

Bobby Watts



Bobby Watts is the CEO of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, which supports the 300 federally-funded Health Care for the Homeless programs and 150 Medical Respite programs with training, technical assistance, sharing of best practices, research, publications, and an active policy and advocacy program working to eliminate homelessness.

Bobby has 30 years of experience in administration, direct service, and implementation of homeless health services, beginning as a live-in counselor at the NYC Rescue Mission. He spent most of his career prior to joining the Council at a Health Care for the Homeless agency that also operated shelters and conducted policy analysis and advocacy in NYC, serving as the Executive Director from 2005-2017.

He has served on numerous boards, government-appointed task forces, and workgroups, including as an inaugural member of the NYS Interagency Council on Homelessness, on the Biden-Harris Administration's COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, and on the Health Equity Work Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the CDC.

Bobby is a graduate of Cornell University and the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health where he received an MPH in health administration and an MS in epidemiology; he also holds the Certified in Public Health (CPH) credential. Bobby has also earned a Certificate of Theological Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary.