



My name is Jolene Spies and I am seeking to hold the position for council for the ACSW and believe that my education and work history will demonstrate my abilities. I am completing my MSW, leadership in human service, in April 2017 after completing my BSW in 2014 and social work diploma in 2012. I became registered with the ACSW after my diploma and see the importance of the college and recognition of social work as a profession.

I have 15 years of experience in human resources both in government and health care working with labour relations and conflict resolution. From there I transitioned to social work management working in gerontology and then mental health for the past 3 years. I believe I would contribute to

the regulatory body and association given my diverse experience in both human resources and social work focusing on policies and regulations.

Working from a transformational leadership model, I am passionate about collaborative, cohesive teams and believe these skills will complement the ACSW council. Additionally, I am on the committee for the CASW discipline committee, Central Alberta Social Work Conference in the chair role for 2 years, the Citizens Advisory Committee for Bowden Institution and Community and Social Development board for the town of Sylvan Lake. These experiences have helped me to become an important and respected member of the team.

My interests include social work education and regulation, mental health and LBBTQ rights. Given my location in central Alberta I believe I could offer strong representation for this area and I would be pleased to serve the social work profession as a council member.