

Melinda Pollack

SUMMARY

Melinda Pollack is an experienced leader in affordable housing, community development, and philanthropic investment with a focus on equity, cradle to career partnerships, and cross-sector collaboration. Her career spans senior roles in nonprofit organizations and initiatives aimed at improving housing, health, and economic mobility in the United States.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BLUE MERIDIAN PARTNERS

JULY 2020 - PRESENT

Managing Director, Catalytic Supports

Lead place-based strategy and manage investment of over \$500 million focusing on evidence-based practices in education, housing, workforce, childcare, and public benefits across 20+ US regions. Correspondingly assess and invest in support for place-based partnerships including community planning, evaluation and utilization of data to drive outcomes.

ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Senior Vice President, National Initiatives

Sept 2018 – July 2020

Directed seven national programs integrating housing with sectors including health and economic security, managed a \$17 million budget and led the SPARCC initiative with \$13 million in grants and credit enhancements for real estate investments in major US cities. Developed a \$20 million innovation challenge supported by Wells Fargo Housing Foundation targeting housing construction, finance, and resident services with an emphasis on environment and racial equity.

Vice President and Senior Program Director roles

June 2007 – Sept 2018

Led Enterprise's Denver presence, spearheaded Colorado's first Social Impact Bond to end chronic homelessness, co-founded Mile High Connects collaboration and influenced local affordable housing and transit funding policies. Built and managed a \$24 million regional TOD acquisition fund, the nation's first long-term financing tool for affordable housing near transit, supporting replication in multiple US regions.

MERCY HOUSING

Vice President, Strategic Initiatives and Developer roles

Aug 2000 – June 2007

Managed real estate development process for new construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing across the U.S. Coordinated relationships and fundraising with national healthcare systems, provided consulting for affordable housing development for women religious communities, and supervised development teams across multiple states.

EARLY LEADERSHIP AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1997 – 2000

Directed a university-based AmeriCorps VISTA program in Washington, DC and created award winning college camps initiatives focusing on racial justice and interfaith collaboration in Philadelphia, PA.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Master of Public Administration

The George Washington University

Bachelor of Arts, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

LEADERSHIP

COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY, BOARD	2026 - PRESENT
DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY, COMMISSIONER	2022 - PRESENT
ROSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, Policy Committee	2023 - Present
U.S. Bank, National Community Advisory Council	2018 - 2020
Rose Community Foundation, Health Committee	2017 - 2020
Grounded Solutions Network, Board Member	2016 - 2018
NYU Community of Practice on Local Housing Policy	2016 - 2018
Mile High Connects, Founder and Co-Chair	2011 - 2016