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RESUME OF DOUG DOBMEYER

PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AND ADVOCACY:

- * Executive Director, Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty, May - October, 2001;
- *Community Fellowship, Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University of Chicago for 1998-1999;
- *Interim Executive Director, Illinois Common Cause, December 1996 – March 1997
- *Community Service Fellowship, Chicago Community Trust, Chicago, 1994-1995;
- *Executive Director, The Public Welfare Coalition, Chicago, 1986-1994;
- *Lobbyist on low-income and campaign finance issues in Springfield, 1986-1996
- *President of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Chicago, 1985-1987;
- *Member of the Mayor's Task Force on the Homeless, Chicago, 1983-1989;
- *Project Director for several reports on poverty issues; and
- *Past member of three statewide councils on poverty and homeless issues (1989-1994).

MEDIA:

- *Consultant on strategy and media training to groups seeking media placement for progressive issues, 1994-Present;
- *Statehouse correspondent for *City News USA*, Publisher of *State News Service*, spring 2000
- *Political and social issues columnist for *Streetwise* newspaper, Chicago, 1998-2001;
- * Chair (1999), Editorial Chair (1999-Present) and Board member of the Illinois Editorial Forum, an affiliate of the Washington, D.C. based American Forum that is dedicated to formulating and distributing op/ed pieces to print and electronic media in Illinois, 1997-present;
- *Publisher of *Poverty Issues...Dateline Illinois*, a twice-monthly fax/e-mail news briefing (1996-2001);
- *Author of *Media Coverage of Public Policy Issues in Illinois*, (1998);
- *Author of *Don't just complain...20 steps to improving MEDIA Coverage of poverty issues* (1995);
- *Author of *Competing Successfully for Media Coverage*, a 56 page guide to working with the media for non-profits (1996);
- *Extensive experience with local, regional, and national media activities, including developing news conferences, interviews, talk shows, PSA's, Op/Ed pieces, and referral to other sources, 1981-present. Appearances included **Nightline, Oprah Winfrey, the Jesse Jackson Show, Beyond the Beltway**, and various network news stories; and
- *Represented a variety of poverty issues with the media including: homelessness, welfare, energy, gambling issues, campaign finance reform, death penalty and a variety of "watch dog" issues, 1981-present.

LOW INCOME HOUSING REHABILITATION:

- *Housing Consultant, then Director (part-time) for the Illinois Migrant Council, 1998-2002 – developed rental subsidy program, funded by the Illinois Housing Development Authority for migrant and seasonal farmworkers; (replaces existing Ill Migrant Council item under housing)
- *Organizer (1984-1985), founding President (1985-1990), member of the Board of Directors (1985-1991), of the Lakefront SRO Corporation, the pioneer non-profit developer of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing in Chicago;

*Founding Commissioner and Secretary of the Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund. An original negotiator on the linked development issue of the Presidential Towers that established the financial basis for the Trust Fund, 1986-present;

*Member of the Board of Lakeview Towers Preservation Corporation, 1991-1996; and

*Member of the Board (1979-1988) and past President (1979-81 and 1984-86) of Voice of the People in Uptown Inc., a non-profit developer of family housing for low income families in Chicago.

DIRECT SERVICE:

*Past Executive Director of The Center for Street People, a drop-in center serving homeless men and women in the Uptown community of Chicago, 1983-1985; and

*Past Director of REST Shelter in Uptown, an emergency shelter serving men and women in two churches in the Uptown community of Chicago, 1982-1985

AWARDS:

*Recipient of the first Community Fellowship, Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University of Chicago for 1998-1999;

*Recipient of one of three Chicago Community Trust Community Service Fellowships for 1994-1995;

*Recipient of the 1991 Advocacy Award from the Interfaith Council for the Homeless;

*Co-Recipient of the 1988 Civic Contribution Award of the League of Women Voters of Chicago; and

*Recipient of 1986 volunteer award from the North Side Community Federal Credit Union.

EDUCATION AND OTHER:

*B.A. in Political Science from Indiana University, 1971

*Two year veteran of VISTA, 1971-1973