To Karin Ford, Chairwoman Iowa Council on Homelessness:

Please accept this as my official letter of interest for the position of Vice Chair of the Iowa Council on Homelessness. I am confident that I have the qualifications and the ability to perform the job. I have more than 30 years of experience with all aspects of how a board operates including involvement with this Council since its formation in 2008. I have been a voting member since 2012. I am excited to have the opportunity to be more active with a leadership role.

I would bring significant value to the Council. I have a B.S. in Business and a M.B.A. with an emphasis on Organizational Development. Over the past 20 years, I have worked with a diverse population of homeless individuals/families. I have worked with victims of domestic violence/sexual assault, the disabled, and individuals with HIV/AIDS. Before the formation of the Council, I was the Secretary for the Coalition on Housing and the Homeless Board of Directors. The Coalition was responsible for completing and submitting to HUD the CoC application for the Balance of State.

Currently, I am:

* Chair of the Black Hawk County Local Homeless Coordinating Board;
* Secretary and Past President of the Cedar Falls Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary #4074;
* Chair of the By-Law Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 512;
* Member of the Waterloo Housing Trust Fund Board;
* Lead Agency staff for the Black Hawk/Grundy/Tama Region for Coordinated Entry; and
* Member of the Iowa Council on Homelessness Coordinating Entry Committee.

I have also served on the following boards:

* Pathways Behavioral Health Services (Waterloo)
* Recording Secretary for the Cedar Valley United Way Agency Directors (Waterloo) and
* Jessie Cosby Center (Waterloo).

Prior to my position at Community Housing Initiatives, I was the Executive Secretary to the President/CEO of Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa. I was an integral part of the Board of Directors. My role was to oversee all aspects of board governance. This included preparation of the board agendas; recording and disseminating minutes (board and all committees); and compliance with the by-laws pertaining to member terms and officer duties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mariliegh Fisher