



UNIFIED - HIV Health and Beyond Board of Directors Announces New President/CEO

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The Board of Directors for UNIFIED - HIV Health and Beyond are pleased to announce that Ms. Linda Bielskis has been hired as the President/CEO. She will assume the position on 2 January 2019. "We are pleased that Ms. Bielskis is joining UNIFIED - HIV Health and Beyond (UHHB) as our President/CEO. Linda has a significant record of leadership, evidenced by the positive impact of the operations and programs she has led within the nonprofit community," stated Board of Directors' Chair Janine E. Janosky, Ph.D.

Linda has 25 years of experience for non-profit, social service organizations. She has developed her skill set through direct care prevention and counseling positions, supervisory and development roles and in various leadership positions. Having worked for organizations such as the YWCA, National Council on Alcoholism and Addictions, Catholic Charities, Intake Assessment & Referral Center, Genesee Community Health Center and New Paths, Inc., she has spent her career in organizations serving people living with mental illness and addiction disorders, as well as the complexities including issues related to access to healthcare and chronic illnesses, trauma, grief and loss, generational poverty, domestic violence, and parity. Linda is also an Administrative Surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International.



Linda earned her bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University in Psychology and Management; a master's degree at the University of Houston in the area of clinical psychology; and a master's degree at Baker College in Flint in business administration with a concentration in healthcare.

As a committed leader in the human service field, Linda has also been involved in programs supporting talent into the field. She has served as a nominated mentor for the Midwest Addiction Transfer and Technology Research Institute and worked as adjunct faculty for Saginaw Valley State University. Linda has served as the past chair of the Genesee County Continuum of Care, past chair of the Committee to End Homelessness, member of Pets are Worth Saving (PAWS), current chair for the Shelter of Flint and current Treasurer for Partners 4 Recovery. Linda is a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS), a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CAADC) and as a registered yoga teacher (RYT), she is also a member of Yoga Alliance and Yoga International.



"I am so excited to be joining the team at UHHB in the role of President and CEO. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and leadership team for their show of confidence and diligence throughout this process. I have been driven by mission-oriented work finding the role as advocate for individuals and families who are vulnerable or marginalized in our society the most important role to have. Coming to UHHB is a seamless step in continuing this ever important work and it is an honor to join UHHB in the mission to fight HIV and provide services to individuals affected by HIV."

Linda Bielskis

UNIFIED – HIV Health and Beyond: Rooted in the history of its fight against HIV, UNIFIED – HIV Health and Beyond advances prevention, access to healthcare, community research and advocacy. The vision for the future is to become a nationally recognized multi-service center creating positive change through regional impact, innovation, and sustainability to promote HIV health and beyond.

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