

Dr. Allen Lane, Sr. – Treasurer of Bulldogs Nation Foundation, Inc. (“BNFI”)

Dr. Allen Lane, Sr. joined the Board of Directors of BNFI because of his desire to continue helping our youths advance their dreams. Dr. Lane’s love for community, and promoting the importance of education, makes him a perfect fit for BNFI. As the foundation grows, we want to begin mentoring youths not only in the Pittsburgh area, but in areas outside of Pittsburgh. Dr. Lane is a true believer in it takes a village. Dr. Lane manages and co-facilitates multiple programs within the Homewood Children’s Village (HCV) organization’s “Cradle to Career” pipeline and provides leadership for HCV’s 2Generation Model. As Sustainability Manager/Community Engagement Specialist in the Office of Child and Community Health (OCCH), Dr. Lane’s familiarity with the community, having deep-rooted childhood connections, has been beneficial as he utilizes research, education and life lessons (experiences) to empower the community he now serves. Through partnerships with other organizations, he connects the appropriate resources to individuals, families, and businesses who have identified needs, in order to become self-sufficient and sustainable in their community.

Prior to joining Homewood Children’s Village, Dr. Lane had an opportunity to work within a public school on the Northside of Pittsburgh for a year in the position of Team Lead. Pittsburgh King K-8 School is in a community that is similar to Homewood, where violence and crimes are frequent. During his time at Pittsburgh King K-8, Dr. Lane worked primarily with students in grades 6-8th. He helped transform and create a healthier learning environment that previously consisted of fights daily, parent/teacher confrontations, and a high suspension rate.

Dr. Lane spent many years prior to Pittsburgh King K-8 School at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, working as an Assistant Manager in the Facilities/Athletics Department. As Assistant Manager for five years, ensuring that the facilities were well-operated and properly staffed to accommodate athletics activities for the student body. Dr. Lane also interacted with young athletes (students) and informally provided mentoring to assist them meet their graduation requirements.

Early on in his career, Dr. Lane worked at Shuman Juvenile Detention Center for sixteen years, as a youth-care worker, helping create and implement a High-Impact Unit to hold juveniles who committed the most violent crimes (Murders, Attempted Murders, Aggravated Assault... etc.). In addition, Dr. Lane provided mediation, conflict resolution, and violence prevention between rival gang member throughout Pittsburgh PA, as well as provided informal mentoring that helped decrease violence in the facility and prepared them for reentry to society, upon their release.

Dr. Lane earned his undergraduate degree in physical education in sport and sport administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, as well as his graduate degrees in sports studies, administration and leadership studies in education.