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Boston Health Care for Homeless ED Elected to National Board



Robert Taube

August 1, 2008 — Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program Executive Director Robert Taube was recently elected president of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council's board of directors.

The National Health Care for the Homeless Council, the umbrella group of the nation's homeless health care organizations, works to reform the health care system to best serve the needs of homeless people. The council also supports its members, both organizations and individuals, through research, training, publishing, and fostering collaboration.

"The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is an extraordinary organization," said Taube. "It brings together people from all over the country who dedicate their lives and work to providing healthcare to homeless people. We're all facing the same challenges and doing the same work. It creates a network and a home for individuals and organizations that are otherwise vulnerable to feeling isolated – like they're the only ones tending to these challenging issues."

Taube joined **Boston Health Care for the Homeless** (BHCHP) in 1993 and has been its executive director since 1998. A private, nonprofit organization, BHCHP runs three hospital-based clinics and delivers care at more than 80 shelters and sites, including the Pine Street Inn, St. Francis House, and New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans.

Trained in community psychology, Taube began his career as a clinician and a manager of mental health services at the Neponset Health Center in Dorchester. As the executive director of the Columbia Point Health Center in Dorchester, he led the organization back from financial receivership in 1984 to financial stability and a new facility in 1990. The center is now called the Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center. He holds a master's degree in public health from Harvard University and a doctorate in counseling and clinical psychology from the University of Texas at Austin.