

Hello! My name is Katrina Pelfrey. I am the Allegan County Local Planning Body Coordinator, employed by United Way of Ottawa and Allegan Counties, and an active member of the BOS Governance Council. I have held both roles since the fall of 2021. As LPB Coordinator, I provide consistent communication, structure, and strategic planning for my LPB while co-facilitating bi-monthly LPB meetings and monthly LPB Executive meetings. My position as a Governance Council member allows me to act as a liaison between the BOS and my LPB.

Currently, I am serving on the Allegan County Health Department Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and a newly formed Allegan County Housing Assessment steering committee. Developing collaborative relationships is extremely important to me. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with exceptional Allegan County leaders including my amazing colleagues at United Way, the HARA, the Allegan LPB agencies and non-profit leaders.

In my position as LPB Coordinator, I utilize various administrative skills that include co-facilitating meetings, taking minutes, creating a bi-monthly LPB newsletter, serving on county steering committees and assisting community partners in attaining information pertaining to housing and homelessness. I appreciate the implementation by the BOS Exec team to facilitate a streamlined system approach among the Local Planning Bodies within the context of the Michigan BOS. The BOS leaders are inclusive, welcoming, professional, and kind and I would be honored to work with them.

I consistently attend monthly BOS Governance Council meetings and was an active member of the 2022 Funding Application/Review committee. Recently, I started attending the Performance and Outcomes Committee to expand my knowledge of HMIS and the systems surrounding it.

I am a caring, empathetic person who values people and professionalism and strives to be dependable and complete work in a timely manner. I appreciate systems and strategies that are realistic, attainable, and accessible and am impressed by the Balance of State's priorities in these.

I am an (almost) empty nester with 3 young adult children; 2 are college graduates, 1 is married and 1 is a college senior. My husband and I live near Allegan County and enjoy spending time with our family, our grand puppy, Ollie and our 2-year old chocolate lab, Bo. We love being outdoors and exploring Michigan, especially the Saugatuck Dune area. I am thankful for the incredible agencies in my county and across the state that are working tirelessly to bring support and resources to unhoused individuals. My work as Allegan County LPB Coordinator is extremely fulfilling and I hope to expand that work as

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