

## **Bridgeway Leader Selected for Jersey City Mayor's Transition Team**

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Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services proudly celebrates Tania Vargas, LCSW, SIFI, Director of Hudson BCIS at Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, on her appointment to the Transition Team for James Solomon, Mayor of Jersey City, NJ.

Mayor Solomon recently announced the launch of his Transition Co-Governance Committees, a body of community leaders and subject-area experts who will work alongside Policy Committees to engage residents and help shape the city's direction during the Mayor's first 100 days and beyond. The initiative reflects a strong commitment to partnership, transparency, and community-driven decision-making.

Tania serves on the Health and Human Services Subcommittee. This committee focuses on ensuring that the administration's early policy agenda reflects the needs, priorities, and lived experiences of Jersey City residents. The Co-Governance Committees span seven key policy areas, including Public Safety; Housing and Economic Development; City Assets, Sustainability, and Street Safety; Transit and Transportation; Education and Youth; Arts and Culture; and Health and Human Services.

The Co-Governance Committee acts as a vital community feedback mechanism, helping ensure that actions and goals set by the Solomon Administration are informed by and decided with the community.

Tania shared her excitement about the appointment: "I am incredibly honored to serve on the Health and Human Services Subcommittee and to contribute to a process that centers community voice and collaboration. I look forward to continuing this work over the coming months and remaining engaged beyond the transition period."

An experienced clinical social worker, Tania brings extensive expertise in treatment planning, case management, medical social work, bilingual communications, and harm reduction. She holds a Master's degree in Clinical/Medical Social Work from New York University Silver School of Social Work and has dedicated her career to advancing community-based mental health services.

We are thrilled to recognize Tania's leadership and commitment to advancing equitable, community-informed behavioral health policy. Her appointment reflects not only her professional excellence, but also Bridgeway's deep commitment to community partnership, advocacy, and ensuring that behavioral health remains a central part of the public conversation.

Congratulations, Tania, on this well-deserved recognition and opportunity to help shape the future of Jersey City.

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