

## Board Membership Questionnaire

*Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of Sieda Community Action’s Board of Directors. To begin our process please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire.*

First Name Reuben Last Name Neff

County of residence:

- Appanoose                       Jefferson                       Mahaska                       Wapello  
 Davis                               Keokuk                       Van Buren

Sectors you would be interested in representing (please check any that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Low income</b><br><i>Democratically selected representatives of low-income individuals served by the agency. Board members who themselves are eligible for Sieda services are preferred.</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b><br><i>Must be elected officials, holding office at their time of selection.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Private</b><br><i>Members of business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served.</i> |
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Please list any boards and committees on which you serve, or have served on (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, and social).

Organization	Role/Title	Dates of Service
United Way of Wapello County	Board Director	July 28, 2018

Skills, experience, and interests (please check any that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, accounting           | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel, human resources       | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration, management        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach, advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Community service                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy development     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations, communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education, instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special events                | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising            |

Please describe why you are interested in serving as a member of the Sieda Community Action Board of Directors:

After working with the Wapello County Attorney’s Office, it is apparent that program like Sieda need to succeed to ensure Wapello grows in the right direction. I would like to help in any way and, after seeing that Sieda is looking for members for the Board, I immediately filled out this application.

Please describe any experiences, training, or education you feel has prepared you to serve as a member of the Sieda Community Action Board of Directors:

I have volunteered at schools for the intellectually disabled, mentored at-risk youth, provided pro bono legal services to the indigent, worked as a public defender for four years, prosecuted sex and domestic abuse, and participated in mental health outreach programs.

Please describe your experience and interest in working with people living in poverty:

The bulk of my experience as an attorney is working with those in poverty. Prior to becoming an attorney, I studied economics with a desire to create economic policy that would help the poor. My family has members who suffer from severe mental health and substance abuse issues. If I can do anything to help others in similar situations, I will.

How do you feel Sieda Community Action would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

I bring considerable experience from working closely with the indigent. I am accustomed to working with at risk populations. My experience as an attorney familiar with the state and federal legal systems always comes in handy.

If you are completing this questionnaire for consideration as a director in the low-income sector, your responses to these questions will be shared with the public. Sieda Community Action will not share personal contact information or the responses to questions related to judgments, indictments, debarments, or terminations of public transactions.

**Thank you very much for your interest in Sieda Community Action**