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Chief Executive Officer

North Jersey Community Research Initiative (NJCRI)

Brian is a dedicated social worker with extensive experience in program development, service planning, and funding development. He holds a master's degree in social work from Adelphi University and has been a Licensed Social Worker since 1991.

Brian's professional journey began at the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation in 1992 as a Social Work Supervisor. Brian helped implement new Social Work program services while at the Hospital; Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, and a Federally Qualified Health Center, in Jamaica Queens NY. Brian later served as Associate Director at Queens Health Network, administering HIV grants for Pediatric and Adolescent HIV services.

In 1995, Brian became the Program Director of Housing at Housing Works, Inc., directing housing programs for homeless persons and families with HIV/AIDS. He later worked at HealthFirst, implementing their Behavioral Health Utilization Management and coordinating services for Medicaid Members and Providers.

In 2001 Brian came to the great state of New Jersey and North Jersey Community Research Initiative (NJCRI) in Newark, NJ as the Director of Treatment, Prevention, and Support Services. Since 2009, he has been serving as the Chief Executive Officer.

Brian McGovern's career has been deeply intertwined with equity in healthcare. His roles have consistently focused on providing services to underserved and marginalized communities, particularly those affected by HIV/AIDS. As the Program Director at Housing Works, Inc., he directed housing programs for homeless persons and families with HIV/AIDS, ensuring they received necessary support and services³. At Queens Health Network, he administered HIV grants for Adults, Pediatric and Adolescent HIV services, highlighting his commitment to addressing healthcare disparities among vulnerable populations⁴. His leadership at NJCRI further emphasizes his dedication to equity in healthcare, as he oversees programs that advocate for and provide services to clients in need.