



United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States

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Regional Coordinator

Bob Pulster currently serves as a Regional Coordinator at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), a principal representative and bridge between the work of the full Council and states and communities. In this role, he is responsible for facilitating the strategic implementation of *Opening Doors* specifically in the Northeast and South Central United States. Regional coordinators convene stakeholders at every level of government and with the private sector, encouraging implementation of strategies that maximize the impact of Federal resources and supporting strategic planning efforts. Regional Coordinators also disseminate information about proven practices, bridge linkages among communities, and share practical resources to support community efforts and foster momentum through shared knowledge and cross-community collaboration.



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Prior to joining USICH, Bob served as an Associate Director in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In this role, Bob managed the Division of Housing Stabilization, which funded a statewide system of family and individual shelter programs as well as shelter diversion and rehousing programs. Prior to his appointment to Associate Director, Bob served as the Executive Director of the state's Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness chaired by Lt. Governor Tim Murray. Bob led the state's efforts to create new regional networks to prevent and end homelessness, which spearheaded innovative strategies to combat homelessness in the Commonwealth. At DHCD Bob advanced these efforts further by transforming state systems that relied on shelter as the primary response to respond to homelessness to one that offered a range of flexible resources to prevent homelessness and provide rehousing assistance.

Prior to entering state service Bob served as Executive Director of community agencies in the Boston area. His experience in community organizing, management, and systems change paired with a Master's of Science Degree in Public Affairs presents a skill set that will be invaluable to assist communities in their strategic planning efforts and implementation work to combat homelessness.