



## United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

*Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States*

### **Matthew Doherty** Regional Coordinator

Matthew Doherty will begin serving as a Regional Coordinator at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on May 29<sup>th</sup>. In this role, he is responsible for facilitating the strategic implementation of *Opening Doors* specifically in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii. Regional coordinators convene stakeholders at every level of government and with the private sector, encouraging implementation of strategies that maximize the impact of Federal resources and supporting strategic planning efforts. Regional Coordinators also disseminate information about proven practices, bridge linkages among communities, and share practical resources to support community efforts and foster momentum through shared knowledge and cross-community collaboration.



Matthew brings to his new role with USICH more than twenty years of experience in both the private and public sectors, focused on the creation of housing, services programs, and economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities and households. Matthew has most recently served as Principal of Housing Policy and Planning for LeSar Development Consultants (LDC), where he managed the implementation of the Ending Homelessness in Downtown San Diego Campaign, among many other projects.

Previously, Matthew served in a variety of roles for the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and is a nationally known expert regarding financing, policy, and operational issues for supportive housing and strategies for ending homelessness. Matthew most recently served as Director of CSH's Consulting Group, managing the provision of customized consulting, technical assistance and training services to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in communities across the United States, focusing on enhancing policies, planning, and systems for the financing, development and operation of an expanded supply of affordable and supportive housing. He previously directed CSH's National Resource Center. Matthew also previously held management roles with the San Diego Housing Commission and the King County Housing Authority in Washington State and has extensive knowledge of Public Housing Authorities and HUD-funded housing and resident services programs. Matthew has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington.

### *What are you looking forward to in your work as a Regional Coordinator?*

I am especially looking forward to the opportunities to deepen and strengthen USICH's partnerships within many different and diverse communities, including ones that I have had the privilege of working with before in other roles. I am truly energized by this chance to keep learning from more local communities—to learn from their successes and from their continued challenges—and I am thrilled to



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be able to serve as an active support and resource to them along the path toward achieving our shared goal of preventing and ending homelessness.