

## Newly Appointed CAC members bios

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**Natasha McCray:** Natasha is a graduate of West Chester University (BA) and Capella University (MS) for Marriage and Family Therapy and Counseling. Natasha is a marriage and family therapist based in Philadelphia. Natasha's focus is to create the healing process for individuals, couples, and families. Natasha provides a warm safe environment for clients to be their authentic self and to experience emotional and mental freedom through hope. Natasha is working towards helping others using a systemic approach that highlights a person's strengths and aims to help them be seen, heard, known, and understood. Natasha wears numerous hats to help her community and has joined the CAC to be a voice in the mental health field that is so easily forgotten in our communities. Natasha works directly with people affected by the justice system through their trauma experiences and desire to make a change.

**Sappho Reynan Fulton MA., MSW, Ph.D. (ABD):** is a global expert in transformational life coaching and social justice advocacy. As the CEO of Womxn Beyond Borders, she is at the forefront of transforming psychological practices into wellness-based healing spaces. Her organization manages pre-entry services in county jails and reentry services in center city Philadelphia, demonstrating her commitment to supporting marginalized communities. Sappho's extensive experience in social work, community organizing, and nonprofit management is complemented by her academic achievements, including master's degrees in social work and organizational leadership, and her ongoing pursuit of a Ph.D. in International Psychology. Sappho's expertise extends to program development, event planning, public speaking, grant writing, fundraising, and volunteer management. Her passion for social justice and community empowerment is evident in her focus on equity and inclusion, particularly for LGBTQ+ individuals and Cis Womyn of Color. Her global impact is underscored by her service in over seven African countries. Sappho's personal journey, including over twenty years of involvement with the carceral system followed by nearly two decades of successful reintegration, adds depth to her professional expertise in reentry and second chances. Currently working towards her licensure, Sappho serves on several prestigious boards and advisory councils, including HAFI, CAB-UPenn's Nursing Advisory Team, and the Community Advisory Committee further solidifying her position as a respected leader in her field.

**Jakitta Cash:** Born in Philadelphia I strive to be the best. From experience one hiccup and you will feel like it's all over. Based on where you live and what you see can be a determining factor in how far you think you can go. That is why it is important to know your rights and that there is more to life than Philadelphia/where you're from.

I've spent my life so far defying stereotypes placed on me by furthering my studies, with Psychology and sociology classes at Penn State, Community Health worker certification at Temple University, **Basic Psychological & Post-Traumatic Stress certified with DBHIDS**. 4 years in the Non-profit sector has only opened my eyes to the need for support alongside sympathy. Adding resources to my contacts and advocating for those who have been overlooked based on stereotypes, bias, and other discriminatory factors. I look forward to being the face of the community affected by the Justice System. They pay taxes, keep the economy afloat and deserve to know they matter as humans.

Being a NAC for the City of Philadelphia and engaging with multiple demographics put me in proximity to those facing housing instability, mental and physical incline. When hosting

Distribution drives with community partners for these issues I've gained an inside look into many systems set forth to assist. Such as but not limited to; the Foreclosure and Tax lien process, Register of Wills, Tax freezes, Donations, Registered Community Organization (where you meet with developers and potential businesses who want to move in your neighborhood to discuss determining factors), Block captain meetings, Police community meetings, mental and substance abuse seminars. The CAC team of experienced members is a step towards progression. The key is to be Humane in all industries and systems of society. Justice and fairness may feel like fairytales but not with effort and integrity at the forefront.

**Alisha Fagg:** Alisha Fagg is the Founder and Executive Director at Alition, a public service non-profit corporation that encourages volunteerism, partners with non-profit organizations in communities and fosters relationships with small businesses who are looking to perform philanthropic activities. In 2020, Alisha noticed underrepresentation of minorities in philanthropic spaces when she travelled to Abaco Bahamas to provide disaster relief in response to Hurricane Dorian. Through meeting and serving with multiple organizations, the need for more black and brown people in the industry became evident, thus birthing the framework of Alition. In addition to her community work with Alition, Alisha is the Operations Manager for Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, a loving mother and daughter, and a community organizer who stands for positive change here for the residents of Philadelphia