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ABOUT VICKEY MERRILL

In her role as Director of Mission Advancement, Vickey leads Community Housing of Maine's policy, advocacy, communications, and systems engagement efforts, advancing the organization's mission through strategic external affairs, coalition building, and cross-sector collaboration. She works closely with local, state, and federal partners to advance housing and homelessness solutions across Maine while aligning policy, funding, communications, and organizational priorities.

Throughout her career, Vickey has led local, municipal, state, and federal advocacy initiatives designed to expand access to housing and strengthen communities. She has played a key role in bringing together diverse stakeholders to align around shared goals, build consensus, and advance meaningful policy and systems change. Vickey routinely collaborates with housing providers, government agencies, healthcare organizations, advocates, and community partners to strengthen collective impact and elevate the voices of those most affected by housing instability and homelessness.

A recognized leader in Maine's housing and homelessness community, Vickey is frequently called upon for her expertise in affordable housing, homelessness response systems, federal housing policy, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs. She regularly represents CHOM in statewide and national policy discussions and helps translate complex issues into coordinated organizational and community action.

Vickey has more than 17 years of experience in public policy, advocacy, and community engagement and holds a B.A. in Politics from Mount Holyoke College. She served as Tri-Chair of the Maine Continuum of Care (MCoC) for more than a decade, served on its Board of Directors, and co-chaired the Maine Homeless Policy Committee. In 2026, she was selected as a member of the inaugural State Advocacy Partner cohort through the National Alliance to End Homelessness and remains actively involved in statewide and national housing and homelessness initiatives.

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.