



**Request to Be Considered for NAME Board of Directors
By Election or Appointment**
(updated, July 2022)

I recommend/submit my name Kate Yager be considered to fill a vacancy on the NAME Board of Directors.

Check one:

Director (Elected or Appointed Position):

Region (1, 2, 3 or at-large): At-large

Category (Medicaid, Education or LEA): LEA

Officer (Elected Position): President-Elect

Officer (Appointed by the Board: Secretary or Treasurer): _____

Name of person submitting the recommendation:
 Self

Phone number and e-mail of person submitting nomination: _____

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I believe I/this person would be an asset to the NAME Board of Directors because:

of extensive knowledge of Medicaid in Education at the State level

of extensive experience in Medicaid in Education at the LEA level

he/she is a contributing member of NAME and active on the following committee(s): _____



Additional information about Candidate:

Name and Title: Kate Yager, Director of Medicaid

Place of Employment: Chicago Public Schools

Years involved with Medicaid in Education issues: 6

Current role in his/her organization: Director of Medicaid

Current or past involvement with NAME (committee work, presentations, Board, etc.):

At-large LEA Director (Feb22 – present) (appointed for vacant term)

Why I want to/ this person should- be part of the NAME Board of Directors:

I believe I have a lot to offer to the Board through valuable expertise in federal, state and local school health and Medicaid policy and advocacy, current on-the-ground experience overseeing the Medicaid program at the nation's third-largest school district, and a passionate interest in ensuring our schools and students have access to all the resources available to them to support a robust learning experience.

****Please attach brief biography or resume****

X I meet Board of Directors qualifications as outlined in the NAME Bylaws as excerpted on page 3 and 4 of this form.

Please email this completed nomination request by August 11, 2022 to:

Charles Tyler, Jr., Chair, NAME Nominating Committee
Email: ctyler@bcps.org
Phone: 443-809-7793

Katherine A. Yager

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chicago Public Schools – Chicago, IL

Oct 2020 – Present

Director of Medicaid

- Oversee district-wide Medicaid programming, including eligibility and enrollment, service capture and administrative claiming, and compliance with state and federal policy and regulations.
- Lead policy advocacy efforts at the state and federal level to improve Medicaid programming in schools.
- Develop revenue enhancement plans in partnership with Medicaid vendor and internal departments.
- Oversee interdepartmental coordination and collaboration to ensure alignment of revenue sustainability and revenue enhancement initiatives, including data documentation, process flow changes, policy and regulatory updates and implementation, issue resolution, and quality assurance and compliance efforts.

Healthy Schools Campaign – Chicago, IL

Feb 2018 – Oct 2020

Director of State Policy and Advocacy

- Established and executed the HSC statewide policy agenda, working with partners and stakeholders to educate and inform elected officials and policymakers to improve health and wellness in schools across Illinois.
- Led statewide advocacy efforts for reversal of the federal “Free Care Rule” policy to expand Medicaid programming in schools.
- Served as lead advocate for HSC on school health and wellness issues including school health services, school nutrition, physical activity and education, staff wellness and training, and green and sustainable infrastructure.
- Managed the Chicago School Health Access Collaborative, comprised of health, education, and philanthropy organizations, health providers, and City agencies to improve school health services infrastructure.

Bronner Group – Chicago, IL

April 2016 – May 2017

Manager of Government Services

- Oversaw Government Services consulting practice and led consulting staff on projects serving local, state, and federal public sector entities across the U.S. Managed portfolio of strategic planning, organizational assessment, program development and evaluation, policy analysis, stakeholder and partnership development, and project management services.
- Drove organizational growth through concept development and proposal writing, business development outreach, budget and operational initiatives, and internal strategic planning processes.

Sample Engagements

- Led development of 20-year strategic and capital expenditure plans for the Housing Authority of the City of Daytona Beach, including overseeing market analysis and physical needs assessment.
- Led strategic planning and customer service initiative development for the L.A. Office of Finance, including addressing post-department merger and new management environment.

City of Chicago, Department of Innovation and Technology – Chicago, IL

Nov 2015 – April 2016

Deputy Chief Information Officer/Director of Enterprise Strategy

- Led the citywide technology planning strategy, in collaboration with City departments and sister agencies, to develop and implement long-term operational, fiscal, and policy advancements for the next four years.
- Oversaw citywide adoption and implementation of technology improvements and recommendations under Mayor Emanuel’s Procurement Reform Task Force.
- Executed Mayor Emanuel’s Broadband Challenge to expand broadband access and affordability citywide.

City of Chicago, Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel – Chicago, IL

Jan 2012 – Nov 2015

Deputy Chief of Policy

Oct 2013 – Nov 2015

- Led City departments and collaborated with external partners, including public, private, academic, and nonprofit and community organizations, to develop and advance City of Chicago policies and programs.
- Developed and implemented the City’s newly-created minimum wage law enforcement strategy, including ongoing compliance, outreach, communication, and strategic partnership plans.
- Revived and redesigned One Good Deed Chicago, the City’s service program to connect residents to volunteer opportunities across the city; created and launched the Mayor’s Mentoring Challenge.
- Oversaw development of the City’s food desert policy, including: launching a mobile produce bus program; repurposing City assets as healthy food spots; and expanding farmers markets and SNAP programming citywide.
- Directed the City’s technology policy and managed strategy development, including: supervising the Citywide transition to a paperless license and permit process; leading Mayor Emanuel’s ThinkChicago tech recruitment program; and creating the Mayor’s Broadband Challenge to expand broadband access and affordability citywide.

Special Advisor, Innovation Delivery Team

Jan 2012 – Oct 2013

- Created a first-of-its-kind energy efficiency behavior change competition in the multifamily housing sector to achieve long-term reductions in electric, gas, and water consumption through increased awareness and education about the benefits of energy efficiency. Managed team of City staff, utility companies, and external partners.
- Oversaw implementation of the City's first-ever Neighborhood Small Business Development Strategy, including redesign of the delegate agency program and creation of new policies to better support local small businesses.

Seedco – New York, NY

June 2010 – Jan 2012

Consultant, Consulting and Technical Assistance Department

- Managed portfolio of national consulting, technical assistance, and capacity building projects. Evaluated and analyzed programs, policies, and data to identify opportunities to strengthen services and improve outcomes in economic development, workforce development, and asset-building programs.

Sample Engagements

- Provided data management, report development, and overall program support for NYC Dept of Homeless Services' homelessness prevention program in conjunction with Legal Aid Society and NYS Civil Court.
- Delivered technical assistance to workforce development agencies in six competitively selected cities to establish partnerships with local weatherization training providers and employers as part of a national grant award. Developed energy efficiency career pathway models and assessment materials.

New York City Workforce Investment Board (WIB) – New York, NY

Aug 2009 – June 2010

Project Manager

- Analyzed local, state, and federal workforce policy and provided recommendations to City Hall and City department staff. Engaged WIB members in the development and implementation of the WIB policy agenda.
- Established and advanced stakeholder relationships to support local applications for local, state, and federal competitive grant opportunities, including the review of external grant applications prior to submission.
- Structured WIB oversight and monitoring of Mayor Bloomberg's Green Economy Plan. Represented WIB on green workforce development initiatives and advisory groups and collaborated with NYC Labor Market Information Service to develop citywide green jobs study in energy efficiency sectors.

Tennessee Technology Development Corporation – Nashville, TN

Sept 2007 – April 2009

Director of Economic Research

- Developed innovative statewide programs focused on accelerating entrepreneurship, enhancing research and development activity, and increasing the amount of and accessibility to risk capital in Tennessee.
- Analyzed economic data to support state projects, examined applicable economic indicators and trends, and measured and monitored Tennessee in the area of innovation- and technology-based economic development.

State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development – Nashville, TN

Oct 2005 – Sept 2007

Economic Research Analyst, Technology Development Division

- Developed programs and advocated policies to support statewide economic growth through the creation and adoption of technology, risk capital program development, and entrepreneurial expansion.
- Created statewide education and assessment program to help communities advance to a higher level of broadband deployment, including development of surveys, marketing materials, website, and data reports.
- Secured \$5 million state revitalization grant to transition Technology Development Division to a private, nonprofit organization (Tennessee Technology Development Corporation, above).

EDUCATION

University of Missouri at Kansas City – Master of Arts, Economics
Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society in Economics

Jan 2004 – May 2005

Binghamton University – Bachelor of Arts, Economics
Study Abroad Semester, Murdoch University – Perth, Western Australia

Aug 1997 – May 2001

SERVICE

Present

- Big Brothers Big Sisters, "Big Sister" (Nov 2016 – Present)
- Green Mountain Adventure Racing Association (GMARA), Copy Editor and Race Volunteer (2009 – Present)

Past

- Volunteer/Mentor: PAWS Chicago Professional Board, St. Jude Young Professionals Board; Chicago Cares; Year Up, Nashville Humane Association, Vanderbilt Housestaff Alliance (Philanthropy Chair)