

## *Berkshire South Regional Community Center Announces the Appointment of Two New Board Members; Carol Saginaw and John Horan.*

**Great Barrington, Massachusetts.** Berkshire South Regional Community Center announced today the appointment of two members to the Board of Trustees, bringing the number of board members to thirteen.

Berkshire South is pleased to announce the addition of Carol Saginaw to its Board of Trustees. Carol is a social worker who has worked extensively with the State of New York, providing training and consultation to mental health and criminal justice agencies and advocating for patients' rights. She was most recently the Executive Director of New York's Early Care and Learning Council, where she remains an Early Childhood Advocate. Ms. Saginaw retired from the Early Care & Learning Council (ECLC) in 2010 after nine years as its Executive Director. During her tenure there, the ECLC expanded the scope of its programs to include such projects as; the Infant toddler Regional Resource Centers, the New Directors Institute, and a best practices program for child care resources and referral agencies. Carol is a new full-time resident of the Berkshire community, making Berkshire South her go-to resource.

"We are thrilled to have Carol join the Board at Berkshire South and look forward to her guidance as we celebrate our twentieth year providing community resources," said Jenise Lucey, Executive Director.

Additionally, John Horan joins the Board with a track record of non-profit experience in the Berkshires. In 2015, John helped to found Sickle Cell Transplant Advocacy and Research Alliance (STAR), a non-profit devoted to improving curative therapies for sickle cell disease and making it more accessible to those in need. His role as the Chair of its Scientific Executive Committee oversaw STAR's clinical research. In 2017, John helped launch the W.E.B. Du Bois Educational Series, which operated under the umbrella of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District. In 2019 he coordinated a series with the NAACP, Multicultural BRIDGE, the UMass Du Bois Center, and the City of Pittsfield School District. Hosting several events a year, including lectures, musical performances, and a celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Du Bois' birthday, he launched an annual high school basketball tournament, the 'Du Bois Jam,' in 2018.

"Berkshire South has been an important part of my life since we moved to Great Barrington over ten years ago. I typically come to Berkshire South several times a week to use the fitness center. And when I come, I get much more than exercise. I get to see friends and meet people in the community. And I get to take in the tremendous warmth of the place. And I get to be inspired by all the great things happening at the center-child care, community dinners, and classes.," he said.

*Berkshire South Regional Community Center is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization open to all, regardless of ability to pay. Our mission is to build a sense of community and common purpose throughout the region, and to enhance the recreational, educational, cultural, health and social well-being of the residents of the Southern Berkshires.*