

## **Vision Statement for 2023 AUCD Board Nominees**

Name of Candidate: Sharon Milberger

Race/Ethnicity (voluntary): Caucasian

Disability status (voluntary): None

AUCD Member Organization: Michigan UCEDD and LEND

Current Position (role and date range): Director – 8 years

Total Years Employed/Active in an AUCD Member Center or Program: 16

### **My vision for the Association:**

As a UCEDD and LEND director, I often hear “if you have seen one UCEDD (or LEND) you have seen one UCEDD (or LEND)”. While this is true, as a network of university centers on disabilities, we have so much in common. Working together we can strengthen the visibility and effectiveness of our individual centers. My vision is that AUCD will serve as a leader in our shared journey of UCEDDs, LENDs, and IDDRCs, helping us navigate challenges, leverage resources, and stay focused on our shared ‘True North’ to best provide services and supports for people with disabilities.

### **What I would like to accomplish on the Board:**

I take great pride in our AUCD network and am passionate about creating strategies to leverage our collective resources, strengths, and expertise. I would like to help shape our strategic direction so that it yields measurable, meaningful, and sustainable results. I would also like to support our network to address inequities and help advance opportunities for all members of our network.

### **How I have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate leadership in the network:**

I have been involved with AUCD for 16 years. I am a graduate of the UCEDD Leadership Institute and have served on numerous planning committees for AUCD conferences and TA Institutes. I have also been a reviewer for AUCD awards and conference presentations. I am committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Michigan UCEDD’s work related to healthcare equity has been selected to be part of the 2023 American Public Health Association (APHA) *Thought Leadership Film Series*. I will continue to advocate, support, and learn from people with lived experiences. I would be honored to serve as an AUCD Board Member At-Large.

Return to: Elizabeth Schneider via email at [eschneider@aucd.org](mailto:eschneider@aucd.org) no later than COB Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.