



United Way of Anchorage

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## **United Way of Anchorage Welcomes New Special Assistant to the President**

**Anchorage, AK** -- United Way of Anchorage is pleased to announce that Nancy Burke has joined the team as a special assistant to President and CEO Clark Halvorson for Housing and COVID-19 response programs. Ms. Burke brings a wealth of experience in non-profit, municipal and state government services to assist in data collection, design, funding and improvement of community and government systems serving people who are homeless or who experience a mental illness and disability.

Ms. Burke has a master's degree in social work focusing on family and mental health systems and has experience with clinical and housing service design needed for successful supportive housing programs for persons with severe disabling conditions. She will support United Way's Home for Good program on the clinical and housing components of the project as it continues in the first full year of a three-year Pay for Success financed program. In partnership with the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and our community partners, Ms. Burke will convene work on identified areas of the Anchored Home plan's prevention and diversion strategies. In what is a traditional role for the United Way, she will help in convening groups to identify and monitor relevant data and community indicators and to evaluate progress on key outcomes, as well as working with community leaders to strengthen the community's abilities to identify, address and fund priority issues.

Prevention of homelessness and quick diversion of those who do become homeless are key components of the solutions Anchorage needs to help us keep homelessness rare, brief and one-time.

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