

## **Tom Albanese, LSW** **Associate Director**

Tom Albanese has significant experience in designing homeless crisis response systems and helping communities build their capacity to achieve better outcomes. His career in the homeless services field spans 25 years. Tom has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Kent State University and completed post-graduate coursework in social work at the University of Akron. He is a licensed social worker and earned a certificate in non-profit management from Kent State University.

Tom worked as a principal associate for Abt Associates, a leading research and technical assistance firm for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other federal agencies, from 2008 to 2016. He served as the lead technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans Administration in supporting efforts to reduce homelessness among Veterans nationwide by 47% between 2010 and 2016. As a lead technical assistance provider for New York City, Tom supported efforts to reduce homelessness among Veterans in New York City by 66% between 2014 and 2016. Tom also served as chair of the national technical assistance team for HUD's now concluded \$1.5B Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, supporting effective administration and adherence to best practices in over 500 jurisdictions nationwide.



In his role at Community Shelter Board, Tom has overall strategic and operational responsibility for all program areas. He drives system and program strategy for the organization and represents Community Shelter Board on a local, regional, and national basis. With a program budget of \$31 million and a staff of 26, Tom focuses on program leadership and management, external relationships, and knowledge management.

Community Shelter Board, established in 1986, is a collective impact organization working to prevent and end homelessness by creating collaborations, developing innovative solutions, and investing in quality programs in Columbus and Franklin County. Last year, Community Shelter Board's network of programs served more than 12,000 people. Community Shelter Board is funded by the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and many other public and private investors.