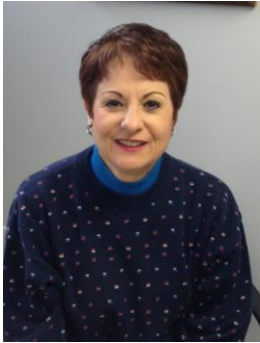


Trudy Higgins Appointed to Commission on Community Service



BHcare is proud to announce Trudy Higgins, Vice President of Community Services, has been appointed to the Connecticut Commission on Community Service by Governor Dannel Malloy.

Ms. Higgins joined the behavioral health field back in 1982, helping men and women who struggled with serious mental illness and addiction find jobs and gain the necessary skills to join the workforce. She joined BHcare (Birmingham Group Health Services) in 1991 as the Coordinator of Supported Employment and quickly moved her way up the organization taking on various positions such as Director of Supported

Employment, Director of Rehabilitation Services, Director of Operations and Associate Executive Director. From 2003 until 2011, Ms. Higgins served as the Vice President of Services and in 2012 she assumed the role of BHcare's Vice President of Community Services.

Ms. Higgins has served on numerous boards and committees including the Valley YMCA Board of Directors, the CCPA Behavioral Health Division, and the CCPA Membership Committee. She was president of the CT Rehabilitation Association in the 1990s, and was co-chair of DMHAS' New Haven Housing Subcommittee. Currently, she participates in the New Haven Chamber Nonprofit Council and Healthcare Council and was most recently elected to the steering committee for Opening Doors New Haven which is dedicated to ending homelessness in Connecticut. Ms. Higgins is the vice president of the St. Anthony's Church Ladies Guild and serves on their Hope Ministry which raises money to help the needy in Prospect. She also volunteers at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen in Waterbury and recently joined the Ladies Auxiliary of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department.

The Connecticut Commission on Community Service administers programs under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission is dedicated to supporting service and civic engagement to strengthen communities throughout Connecticut. In partnership with the Office of Higher Education, the Commission funds and supports programs that encourage all Connecticut residents to volunteer. Learn more at www.ctohe.org/cccs/.