

Michigan Balance of State COC Governance Council Executive Committee APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Lori S. Pieri

Name of Agency/Organization (if working for or representing an agency/organization):

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Which Elected Position are you interested in filling? Vice Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

If elected are you willing to participate in mandatory training for the entire CoC Board?

Yes

No

Explanation of Qualifications for Governance Council

Describe your involvement with the BOSCOG and/or your Local Planning Body:

I am currently the Chair of the EUP-LPB and have held that position for the past 8 years. I have represented Mackinac County on the BOSCOG Governance Council since the restructuring roughly five years ago. I have served as the Vice Chair of the BOSCOG for the past four years. I have served as the Chair of the Funding Application Committee for the past four years.

Briefly describe the experience or expertise that qualifies you to represent the specific seat identified:

I have served as the Vice Chair on the Executive Committee for the past four years. This experience has helped me to better understand the BOSCOG and contribute to the process of clarifying the role of the LPBs. By continuing in this role, I hope to help the Executive Committee continue to identify local needs and bring the funding and support needed to the local level.

What are characteristics you possess that make you a strong candidate for the Board?

I am a good listener and communicator. I like to look at all sides of an issue and then use that information to collaboratively come up with solution. I am dependable. When I make a commitment to a project I will show-up and follow-up.

What else would you like the MIBOSCOG Membership to know about you?

I have been involved with the Continuum of Care at the local level since 2002. As the Director of a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency, I work with individuals at all levels of income and housing need. At the same time, I do not work for a HARA so do not manage any of the grants that our BOSCOG or LPB receive. That allows me to be the person in the group willing to ask the "dumb" question, and look at challenges from a different perspective. I hope to continue to encourage a broader participation in the Governance Council and its committees from our LPB members.

Demographics and Equity Commitment

The MIBOSCOC is committed to growing a diverse membership to better reflect the populations we serve. Please indicate if you personally identify as part of the demographic areas from which we are seeking to increase representation. This information is voluntary and will not be shared without your express permission.

- Indigenous or Native American
- Black or African American
- Latinx or Hispanic
- LGBTQIA

- Homeless/Formedly Homeless
- System Involved Youth (eg. Foster Care, Juvenile Justice)
- Returning Citizens (persons exiting prison)

Please submit this application packet to coordinator@miboscoc.com and include:

Picture/Headshot of yourself



Short Bio not to exceed 450 words

My name is Lori Pieri and I am the Executive Director of H.O.M.E. of Mackinac County. My agency is located in St. Ignace Michigan in the Upper Peninsula and I have represented Mackinac County on the EUP-LPB since 2002. I have witnessed many changes through the years and have taken on leadership roles serving as the Chair of the EUP-LPB as well as serving in the past as a Chair for Region 1 (Upper Peninsula) meetings. For the past four years I have represented Mackinac County on the BOSCOG Governance Council, served on the BOSCOG Executive Committee as the Vice Chair and Chaired the BOSCOG HUD CoC Application and Evaluation Committee.

I am pleased with the work that BOSCOG Governance Council has accomplished, and hope to help continue this progress. The key is to get input from and listen to our service providers with feet on the ground, so that we can work to seek and direct funding where it is needed most. I hope to continue to help the Executive Committee build a stronger and more effective the Governance Council.