



LIANNA BARBU

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR


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Lianna Barbu directs the internal operations of Community Shelter Board. She oversees the operation and management of all finance activities, grants, housing, information technology, and human resources. She also directs the data, research and evaluation affairs of CSB and is responsible for program and system evaluations necessary for programmatic and planning decisions. Lianna drives the work of the Continuum of Care for Columbus and Franklin County – a broad stakeholder group that oversees the strategic plan to respond to homelessness – aligned with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.


She represents CSB on a local, regional, and national basis. With a budget of \$47 million and a staff of 35, Lianna focuses on operations leadership and management, external relationships, and knowledge management.

Before joining Community Shelter Board in 2007, Lianna worked for the Columbus Chamber, where she managed benefits for the Chamber’s 3,000 business members. Before her role at the Chamber, she managed export operations, logistics, and finances for a business in Romania, stewarding vendor relationships throughout Europe. Lianna holds a master’s degree in business administration from the Ohio State University Fisher College of Business and an undergraduate degree in computer sciences.

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served 15,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing programs. Community Shelter Board is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the State of Ohio, United Way of Central Ohio, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, The Columbus Foundation, and many other public and private investors.

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