



**CoC General
Assembly
Meeting**
February 2022

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Mission Moment

Approval of January Minutes

Homeless Collaborative Updates



Mission Moment

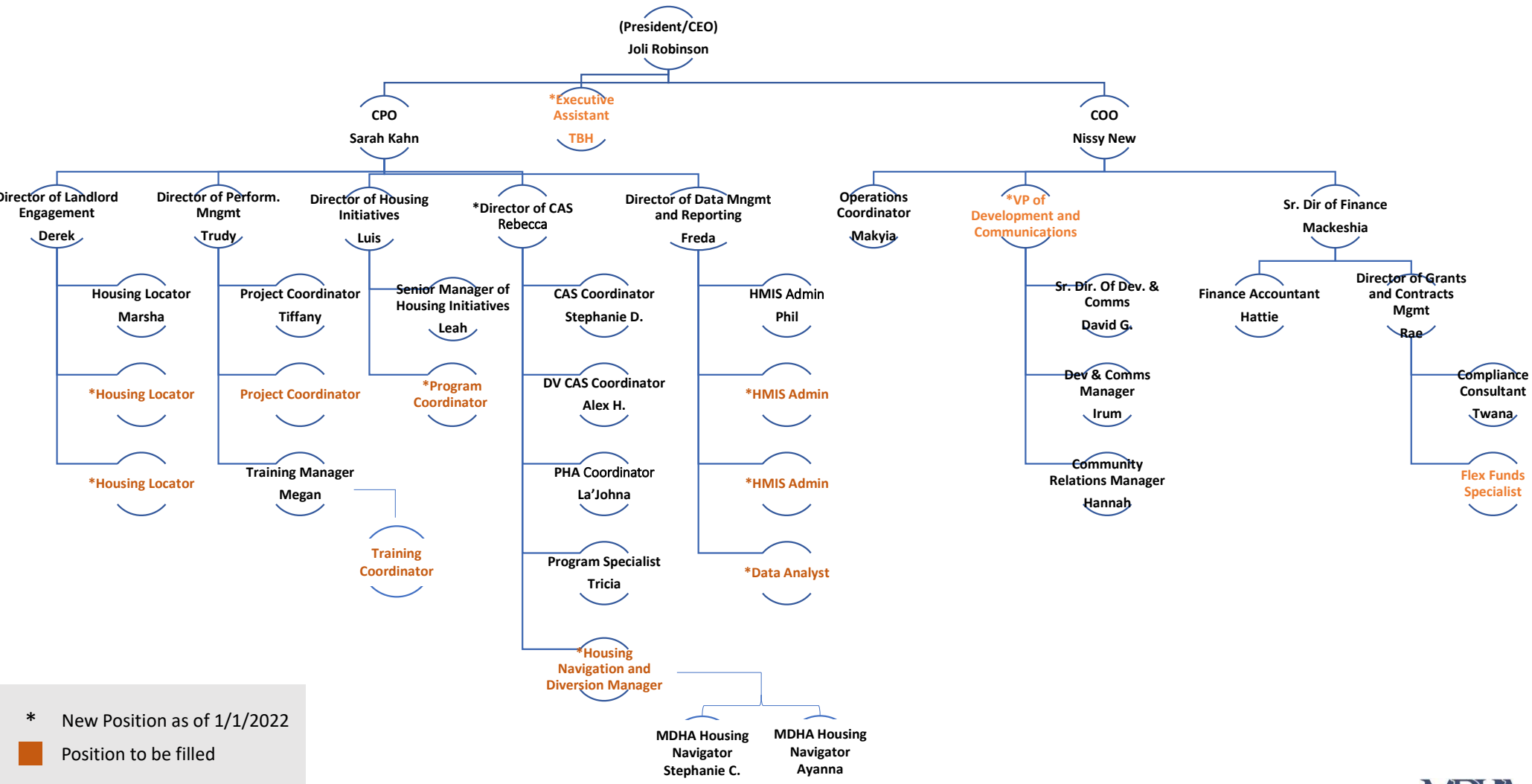
Stephanie Demar
CAS Coordinator

Homeless Collaborative Updates

Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance Updates

- New organizational Structure to better align with current needs of our system
- Monthly Meet & Lease events to help build and maintain momentum
- “Leaning In” on the Inclement Weather planning & execution
- City of Dallas Encampment Decommissioning work well underway

New Organizational Structure



* New Position as of 1/1/2022
 ■ Position to be filled

Introducing Our New Team Members



Derek Avery
Director of Landlord
Engagement

Derek is a visionary leader with a passion for real estate and community development. He is experienced in selling, building, and developing real estate for over 17 years. Derek sold real estate in Houston, TX from 2006-2014, and was a board member and real estate director of Southeast Houston Community Development Corporation from 2009-2012. Derek's passion to develop and revitalize communities has been a central part of his life from an early age. He grew up in transitional and underserved neighborhoods in Houston, TX. His goal is to revitalize communities in transition through a holistic approach to community development. Most recently, Derek was the Director of Housing Initiatives for Abounding Prosperity Inc, developing permanent supportive housing.



Luis Acuña-Pilgrim
Director of Housing

Luis Acuña-Pilgrim is skilled in building relationships and strategic partnerships needed to advance programmatic initiatives. During his tenure at the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas (CACTX), he managed special projects, including the statewide anti-child sex trafficking initiative, providing programmatic guidance and technical assistance to CACs and governmental agencies. Luis received his bachelor's degree in International Relations from St. Edward's University, and master's in Bicultural Bilingual Studies from the University of Texas in San Antonio. He is currently a doctoral candidate at St. Edward's University in Austin.

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Rebecca Hickom
Director of CAS

Rebecca is relocating to Dallas from Atlanta Georgia where she began working in homelessness as a direct service provider, delivering case management, training, and program management for a local Rapid Rehousing program. For the last five years Rebecca worked at the Georgia Balance of State CoC leading the design, implementation, and evaluation of the CoC's Coordinated Entry System. Most recently Rebecca spearheaded the CoC's first Diversion program, as well as a system-wide performance management program to improve outcomes and capacity of the homeless response system. .



Leah Williams
Senior Manager of Housing

Leah Williams is a passionate leader always looking for ways she can make positive impacts in her community. For over seven years Leah has worked at CitySquare starting in their workforce advocacy program and helping steer it towards finding employment for over 150 individuals each year and managing the processes for consumer experience and data gathering. During the pandemic she joined CitySquare's executive leadership making direct culture changes within the organization. With her skills, passion, and general interest in the affordable housing crisis in Dallas, Leah is excited to be a part of the MDHA team.

Announcements

- **Join or Renew Your Membership in the CoC** – Go to <https://www.mdhadallas.org/coc-membership/>
- **Case Managers Roundtable** – Go to <https://www.mdhadallas.org/pec-events/case-managers-roundtable/1645617600/>
- **Special CoC Board Meeting**, Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 12-4pm – in person, Catholic Charities Dallas Central Service Center.
- **PIT Kickoff** (featuring the Dallas and Plano Mayors), Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 4pm – Get your tickets today at <https://2022pitkickoff.eventbrite.com/>
- **PIT**, Thursday, February 24-Saturday March 5, 2022 – Go to <https://www.mdhadallas.org/homeless-pit-count/> for details