

Katharine Bogle Shields

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 – Present, Executive Director, New Hampshire Community Development Finance

Authority: With executive team manage day-to-day operations and with board of directors lead quasi-state agency in the effective and strategic deployment of an annual total of \$34.0 million in grant, investment and financing resources for community development purposes including the expansion and enhancement of affordable housing, job creation and retention, revitalization of community centers, as examples. Current organizational focus areas:

- Plan and deliver the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, a foreclosure recovery program aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods with high foreclosure rates through concentrated investment.
- Implement comprehensive database to capture quantitative and qualitative performance information and increase efficiency in the grant-making and monitoring process through automation.
- Reorganize professional team to more effectively provide technical assistance and expand capacity for strategic investment planning.

1996 – 2006, External Relations Manager and Vice- President for Community Reinvestment,

Providian Financial: Developed and implemented annual strategic investment plan for \$5.0 million in corporate grants and up to \$15.0 in community development investments in New Hampshire and the national market. Managed the Providian Child Care Initiative, a national program designed to create sustainable improvements in the early care and education system through increased access to affordable capital and deliberate and targeted grant-making. Worked with nationally recognized organizations such as NeighborWorks, the Opportunity Finance Network and the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund to expand resources and industry capacity in the areas of child care, financial literacy and community building. Oversaw NH government relations activities.

1978 – 1996, Program Director, Community Action Program Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc.:

Managed various health and social service programs - the Women's, Infants and Children's (WIC) supplemental nutrition program, family planning clinics, elder services, including Meals-on-Wheels, senior dining, and rural transportation.

1973 – 1976, Video Producer, Continental Cablevision and the Alternate Media Center at New York University.

EDUCATION

MBA, Whittemore School of Business Executive MBA Program, University of New Hampshire

BA, Colorado College (anthropology)

CURRENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Vice-chair, Northern New England Housing Investment Fund

Vice-chair, Early Learning New Hampshire

Board member, PlusTime NH

Treasurer, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

Board member and past chair, Saint Joseph Community Services