



Coalition for the Homeless Adds New Talent to Help Lead Houston Home

HOUSTON, Texas (November 5, 2014) ---- Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County President & CEO Marilyn Brown has announced several key staff appointments: Sophia Wong, Controller; Concetta Scerbo, Project Manager; Sara Brown, Communications Manager; and Nathalia Sams, Executive Assistant.

Wong, formerly of Neighborhood Centers, Inc., received her undergraduate and graduate degrees at University of Houston and brings more than seventeen years of accounting experience to the Coalition. She formerly served in finance positions at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Pennzoil/ Shell Oil Company. At the Coalition, she will oversee all daily accounting operations, as well as annual audit management.

Scerbo received her undergraduate degree at Texas A & M University, followed by an M.B.A. through Southeast Missouri State University. Her prior employers include Texas A & M University, Chevron, and the United States Air Force. As project manager, she joins the team that leads research, project management, system capacity building and public policy for a variety of programs undertaken by the agency, primarily the Continuum of Care (CoC) system.

Brown, formerly of Bering Omega Community Services, first joined the Coalition in July of 2013 as the Special Assistant to the CEO. Brown received her undergraduate degree from Wheeling Jesuit University. As the organization's role in the Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care has evolved, Brown's experience and ability in leading communications functions prepared her for the newly created position.

Sams hails from Brookshire, TX and brings more than 10 years of administrative experience with organizations such as M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and IKON Office Solutions to her position with the Coalition. Sams will use her expertise to provide executive assistance to senior staff at the organization as well as support office-wide administrative functions for all staff members.

"As the greater Houston community ramps up efforts to end homelessness, adding this talent to our team will further our goal to work collaboratively with Houston-area homeless service providers and other partners involved in The Way Home action plan," Marilyn Brown said. "Together, we are housing our most vulnerable citizens, while providing the necessary support programs needed to create stable housing for these individuals."

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The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County is a non-profit, 501(c)3 whose mission is to provide leadership in the development, advocacy and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) named Houston as a priority community to help end homelessness. Learn more at www.homelesshouston.org.

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