



United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States

Laura Green Zeilinger

Director of National Programs and Field Support

Laura Green Zeilinger currently serves as Director of National Programs and Field Support at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). In this role, she is responsible for overseeing the strategic implementation of *Opening Doors* in states and major metropolitan areas. Ms. Zeilinger directs the USICH National Programs regional field team and serves as the bridge between the work of the Council, the nation's governmental leaders and communities across the U.S.

Prior to joining the USICH, Ms. Zeilinger served as the Deputy Director for Program Operations at the District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS) where she had oversight over the Department's Income Maintenance Administration and the Family Services Administration and advised the agency's Director on all aspects of program operations. Ms. Zeilinger led the District's efforts on ending homelessness. She developed a strategy for the implementation of the District's "Homeless No More Plan" including creating a production plan for 2,500 units of permanent supportive housing and coordinating the activities of the Interagency Council on Homelessness. Ms. Zeilinger designed and implemented the Mayor Fenty's "Housing First" initiative, which provided permanent supportive housing to 500 individuals and 80 families in its first year and currently provides housing to more than 1,000 households. Prior to joining DHS, Ms. Zeilinger worked as part of the Health and Human Services cluster in the District of Columbia's Office of the City Administrator where she served as liaison between the Mayor and City Administrator and the Department of Human Services and Office of Disability Rights. Before joining the District of Columbia government, Ms. Zeilinger spent much of her early career working on international economic development, managing a technical assistance project to reform the pension system in the Republic of Kazakhstan. She is an attorney with a long standing commitment to underserved populations.