

Gov. Evers: Appoints Michael Basford to the Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced Michael Basford's appointment as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness. The governor has made addressing homelessness and housing insecurity a top priority for his administration and announced in February he would be chairing the Council himself.

"Homelessness and housing insecurity affect kids in the classroom, it affects our criminal justice system, and it affects economic development in our communities—we really have to start connecting the dots," said Gov. Evers. "I look forward to working with Michael, the other Council members, legislators, and stakeholders to get to work on addressing these issues in Wisconsin."

Basford will serve at the pleasure of the governor beginning Mon., May 13, 2019. The Council will confirm Basford's appointment at their next scheduled meeting.

Basford has an extensive background on homelessness issues with his work at Housing Initiatives, Inc., where he has served in his current role as Associate Director since 2006. His experience with community organizations includes the Dane County Homeless Services Consortium, the Dane County Homeless Issues Committee, and the Dane County Poverty Task Force. Basford holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.