relations, fundraising, legislative affairs, and advocacy.

## 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

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2009 to present | Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority      |
| 2000 to present | The Arc of Anchorage Foundation           |
| 2003 to 2006    | Anchorage Community Development Authority |
| 2004 to 2006    | Civic Ventures Board of Director's        |
| 2004 to 2005    | Anchorage Community Land Trust            |
| 2003 to 2005    | Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau  |
| 2003 to 2005    | Alaska Native Heritage Center             |
| 2002 to 2007    | Special Olympics of Alaska                |

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2009      | Legislative Commendation for Service to the City of Anchorage and the State of Alaska                  |
| 2005      | Heart of the City Award "Visionary Award" Downtown Partnership                                         |
| 1996/2005 | 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 of Harborview Hospital Closure                                            |
| 1991      | Legislative Commendation for Services to the Developmentally Disabled                                  |
| 1990      | Outstanding Service to the National Conference of Executive Directors/<br>The Arc of the United States |
| 1986      | Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society                                                                           |
| 1984      | The Arc of Alaska Commendation                                                                         |
| 1984      | The Arc of Anchorage Board Commendation                                                                |