



**The Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
Service Providers Commission
Nomination for Board Directors, At-Large Members, Planning Council Members, and
Alternates**

Please complete the nomination form and submit it via email to Loren Seeger at LSeeger@allchicago.org no later than **5 p.m. on December 18, 2014**.

Reminder: To nominate an individual, an agency must be a member of the Chicago Alliance's Service Provider's Commission. Agencies may submit more than one submission.

Please provide the following information for the person you are nominating:

Name:	Tawanda Acosta	Phone:	773-233-5850 ext.3296
Race:	African American	Email:	Tawanda.acosta@cchc- rchm.org
Gender:	Female		
Address:	1701 W. Monterey		

Agency: *Christian Community Health Center*

Area of Expertise:

Population Served by Nominee's Agency: Chronically Homeless Single Adults and Families over 21 Veterans, Disabled, and people living with HIV/AIDS

Region of the City Served by Nominee's Agency: City Wide with a focus on Southside

Please check the box(es) next to the committee(s) for this nomination:

- The Chicago Alliance's Board of Directors
- SPC Executive Commission, At-Large Member
- 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 to End Homelessness (i.e. Board of Directors, SPC Executive Committee, 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 committees checked above.

Tawanda Acosta is the Housing Case Manager Supervisor at Christian Community Health Center. Christian Community Health Center is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1991 to address the lack of health care in the Roseland community on Chicago's Southside. Since receiving Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) status in 2001, CCHC has propelled an expansion of programs and services, including supportive housing and case management.



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Tawanda, in her role as Housing Case Manager Supervisor, is a direct advocate for her case managers and the 150 clients she oversees in the supportive housing program at CCHC. Her mission is to provide clients with affordable housing, wraparound health, and ancillary services.

Prior to being promoted to Housing Supervisor, Tawanda was the Housing Specialist for all permanent supportive housing programs at CCHC. While in that position she was able to forge meaningful relationships between landlords and clients. She was able to create a leveled playing field, minimize barriers, and stigma. Tawanda is committed to working with other like-minded individuals to end homelessness in Chicago.

Tawanda has always been motivated by people in her 15+ years as a customer service advocate. She has always been driven to help and improve people and their situation. Previously Tawanda worked at Ryder Transportation Services where she was the co-creator of the Ryder Black Employment Network (RBEN) for the Midwest Region of the United States. The purpose of this organization was to bring about networking and to empower the existing minorities within the company. The formation of RBEN spurred and empowered other minorities to create similar organizations within the company.

Her plan is to continuously be educated in the field of social services. Her passion has always been to service those in need. She often volunteers at local food drives, or shelters. Tawanda's primary goal is to house the homeless and gradually move clients into a more self-sufficient role. This allows her to work with a particular population and understand their every need.

Tawanda currently serves as a Service Provider and Planning Council alternate. She is on the HMIS Committee, Documenting Disability Committee, and is a member of the Homeless Constituency Group.