CITY OF LONG BEACH

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2025-2026 Long Beach Continuum of Care Board

Candidate Summary

Candidate Information

Name: Travion Chamberlin

Affiliation (if any): Project Care Services

Position/Title (if any): Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Coordinator

Representative Categories: Affordable Housing Developer(s), Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking, Disability Service Organizations, EMS/Crisis Response Team(s), Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons, Other homeless subpopulation advocates, Street Outreach Team(s), Substance Abuse Advocates, Substance Abuse Service Organizations, Youth Advocates, Youth Homeless Organizations, Youth Service Providers.

Note: The representative categories listed above are self-identified by candidates as part of the application process. The City of Long Beach Homeless Services Bureau (HSB) reviews submissions and verifies qualifications for dedicated seat categories where applicable, while broader categories may reflect a candidate's self-described experience or affiliation.

Board Candidate Questions

As part of the application process, candidates are asked to provide responses to questions on their qualifications, experience and commitment to the board's mission. These responses are reproduced below as submitted.

1. **If selected, describe three areas where you could contribute to the success of the CoC.**

   I experienced homelessness in the City of Long Beach following my release from prison, which provided me with valuable firsthand insight into the challenges faced by vulnerable populations. Additionally, I worked for five years at BHS Redgate, serving both on the residential side and in withdrawal management. These experiences, both lived and professionally, align directly with the responsibilities of a commissioner and equip me to serve with understanding, empathy, and dedication. I have also had the opportunity to collaborate with Long Beach Quality Assurance Officer Brian and Officer Rich in supporting community needs and upholding quality standards, further strengthening my ability

to contribute effectively in this role.

2. **Members stay connected to the CoC through meeting attendance, committee work, events, e-mail and other CoC communications. Please describe the time, energy, and resources you can provide to support the work of the CoC.**

   I am actively engaged with multiple housing programs in Long Beach, providing support to individuals in securing stable housing and accessing essential community resources. I am fully committed to dedicating my time, energy, and professional experience to support the work of the CoC. I am prepared to actively participate in meetings, serve on committees, and contribute to events that advance the mission of the organization. I will also remain engaged through consistent communication, whether by email or other CoC channels, to ensure I stay informed and responsive.

   Drawing from my lived experience, as well as my professional background in housing and behavioral health services, I am able to bring both insight and practical solutions to the table. I am committed to contributing the necessary effort and resources to strengthen collaboration, support system improvements, and help the CoC achieve its goals in serving the community.

3. **What qualities do you possess that make you a potentially effective CoC Board Member? Explain your answer in detail.**

   I possess a combination of lived experience, professional knowledge, and extensive community connections that position me to be an effective CoC Board Member. Having personally navigated the housing system and successfully secured stable housing through supportive services, I have a deep understanding of the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness. I am well-versed in programs such as rapid rehousing and shallow subsidy initiatives, giving me insight into how these interventions can be effectively implemented and improved. Additionally, I have a robust network of contacts across housing and social service organizations in the Long Beach area, which allows me to facilitate collaboration, share resources, and advocate for solutions that meet the needs of the community. My combination of firsthand experience, programmatic knowledge, and professional connections enables me to bring both empathy and practical solutions to the CoC, ensuring decisions are informed, equitable, and impactful.

4. **What do you believe are the two most significant challenges when it comes to addressing homelessness? What could the CoC Board do to address these challenges?**

   One of the most significant challenges in addressing homelessness is the limited

availability of housing options due to barriers in the rental and property management process. In Long Beach, many property owners are willing to provide housing, but the complexity and length of the approval process can discourage participation. Simplifying and streamlining these procedures could increase the number of housing opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness.

A second major challenge is ensuring that individuals have access to supportive services that address the underlying causes of homelessness, such as mental health, substance use, and employment barriers. Coordinated support is essential to help people not only obtain housing but also maintain long-term stability. The CoC Board could address these challenges by advocating for policy changes that reduce administrative barriers for property owners and by strengthening partnerships with service providers to create integrated, comprehensive housing solutions.