



## **NCCAA Announces Staff Changes and Promotions**

North Carolina Community Action Association Executive Director Sharon Goodson announced several recent staff changes in the organization.

“The growth of our organization—particularly during this incredible time—allows us to significantly elevate our level of support to North Carolina’s most vulnerable population,” said Sharon C. Goodson, NCCAA executive director. “Several members of our team earned well-deserved promotions and had demonstrated that they were ready for the next step. With the new team in place, we are better positioned to develop and implement more innovative solutions to help address issues facing low-income citizens.”

**Detrick Clark** has joined NCCAA as Director of Housing and Energy Programs. In this role, Detrick develops and implements housing and renewable energy initiatives and programs to help low-income North Carolinians obtain self-sufficiency. He also oversees NCCAA’s Helping Home Fund and its Healthy Home Initiative. Prior to joining NCCAA, Detrick served as Family Services Coordinator for DHIC, Inc. Detrick holds a Bachelor of Science in organizational management from St. Augustine’s University and a Master of Business Administration from Strayer University.

**Angella Dunston** has been hired as Director of Community Engagement and Advocacy with the responsibility of developing partnerships and coalitions with local community action agencies, partners, residents, and community stakeholders to address issues impacting low-income communities. Angella holds a bachelor’s degree in industrial relations from the University of North Carolina and is a policy advocate with a history of working to effect statewide change in the nonprofit and government sectors. She previously served as Director of Community and Faith-Based Outreach for former Gov. Beverly Perdue.

**Elle Peterson** has been promoted to Director of Health Policy and Equity with a focus on the agency’s Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) initiative. She is also responsible for developing and managing community-based innovative pilots to engage local communities and promote healthy lifestyle choices across the state. Elle previously served as NCCAA’s Community Impact Manager. She earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed her Master of Public Health degree at Wright State University.

**Anastasiya Sushyk** has been promoted to Finance and Grants Manager II after having worked with the agency as a grants manager for two years. In her new role, she provides operational

and logistics support to NCCAA's grants program. Prior to joining NCCAA, she worked as an internal auditor and a portfolio accountant. Anastasiya holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from North Carolina State University.

**Kelley Traynham** has joined NCCAA as a Communications Specialist with responsibility for developing content, managing the agency's brand, and coordinating special events. Kelley previously worked as a communications intern in NCCAA's Fellows program. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Kelley earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications.