



Dear friends and colleagues:

We wanted to provide you with an update on the leadership plan for Denver's Road Home. Mayor Hickenlooper has appointed Amber Callender to serve as Executive Director of the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness in our community and Donna Boreing to serve as Co-Chair of the Homelessness Commission with Patricia Wilson Pheanious.

Amber Callender

Callender will take over for departing Executive Director Jamie Van Leeuwen beginning May 24th. Amber comes to us from Mayor Hickenlooper's office where she currently serves as the Deputy Director of Legislative Services.

She has worked for the City for over 10 years in a variety of leadership capacities within both City Council and Mayor Hickenlooper's office. She began her City career as a Senior Analyst in City Council and went on to become the neighborhood liaison for the mayor's office for several years. She also served as Executive sponsor of all anti-graffiti related initiatives for the City including leading the Graffiti Task Force and implementing the recommendations, advocating for shared community, business and government responsibility. She carefully strategizes with agencies and individuals on legislative and community processes on critical issues, and is often looked to by elected officials and executive staff for sound advice and leadership.

"Amber is the perfect addition to lead the Denver's Road Home team through the next phase of the initiative," said Manager of Denver Human Services Patricia Wilson Pheanious. "She brings a unique combination of community relationships, knowledge of city processes and remarkable compassion to the program."

For Denver's Road Home specifically, Amber has provided consistent expertise in connecting with neighborhood and business associations and individuals on funding, philosophy, emergency shelter and housing. The City has greatly benefitted from her working understanding of DRH and our public financing intricacies along with her interface with City Council to advance the work of this initiative. She has partnered with the DRH team to continually support and engage City Council members and neighborhood organizations as issues arise, including outreach and strategy with the DRH team on the "Come on In" indoor feeding campaign.

"Denver's Road Home is very near and dear to my heart and I look forward to expanding on the work I have been doing with all our community and business partners," said Callender. "It is a critical time for the initiative and I look forward to helping continue the extraordinary momentum Jamie Van Leeuwen and the entire team have built ensuring everyone in Denver has the tools they need to live life off the streets."

Amber is a member of Leadership Denver's Class of 2010, a mayoral appointee on the Denver Women's Commission and the Drug Strategy Commission, which she co-chairs. She and her husband were both born and raised in Denver, where they live with their two young children.

Donna Boreing

Boreing will join Patricia Wilson Pheanious as Co-Chair of the Denver Homelessness Commission effective immediately. As a well known business woman in the community and a current board member of

the esteemed Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation, she will effectively represent the private sector on the commission.

“Donna Boering is an incredible corporate and community leader who understands the critical intersections between the private, public and non-profit sectors in continuing the journey and measurable results of Denver’s Road Home,” said Mile High United Way President and CEO Christine Benero. “Her personal commitment to the work of the Commission makes her the ideal co-chair; the most vulnerable of our citizens will be stronger because of her leadership.”

Donna spent 20 years with WellPoint and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. She served on the Consumer Driven Health Plan Executive Leadership team after having served as Vice President of Integration, Conversion, and Operations for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Colorado and Nevada since January 2004. Donna and her team were credited with savings in administration costs of over \$12.5 million as they concluded their merger and acquisition work for the company.

Additionally, Donna has been involved in several nonprofit organizations over the years. As the mother of two premature and critically ill newborns, she is dedicated to volunteering with charities that better the health and lives of children. Since 2001, Donna has served as a board member for Easter Seals, Colorado, serving as chair of that organization’s development committee and leading special fundraising efforts to ensure continued operation of a therapeutic pool and the development of a stroke program. She has acted as Anthem’s executive sponsor for the Susan G. Komen “Race for the Cure” since 2002; and is a recent graduate of the Leadership Denver Program. In 2003, Donna was selected by the *Denver Business Journal* to receive a “40 Under 40 Award” that is given annually to forty business leaders whose efforts in the office and in the community are shaping the future of the Denver area.

Donna was born and raised in Michigan, relocating to Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1987 and then to Denver in 1991. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She resides in Littleton with her husband of 18 years, Corey, and two children, Cade and Sutton.

Please join us in welcoming Amber to the Denver’s Road Home Leadership Team and Donna Boreing to the Homelessness Commission. Both will provide our initiative with fresh enthusiasm, leadership and expertise. Throughout the next year we will continuously review and evaluate the leadership structure of Denver’s Road Home to ensure we are able to meet the sustainability goals of the plan.

Sincerely,

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