



Sara Spence

Vice Chair



Sara's management foundation is built on serving the Karuk Tribe and Karuk Tribe Housing Authority for more than 25 years. She currently holds the position of Executive Director for the KTHA, responsible for managing 226 affordable housing units and numerous community facilities, spread out over 125 miles of rural, rugged terrain in three communities and two counties.

Sara is responsible for overseeing all of the KTHA programs and construction projects. She diligently oversees all grant applications, solicitations, design and construction activities to keep everything running on time, and on budget. Sara's experience includes facilitating many innovative community development activities including Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, New Markets Tax Credit, Housing and Urban Development, Indian Housing Block Grant, Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act.

In 2019, industry professionals at the Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference in Miami, FL honored Sara for her outstanding leadership and for doing amazing work in her Karuk community, naming her Housing Professional of the Year; nominations were from managers, employees, colleagues and peers.