

Application Form

Profile

Deanne

First Name

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Middle Initial

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Last Name

[Redacted] Home Address

Suite or Apartment

Moraga

City

[Redacted] State

[Redacted] Postal Code

[Redacted] Primary Phone

[Redacted] Email Address

Which supervisorial district do you live in?

District 2

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Stanford University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA Human Biology

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

UC Berkeley

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MA Public Policy

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other schools / training completed:

Course Studied

Hours Completed

Certificate Awarded?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa Council on Homelessness: Submitted

Seat Name

Homeless Service Provider

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If you have attended, how many meetings have you attended?

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Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

As the Executive Director of Hope Solutions, an organization that provides permanent housing and vital support services to highly vulnerable populations in Contra Costa County, I have a unique perspective on how we our homeless service systems function and how we can improve it to end homelessness quickly and permanently for our residents. Our organization works in a highly collaborative way with other non-profits, community groups and the County and will be better able to provide impactful services by deepening our partnerships through participation in the COH.

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

I would like to be considered for appointment to other advisory boards for which I may be qualified.

Yes No

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board, commission, or committee?

Yes No

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

I am currently serving on the Contra Costa County Council on Homelessness Board. I served for 6 years on the Housing California Board, another 6 years on the Alameda County EveryoneHome Board (including two years as Board Chair), and served 4 years on my children's preschool Board (including serving as President.)

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

See resume


Upload a Resume

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a Familial or Financial Relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relations?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

the non profit for wh ch I am the Execut ve D rector (Hope So ut ons) has contracts w th the County.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and undersand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree

Deanne Pearn

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SUMMARY

Visionary and dynamic professional provides leadership on a local, statewide and national landscape addressing the needs of homeless populations. Co-created and expanded \$20 million nonprofit organization to respond to alleviate poverty and eliminate disparities between vulnerable youth and their peers. Highly successful fund raiser plays lead role in policy development and organizational impact and growth. Works highly collaboratively and has written extensively about systems of care for children and their families.

EDUCATION

M.P.P., Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley
B.A. Human Biology, Stanford University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING, PLEASANT HILL, CA

April 2017-Present

Executive Director of organization committed to ending poverty and homelessness among the most vulnerable families and individuals by providing permanent supportive housing and intensive services.

- Set vision and strategy for dynamic non-profit that serves 1,100 people per year in Contra Costa County
- Lead staff of 45 and manage \$4.2M agency budget
- Lead team of 5 Directors to implement 5 major program areas across the County
- Ensure systems in place to deliver highest quality services to residents and clients of CCIH
- Work with other providers and county partners to fundamentally improve housing and homeless service delivery system county-wide

FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH, OAKLAND, CA

Present

June 1998-

Co-Founded premier organization designed to end homelessness among former foster youth.

- **Helped grow** agency from 2-person start-up into statewide organization touching 2500 youth per year with budget of \$20 Million and over 100 employees; highly respected organization known for innovation, being performance/outcomes driven, and embodying youth development framework

Vice President of Policy

Present

July 2010-

- **Created** policy department to strengthen organizations efforts to shape systems level change to fundamentally improve outcomes among transition age foster youth

- **Advocate** key policy changes--*California's Fostering Connections to Success Act extends foster care to 21*. Participate in statewide/local county working groups to implementation of key policies/programs
- **Advocate** for transparency/performance standards among public contracts to ensure public investments in transition age youth are yielding a strong return on investments
- **Author** regular issue briefs to help build the field and promote best practices. Present at national, state and local conferences regarding best practices for helping homeless youth attain permanent housing and strong educational and employment gains

Chief Development Officer

- **Lead** department to raise \$7.8 million through individual, foundation, government and event revenue in FY 2010. Manage agency communications, marketing strategies, messaging and branding
- **Responsible for** agency communications--quarterly newsletters, website, annual report, collateral materials, press releases, and donor engagement
- **Raise issues** awareness through speaking engagements and presentations to state legislators, academic audiences, funders and service providers

Program Director

- **Designed programs and evaluation measurement** combining scattered site housing, education and employment support, and intensive case management to help transition age foster youth achieve long-term self sufficiency; Developed partnerships with community of providers--county stakeholders and young adult participants; created Youth Advisory Board to provide input and worked with partner organizations in Alameda County to birth the Alameda County Foster Youth Alliance.

Alameda County, Social Services Agency, Oakland, CA

Graduate Research Associate

June 1997-

September 1997

- Analyzed research and developed empirically based employability assessment tool for welfare recipients.
- Presented findings to 50 Agency managers/executives.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps

Placement at Volunteer Legal Services Program, San Francisco, CA

Special Projects Coordinator

August 1995- August

1996

- Spent year exploring the intersection of spirituality, social justice and community with cohort of full-time volunteers. Provided advocacy and holistic case management for homeless clients; coordinated monthly legal clinic for San Francisco residents; and conducted client intake and referral on poverty law issues.

Research Analyst, Health Systems Research, Inc., Washington, DC

October

1993 - July 1995

- Researched federal, state, local maternal/child health programs and state health care reform initiatives.

Environmental Fellow, Homemaker's Union and Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC

June 1991- September 1991

- Facilitated public awareness campaign of environmental issues; taught environmental education classes.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- *Contra Costa County Council on Homelessness (2018-)* - Advisory Board to County's Health, Housing and Homeless Service Department and Board of Supervisors regarding community's efforts to end homelessness
- *Housing California Board Member, (2009-2016)* Board member for statewide policy and advocacy organization dedicated to affordable housing for most vulnerable.
- *Sequoia Nursery School Board (2010 - 2013)* Board President, Vice President, Secretary for cooperative preschool

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Van Buren, Pearn, Leer, Jones, Cobbs; "More than Me: 2015 Exploratory Study of Pregnant and Parenting Youth in the Foster Care System," Issue Brief published by First Place for Youth, March 2016.
- Pearn, Orozco, Selver, Cobbs; "Staying Power: Longer Stays in the My First Place Program Contribute to Successful Outcomes for Transition Age Youth," Issue Brief published by First Place for Youth, October 2012.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *0 Keynote commencement speaker, University of California at Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, May 2003
- *1 Guest Lecturer, Public Management Class, UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy
- *2 "Alumnus of the Decade", Goldman School of Public Policy to honor contribution made to foster care community through development of First Place Fund for Youth. September 2001

RECENT PRESENTATIONS - (full list of presentations available)

- "Strategic Use of Longer-Term Housing Options for Youth," workshop presented at National Alliance to End Homelessness National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness, Oakland, CA February 19, 2016.
- "Working with Systems Involved Youth," workshop presented at National Alliance to End Homelessness National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness, San Diego, CA, February 20, 2015.
- "Improving Economic Self-Sufficiency: Enhancing Employment Outcomes and Increasing Income," workshop presented at National Alliance to End Homelessness Nat'l Conference, Ending Family and Youth Homelessness, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
- "Fulfilling the Promise of the Fostering Connections to Success Act: Lessons From California," presentation to National Resource Center for Youth Development Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 7, 2014
- "Promoting Housing Stability for Newly Re-housed Families and Youth: Case Management and Financial Assistance," workshop presented at National Alliance to End Homelessness National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness, New Orleans, LA, February 19, 2014.