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DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION


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As Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Shaun Gunnell works within Community Shelter Board as well as across its system of 20 partner agencies to challenge current structures and policies to ensure that systems, programs, services, and training support true equity and inclusion. His work is rooted in CSB's values centered on collaboration, passionate and committed effort, accountability, integrity, curiosity, innovation, and transparency. Shaun is part of the senior management team that drives strategy for the organization and represents CSB on a local, regional, and national basis.


Shaun has a deep understanding of institutionalized oppressive systems and is skilled at designing and implementing effective diversity and inclusion programs. He worked at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio from 2017-2022 where he most recently served as the Director of Multicultural Student Affairs. He held leadership roles at the University of Rio Grande, including as an adjunct professor for health sciences.

A first-generation college graduate, Shaun earned his master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Rio Grande. He is originally from the Weinland Park neighborhood of Columbus and is a proud graduate of Linden McKinley high school.

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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