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ABOUT VICKEY MERRILL

In her role as Advocacy Director, Vickey oversees and participates in all facets of CHOM's advocacy efforts, working to ensure that everyone is included as part of the community. Vickey has led local, municipal, State, and Federal collective, grassroots advocacy efforts designed to ensure that people have access to the resources needed to live and thrive. She has played a key role in helping diverse groups across the state unite and speak with one voice, working collectively to effect change. Vickey routinely collaborates with advocates across Maine to ensure all voices are heard at all levels of government. She has played an integral role in assisting groups, coalitions, and organizations to raise their voices and take action to support policies, legislation, and initiatives pivotal to the successful community inclusion of marginalized and vulnerable populations in Maine. Additionally, she has further empowered these groups with regularity by drafting correspondence speaking to the efficacy of policy initiatives that would assist vulnerable Mainers. In her statewide leadership roles, Vickey is frequently called upon for her knowledge and expertise on homelessness and housing policy, specifically U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs.

Vickey has dedicated her career to systems change, policy advancement, and advocating for vulnerable populations. She has more than 17 years of experience in the field of advocacy and public policy and holds a B.A. in Politics from Mount Holyoke College. Vickey served as Tri-Chair of the Maine Continuum of Care (MCoC) for more than 10 years, served on its Board of Directors, and Co-Chaired the Maine Homeless Policy Committee – a Joint Standing Committee of the MCoC and the Statewide Homeless Council. Vickey currently serves as the Chair of the Region I Homeless Council. Vickey also coordinates the Maine Coalition for Housing & Quality Services.

ABOUT CHOM

Mission & Values

CHOM creates, owns and maintains high-quality homes to house more than 1,250 of Maine's most vulnerable people. Since its inception in 1993, Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) has been one of the most creative affordable housing developers in the state. CHOM collaborates to produce and maintain community-based housing that fosters a sense of pride, dignity, and respect and ensures its residents receive sufficient support to be successful in their homes. While its direct work is in providing housing, CHOM is deeply dedicated to advocating for equity. CHOM advocates on behalf of all vulnerable populations on local, state, and federal policy issues to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion for all populations.