



LINDA KIM KOVOL, MSW

"SERVICE FIRST"

OBJECTIVE

Work and learn with a dedicated, talented team of professionals, leaders and students to make a difference in the lives of people who need accessibility to opportunities in healthy, safe communities.

Engage my skills in macro-level practice with policy opportunities in both statutory and regulatory realms.

SKILLS

Strong collaborator with business and community partners, stakeholders, legislative and municipal representatives to ensure optimal client services delivery and program integrity.

Successful executive administrator of multi-site facilities, large and diverse staff, regulated/exempt program management, and million(s) dollar(s) budgets and contracts.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

COMMISSIONER - DESIGNEE (FEBRUARY 2023 – PRESENT)

ACTING COMMISSIONER (JULY 2022 – FEB 2023) • ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lead third largest department in State of Alaska with over 1,900 positions and four divisions: Office of Children's Services, Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska Pioneer Homes, and Division of Juvenile Justice. Oversight of \$447,940.4 million dollar budget. First new department in State of Alaska since 1983 (EO 121 reorganizes Department of Health and Social Services into two departments).

SPECIAL ASSISTANT / POLICY ADVISOR • GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY - OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR • AUGUST 2020 TO JUNE 2022

Social services portfolio of domestic violence, sexual assault, missing and murdered indigenous persons, homelessness, human and sex trafficking, foster / early childcare and elder care, opioids/fentanyl and suicide prevention. Successfully launched Governor Dunleavy's People First Initiative focused on public safety, reduction in violence in vulnerable populations, and increased supports for youth in foster care.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK • MAY 2022 • UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

BACHELOR OF ARTS - LIBERAL STUDIES (K-8 EDUCATION) • MAY 1995 • SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

-LEND Fellow (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities 2018-2019 / UAA). Launched Autism Alaska website to assist families in navigating services specifically for children living with Autism in Alaska. Secondary focus on disabilities and social work.

-Bean's Cafe, Chief Operating Officer (2016 – 2020): Created one of the largest COVID response homelessness shelter in United States (March 2020), oversaw emergency administrative nutrition program, staffing (HR), finance/budgets, program integrity, grant reports, client services/outreach, partnerships including University of Alaska Anchorage School of Social Work student practicum placements, stakeholders care, insurance, risk management, government relations, and all other delegated responsibilities associated with the organization.

-Midnight Sun Environmental, LLC President (2012 – 2020): Owner of environmental firm focusing on environmental management, permitting, compliance, site assessments, and remediation. Oversaw staffing (HR), accounts, marketing, stakeholder engagement, government relations, client care, outreach, communications, social media content management, and all other responsibilities associated with the business.

-Green Star, Executive Director (2009 – 2014): Oversaw pro-business environmental agency focused on manufacturing, energy awareness, pollution prevention, and recycling; oversee staffing (HR), budget, grant reports, partnerships, events, outreach, and stakeholder engagement.

-Volunteer Service: Variety of volunteer services and engagements including agency boards RuralCap, Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP), and Center for Community Engagement & Learning/UAA (CCEL), youth and community organizations, and trainer for early childhood education and conferences, and 501st Legion Aurora Borealis Garrison.