

## Candidate's Biography

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Name: Race:	Susan Reyna-Guerrero Latina Female	<b>Agency:</b> Beacon Therapeutic Diagnostic and Treatment Center
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Please che	eck the box(es) next to the com	mittee(s) the nominee is being nominated for:
☐ The Chi	cago Alliance's SPC Executive Cor	mmittee, At-Large Member
☐ The Chi	cago Alliance's SPC Executive Cor	mmittee, Alternate
☐ The Chi	cago Alliance's Advocacy Committ	ee

Please provide the following information for the person you are nominating

☐ Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness

Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness, Alternate

Please briefly describe the nominee's level of participation with the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness (i.e., Board of Directors, SPC Executive Committees and Constituency Groups), the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness, and/or other work and experience related to homelessness that makes the nominee qualified to be a representative to the committee(s) checked above.

Susan Reyna-Guerrero, LCSW, President & CEO of Beacon Therapeutic, has more than 28 years of clinical and administrative experience. She is a Chicago resident with an MSW from Loyola University of Chicago and holds a Type 73 School Social Worker's Certificate.

Ms. Reyna-Guerrero has been the President & CEO at Beacon since 2001. Beacon Therapeutic is a multi-site, multi-service agency for some of the most high-risk, disadvantaged, children, teens and families living in Chicago. The agency has three core programs: (1) Therapeutic Day Schools – Elementary and Junior/Senior High School; (2) Homeless Outreach Services; and, (3) Mental Health Outpatient Services. Beacon is accredited by The Joint Commission; AdvancED; is approved by the Bureau of Accreditation (IDHS); and, is licensed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Susan has been a long standing active contributor to Chicago's Homeless system, from being a member of the Governing Board and the First Plan to End Homelessness development to Plan 2.0 and the Planning Council. She founded the Homeless Families Constituency Group, has served on the SPC Executive Committee for the past two years, and currently is a member of the Coordinated Access Steering Committee and the Systems Performance Goals Task Group.



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She is also a member of the Family Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) Planning Coalition. The Planning Coalition consists of more than 33 member organizations and the goal is to identify and address barriers to resources and gaps in services that young homeless families in Chicago experience. The planning coalition includes representatives from partner and resource agencies, consumers, members of the foundation community, and representatives from child development, housing, education, mental health, substance use, and vocational systems who can affect systems and policy change. Most impressive is that FACT is represented on 13 different entities across the city and state in which the needs of homeless families were NOT previously voiced.

Ms. Reyna-Guerrero has 22+ years experience with Chicago's homeless populations; participates in various task groups and committees pertaining to improving systems changes within the homeless, therapeutic day school and mental health arenas; and, she often speaks to local and national audiences regarding best-practices involving working with homeless families. As an advocate for the needs of homeless families, young mothers and children, she has been instrumental in keeping the needs of these vulnerable populations at the forefront when decisions are being made for funding and planning in Chicago.