

AGENDA CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR 10:00 AM

Committee Members:

Martin J. Sweeney, Chair – District 3
Michael J. Gallagher, Vice Chair – District 5
Yvonne M. Conwell – District 7
Meredith M. Turner – District 9
Michael J. Houser, Sr. – District 10

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
 - a) R2025-0084: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Tanisha Warren to represent Cuyahoga County on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for the Great Lakes Region for the term 1/24/2025 1/23/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 5]
 - b) <u>R2025-0085</u>: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of the Honorable Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2025 –

- 2/29/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 12]
- c) R2025-0086: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Chief Dorothy A. Todd to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2025 2/29/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 20]
- d) R2025-0087: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Xiomara Merced to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2025 1/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 27]
- e) R2025-0088: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sahara Rivera to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2025 3/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 35]
- f) R2025-0089: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Adam G. Jacobs, to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/6/2024 3/5/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 42]

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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^{**}Council Chambers is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If needed, please see the Clerk to obtain a receiver.



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Gallagher, Turner and Houser were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Conwell was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2025 meeting.

- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
 - a) R2025-0079: A Resolution authorizing Purchase Order No. 25000197 to CaremarkPCS Health, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,868,943.48, as final payment for December 2024, for pharmacy benefit management services for County employees and their eligible dependents and Cuyahoga County Benefits Regionalization Program Participants, rendered under Contract No. 1978 during the contract

term of 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sarah Nemastil, Director and Mr. Stephen Witt, Business Services Manager for the Department of Human Resources, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0079. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Nemastil and Mr. Witt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0079 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Witt then requested that this item be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules and the prior motion was withdrawn.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0079 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0084

| Sponsored by: County Executive | A Resolution confirming the County | |
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| Ronayne | Executive's reappointment of Tanisha | |
| | Warren to represent Cuyahoga County on | |
| | the Child Abuse and Child Neglect | |
| | Regional Prevention Council for the Great | |
| | Lakes Region for the term 1/24/2025 - | |
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3109.172, a board of county commissioners within a Child Abuse and Child Neglect Prevention Region may appoint up to two representatives to a Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council to represent the County on overseeing its work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3109.172 and Ohio Administrative Code 5101:5-1, the Regional Prevention Council is charged with establishing standing workgroups; developing and completing needs assessments; and developing, approving and implementing a regional child abuse and child neglect prevention plan based on the Ohio Children's Trust Fund criteria, collecting data on the implementation of the plan and submitting a progress report and an annual report to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;" and

WHEREAS, County Executive Ronayne has nominated Tanisha Warren to represent the County on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for the Great Lakes Region for the term 1/24/2025 - 1/23/2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's reappointment of Tanish Warren to represent the County on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for the Great Lakes Regional for the term 1/24/2025 - 1/23/2027.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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| | l to Committee: <u>February 25, 2025</u> d: <u>Human Resources, Appointment</u> | s & Equity |
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Chris Ronayne Cuyahoga County Executive

January 29, 2025

Dale Miller, President Cuyahoga County Administration Building 2079 E.9th, 8th Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Ohio Children's Trust Fund-Great Lakes Regional Prevention Council (OCTF-GL)

Dear President Miller,

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) was created in 1984 with the mission of preventing child abuse and neglect by investing in strong communities, healthy families, and safe children. As Ohio's sole public funding source dedicated to child abuse and neglect prevention, the OCTF funds regional prevention councils throughout the state, which in turn funds community-based primary and secondary prevention strategies at the local level.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3109.172, I submit the following nomination for reappointment to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund-Great Lakes Regional Prevention Council (OCTF-GL):

- Tanisha Warren for the term 1/24/2025 to 1/23/2027
 - Reappointment
 - o Resides in South Euclid, Cuyahoga County

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. There are three applicants on file for this position. This board is uncompensated.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

Tanisha Warren

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS:

Case Western Reserve University

January 2021- May 2023

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Master of Social Work Online Advanced Standing Program

Cleveland State University

January 2019- December 2020

Bachelor of Social Work

Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program

March 2019

Geriatric Healthcare & TeamSTEPPS Education Certificate

Cuyahoga Community College - Cleveland, OH January 2018- August 2018

Associate of Arts

University of Akron- Akron, OH

August 2007- March 2009

Criminal Justice Major

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- •Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries- Food pantry volunteer, 2019
- •Cleveland Food Bank- Donation sorting/food pantry volunteer- 2019
- •Young Women's Christian Association- Holiday party volunteer- 2018

INTERNSHIP/WORK EXPERIENCE:

National Youth Advocate Program

July 2021- Present

Foster Parent Growth and Retention Coordinator-July 2023 – Present

- •Perform all work in a manner consistent with the National Youth Advocate Program's Mission, Values and Philosophies
- •Serve as a resource coordinator in helping foster parents seek all available training opportunities
- •Assist in the placement process and successful matching of youth and foster parents
- •Investigate assigned cases of potential foster care rule violations

Social Worker I- July 2021 – July 2023

- •Provided appropriate mental health and evidence based clinical services for individuals, groups or families
- •Reviewed and modify youth-based plans to assure consistent progress and success on written plan goals
- •Traveled daily to provide community-based services on behalf of youth & families in compliance with contract requirements
- •Completed all required paperwork and clinical documentation in a timely manner
- Coordinated and monitor educational and psychological services for youth and families in the community

Ohio Guidestone January 2021-June 2021

Early Childhood Community Mental Health Worker

- •Developed a therapeutic relationship with each client
- •Provided individual, group or family therapy as needed
- •Assumed a strong advocacy role for clients and makes recommendations for clinical and support services needed upon discharge
- •Actively participated in all treatment conferences and meetings for the clients
- •Completed all paperwork required by the agency within designated time frames

Rainbow Terrace Apartments/Vesta Corporation

August 2020- December 2020

Case Manager

- •Conducted weekly phone calls with 10-15 clients, offered help with locating resources as needed
- •Documented correspondence with clients within Microsoft OneNote and the hard-copy case file
- •Assisted with facilitating community events and engaging with residents while maintain social distance guidelines
- •Developed a group program for female clients aimed at empowerment and confidence-building

Department of Child and Family Services

January 2020- May 2020

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- •Documented case notes in SACWIS in accordance with social worker's day-to-day duties
- •Attended court hearings, scheduled supervised visitations and case reviews with social worker, supervisor, and staff
- •Located resources for client use, such as drug treatment or parenting classes
- •Filed, scanned, and uploaded documents into case files for social workers

Chapter 114: Appointment and Confirmation

Section 114.01: Submission of Appointments to County Council

- **1.** The submission of any candidate to the Council for confirmation shall be accompanied by the following:
 - **1.1** A letter from the candidate requesting the appointment, if such a letter was submitted to the appointing authority;

N/A

1.2 A copy of the candidate's current résumé or equivalent summary of academic, professional, and experiential qualifications;

Please see attached

1.3 A copy of any and all professional licenses or other credentials held by the candidate that are required to be held by the appointee; and

Professional licenses are not required for this position under County Charter or state law.

- **2.** A letter from the appointing authority providing the following information:
 - **2.1** The title of the board, agency, commission, or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

OCTF Great Lakes Regional Council

2.2 Any statutory or other qualifications required to hold the appointed position, plus a statement that the candidate meets such qualifications;

N/A

2.3 The specific term of office during which the candidate would serve;

1/24/2025 to 1/23/2027

2.4 An indication of whether the candidate is being considered for a new appointment or for reappointment;

Reappointment

2.5 For a new appointment: the name of the individual who the candidate would replace;

N/A

2.6 For a reappointment: the past attendance record of the candidate, if maintained by the board, agency, commission or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

N/A

2.7 A cumulative list of individuals who applied for the position;

Kara Tatum- Johnson Demar Sheffey Erich V Stubbs

2.8 The candidate's city and county of residence;

South Euclid, Cuyahoga County

2.9 An indication of whether the candidate currently serves on any government, private, or non-profit board or commission;

Ms. Warren does not serve on any boards.

2.10 An indication of whether any opinion was requested or issued from the Inspector General, the Ohio Ethics Commission, or other authority regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the candidate's appointment.

No ethics opinion was requested or issued.

2.11 If the candidate is being appointed to a compensated position, the starting annual compensation of the position.

There is no compensation for this position.

2.12 In the event that any of the information identified in this Section is not provided to the Council with the submission of an appointment, such omission shall be deemed sufficient grounds for rejection of a candidate's appointment by the Council.

Section 114.02: Notice of Interim Appointments

1. In the event an interim appointment is made pursuant to Section 2.03 (2) of the charter, the county executive or designee shall notify the president of council within five days of making the appointment, including the date the appointment was made, and shall file the interim appointee's oath of office with the clerk of council pursuant to chapter 107 of this code.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0085

| Sponsored by: County Executive | A Resolution confirming the County | | |
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| Ronayne | Executive's reappointment of Judge Donna | | |
| Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Kelly | Congeni Fitzsimmons to serve on the | | |
| | Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the | | |
| | term $3/1/2025 - 2/29/2028$; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become | | |
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 208.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code, the Diversion Board was established to serve as a resource for information and advice on operation of, and to provide recommendations and input goals, strategies and programs of, the Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center (CCADC).

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board shall be composed of nine (9) members, four (4) appointed by the Executive, two (2) appointed by the Council President, one (1) by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, one (1) by the Cuyahoga County Public Defender, and one (1) by the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas Court General Division. No more than two (2) of the six (6) members appointed by the Executive and Council President may be employees of Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, members of the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board shall be appointed to serve a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;" and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2025 - 2/29/2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's reappointment of Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2025 - 2/29/2028.

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| First Reading/Referre | ed to Committee: February 25, 20 | 025 |
| Committee(s) Assign | ed: Human Resources, Appointn | nents & Equity |
| Additional Sponsorsh | nip Requested on the Floor: <u>Febru</u> | uary 25, 2025 |
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Chris Ronayne Cuyahoga County Executive

January 29, 2025

Dale Miller, President Cuyahoga County Council 2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: <u>Cuyahoga County Diversion Board</u>

Dear President Miller:

Pursuant to Section 208.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board:

- Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons, for the term 3/1/2025-2/28/28
 - o Resides in Rocky River (Cuyahoga County)
- Dorothy Todd, for the term 3/1/2025-2/28/28
 - o Resides in North Ridgeville (Lorain County)

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Attached you will find the nominee's resume for your review. There are four candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons (Retired)



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Rocky River Municipal Court, Judge 1994 through 2023

Arter & Hadden (nka Tucker & Ellis), Partner 1988-1994; Associate 1985-1988

President's Commission on Organized Crime, Deputy Counsel 1984-1985

United States Department of Justice, Organized Crime & Racketeering Section, Special Attorney/Prosecutor 1980-1984

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor 1977-1980

EDUCATION:

George Washington University, National Law Center J.D., cum laude 1976

DATE ADMITTED TO OHIO BAR: September 1977

OTHER STATE BARS: Maryland, 1976; District of Columbia, 1976

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS: Northern District of Ohio, 1980; Southern District of Ohio, 1980;

U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, 1977; U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 1980.

Boston College 1973

A.B. History, summa cum laude

ACADEMIC HONORS: Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Cuyahoga County Criminal Justice Services Supervisory Board, 1996-2000
- Chair, STOP Violence Against Women Act Allocation Committee, 1996-2011
- The John M. Manos Inns of Court Judicial Bencher (Executive Committee, 2012 to present)
- The Cleveland Bar Association, Trustee, 1988-1991; Judicial Selection Committee, 1979-1984, Vice Chair 1983-1984; Young Lawyers' Section, Vice Chair, 1980
- Justinian Forum (Italian American Bar Association), Trustee
- Life Member, Judicial Conference, Eighth Judicial District

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM AND SERVICE:

- **Board and Advisory Council of the Mob Museum**, Las Vegas, Nevada 2014-present The museum houses an exhibit that pays tribute to the successful prosecution of the Cleveland Mafia Family where Judge Fitzsimmons was lead prosecutor.
- Guardian, Honor Flight, 2014
- Sing-Out Choir Benefit for Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
- Cuyahoga County **Opiate Task Force**, 2010-present
- Trustee, Fairview Hospital Community Advisory Board, 2003-present
- Trustee, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Board, 1998-2011
- Trustee, Community Challenge (dedicated to alcohol and drug free youth), 2001-2004
- Creator, Stalking Victim Support Group, stalking cases training course, 1999

AWARDS:

• FBI Citizen's Academy Graduate 2022

- Community Leader Hero Award as part of the 2019's Class of Hometown Heroes presented by the FBI Cleveland Citizens Academy Alumni Association, October 18, 2019
- Myra Bradwell Award presented by the **Women's Vote Project** for advancing rights of women in the legal profession, June 4, 2019
- Exemplar Award from **Recovery Resources**, September 2012
- Greater Cleveland Italian-American Public Service Award, October 2011
- **Women's Center of Greater Cleveland** 20th Anniversary special recognition for leadership and dedication to the safety of women and their families, May 2007
- "Gem of Cleveland" by **Junior League of Cleveland** (1997) so named for civic service in the furtherance of women's causes.
- Columbian Award recipient (1994) by the **Federation of Italian American Societies of Northern Ohio** for "dedication in promoting and perpetuating a sense of pride in the culture of Italian heritage within the community and for outstanding achievements in the legal profession"
- Trial Superstars, December 1992. Selected by Cleveland Bar Association as part of a lecture series.
- Guest Lecturer, May 1992. Organized Crime Violence Federal Criminal Investigators Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Charter Member, Fairview High School Alumni Hall of Fame, inaugural year
- Chair, Break the Silence Luncheon benefit for **Domestic Violence Center**
- Special **Commendation from U. S. Attorney General** for Outstanding Service to the Department of Justice 1983; first female appointed U.S. Special Attorney in Cleveland, Ohio 1980
- Special Achievement Award, FBI 1983

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Cuyahoga County Diversion Board

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N/A

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3/1/2025-2/28/28

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Brandy Carney

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Rocky River, Cuyahoga County

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Fairview Hospital Community Advisory Board Trustee Board and Advisory Council of the Mob Museum **2.10** An indication of whether any opinion was requested or issued from the Inspector General, the Ohio Ethics Commission, or other authority regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the candidate's appointment.

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0086

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Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Executive

January 29, 2025

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Pursuant to Section 208.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board:

- Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons, for the term 3/1/2025-2/28/28
 - o Resides in Rocky River (Cuyahoga County)
- Dorothy Todd, for the term 3/1/2025-2/28/28
 - o Resides in North Ridgeville (Lorain County)

The Diversion Board was established to serve as a resource for information and advice on operation of, and to provide recommendations and input goals, strategies and programs of, the Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center (CCADC).

The Diversion Board shall be composed of nine (9) members, four (4) appointed by the Executive, two (2) appointed by the Council President, one (1) by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, one (1) by the Cuyahoga County Public Defender, and one (1) by the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas Court General Division. No more than two (2) of the six (6) members appointed by the Executive and Council President may be employees of Cuyahoga County.

Attached you will find the nominee's resume for your review. There are four candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

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Division of Police



(216) 621-1234 (Non-Emergency)



Chief Dorothy A. Todd



Chief Todd's journey in Public Safety began as a Traffic Controller in 1998 and transitioned to the Cleveland Division of Police in September of 2000. Through her steadfast commitment and exemplary performance, she steadily rose through the ranks, attaining the positions of Sergeant in 2012, Lieutenant in 2017, and

Commander of the Third District in 2019. Her leadership as Commander extended across many of the city's vibrant neighborhoods, including Downtown, Fairfax, Hough, Central, and Little Italy. She adeptly fulfilled the role of Incident Commander for numerous high-profile events in the downtown area, including Presidential visits, debates, MLB All Star, the NFL Draft, NBA All-Star, the Cleveland Air Show, as well as various parades, marches, demonstrations, and festivals.

Overview

Chapter 114: Appointment and Confirmation

Section 114.01: Submission of Appointments to County Council

- **1.** The submission of any candidate to the Council for confirmation shall be accompanied by the following:
 - **1.1** A letter from the candidate requesting the appointment, if such a letter was submitted to the appointing authority;

N/A

1.2 A copy of the candidate's current résumé or equivalent summary of academic, professional, and experiential qualifications;

Please see attached

1.3 A copy of any and all professional licenses or other credentials held by the candidate that are required to be held by the appointee; and

Professional licenses are not required for this position under County Charter or state law.

- **2.** A letter from the appointing authority providing the following information:
 - **2.1** The title of the board, agency, commission, or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

Cuyahoga County Diversion Board

2.2 Any statutory or other qualifications required to hold the appointed position, plus a statement that the candidate meets such qualifications;

N/A

2.3 The specific term of office during which the candidate would serve;

3/1/2025-2/28/28

2.4 An indication of whether the candidate is being considered for a new appointment or for reappointment;

Reappointment

2.5 For a new appointment: the name of the individual who the candidate would replace;

N/A

2.6 For a reappointment: the past attendance record of the candidate, if maintained by the board, agency, commission or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

N/A

2.7 A cumulative list of individuals who applied for the position;

Demar Sheffey

Kara Tatum- Johnson

Donna Congeni Fitsimmons

Brandy Carney

2.8 The candidate's city and county of residence;

Cleveland, Cuyahoga County

2.9 An indication of whether the candidate currently serves on any government, private, or non-profit board or commission;

Chief Todd does not serve on any boards.

2.10 An indication of whether any opinion was requested or issued from the Inspector General, the Ohio Ethics Commission, or other authority regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the candidate's appointment.

No ethics opinion was requested or issued.

2.11 If the candidate is being appointed to a compensated position, the starting annual compensation of the position.

There is no compensation for this position.

2.12 In the event that any of the information identified in this Section is not provided to the Council with the submission of an appointment, such omission shall be deemed sufficient grounds for rejection of a candidate's appointment by the Council.

Section 114.02: Notice of Interim Appointments

1. In the event an interim appointment is made pursuant to Section 2.03 (2) of the charter, the county executive or designee shall notify the president of council within five days of making the appointment, including the date the appointment was made, and shall file the interim appointee's oath of office with the clerk of council pursuant to chapter 107 of this code.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0087

| Sponsored by: County Executive | A Resolution confirming the County | |
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| Ronayne | Executive's appointment of Xiomara | |
| | Merced to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional | |
| | HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council | |
| | for the term $2/1/2025 - 1/31/2028$; and | |
| | declaring the necessity that this Resolution | |
| | become immediately effective. | |
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WHEREAS, the mission of the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council ("HIV Planning Council") is to plan for the comprehensive delivery of HIV/AIDS services and allocation of resources for the Transitional Grant Area of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, and to serve as a sounding board and to provide input for the targeted populations at high risk of HIV/AIDS and STI infections to ensure there are no gaps in HIV/AIDS interventions; and

WHEREAS, the Membership and Outreach committee of the HIV Planning Council recommend the nominees based on satisfaction of the Membership guidelines as outlined in the 2009 Ryan White Treatment Extension Act, Section 2602, matching Membership positions that were needed on the Planning Council, and those who acknowledged the time requirements for membership; and

WHEREAS, the HIV Planning Council is a 35-member body serving staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;" and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Xiomara Merced (replacing Jason McMinn) to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2025 - 1/31/2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Xiomara Merced (replacing Jason McMinn) to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2025 - 1/31/2028.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

| On a motion byduly adopted. | , seconded by, | the foregoing Resolution was |
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| | County Council President | Date |
| | Clerk of Council | Date |
| First Reading/Referred to | o Committee: <u>February 25, 20</u> | <u>25</u> |
| Committee(s) Assigned: | Human Resources, Appointm | ents & Equity |
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Chris Ronayne Cuyahoga County Executive

January 29, 2025

Dale Miller, President Cuyahoga County Council Cuyahoga County Administration Building 2079 E.9th, 8th Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: <u>Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council</u>

Dear President Miller:

Pursuant to provisions contained in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, I am nominating the individuals listed below and in the attached documents to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council. The Council has specific membership requirements, and a brief summary of the applicable mandates is attached for review as well.

Appointment

- Xiomara Merced, 3-year term, 2/1/2025-1/31/2028 (replacing Jason McMinn)
- **Sahara Rivera**, 3-year term, 4/1/2025-3/31/2028 (replacing Peter Scardino)

The HIV Services Planning Council is formed pursuant to Federal Law and serves the Transitional Grant Area comprised of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties. The Council strives to identify HIV positive individuals and link them to appropriate care and living situations to improve quality of life and relevant health outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

XIOMARA J. MERCED

linkedin.com/in/xiomara-merced-08452472

EDUCATION

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Leading Quality Improvement: Essential for Managers Certificate Baldwin Wallace University, Master of Public Health Cleveland State University, Master of Business Administration Cleveland State University, Bachelor of Business Administration

June 2020 May 2019 December 2014 August 2011

EXPERIENCE

MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Director - Infectious Disease Operations and Grants, March 2024-Present

- Leads the Center of Excellence in HIV Care initiatives to develop and oversee a comprehensive programmatic strategy and priorities to providing exemplary status-neutral care for all individuals affected by HIV, continuously setting benchmarks for clinical excellence and compassionate support.
- Oversees the efficient and effective daily operation of the Infectious Disease-based grants, such as, Ryan White Part A Program, Ryan White Part B, Ending the HIV Epidemic, and Quality Innovations in the Continuum of HIV Care grants.
- With the Infectious Disease physician director and Center leadership, monitors and manages division performance against metrics (budget, quality, patient experience and population health).
- Ensures the effective and efficient provision of Inpatient and Outpatient Services, including coordination of physician, nursing, therapy, and overall customer service.
- Responsible for the oversight of all facets of daily operations, including reviewing, recommending, and implementing
 service enhancements; managing capital, expense and revenue budget for the area; establishing and maintaining an
 organizational structure and staffing to effectively accomplish division goals; supervising staff and coordinating
 scheduling.
- Enhances professional growth and development through participation in continuing education courses, professional organizations, seminars/workshops, reading current literature, and/or maintaining professional contacts in the community; monitors and assesses the appropriateness of emerging trends/strategies.

MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Manager - Grant Operations, March 2021-Feb 2024

- Manages the efficient and effective daily operations of Infectious Disease-based grants.
- Supervising assigned personnel by providing orientation, guidance, and professional development as required.
- Monitoring and evaluating operational effectiveness; revising and/or enhancing administrative procedures, and/or system improvements; ensuring proper patient/physician flows, and implementing improvements as needed.
- Coordinates the planning/implementation/evaluation of program initiatives.
- Oversee monthly billing compliance submitted by staff to ensure alignment with federal grant requirements.
- Building and maintaining relationships with funders and other strategic partners along with internal relationships within, such as Oral Health, Supply Chain, Accounting, Compliance, Informatics, Legal and more.
- Creating and implementing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in order to reduce risk of staff turnover, streamline workflow, and improve accuracy, historical tracking and business consistency.
- Improved viral load suppression for non-virally suppressed patients by 47% in FY2021 by developing an internal workgroup that meets monthly to identify barriers to care and creating a sustainable outreach workflow.
- Assisted with the creation of the HIV Episodes of Care form and data reporting, which includes data of over 1500 HIV patients.
- Oversight of Data to Care (D2C) public health strategy among HIV patients utilizing HIV surveillance data provided by the Ohio Department of Health in order to engage, link and retain patients in care.
- Increased the completion rate of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) screening withing the HIV clinic.
- Continuous coordination and organizing the submissions of the Ryan White Part A Program, Ending the HIV Epidemic, and Quality Innovations in the Continuum of HIV Care grant proposals.

MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Supervisor-HIV Grants, December 2019-March 2021

- Decreased data deficiencies within the client-level data to 10% by conducting monthly data cleansing within the CAREWare system.
- Coordinated and organized the submission of the Ryan White Part A Program and Ending the HIV Epidemic grant proposals.
- Oversee monthly billing compliance submitted by staff to ensure alignment with federal grant requirements.
- Increased average monthly units billed to Ryan White program Medical Case Management subservice by 42% and Behavior Health subservice service by 52% within a 6-month tin Place 30 of 55

- Coach, mentors and supports assigned staff by coordinating workflow, providing training, and work evaluations.
- Interviews, trains, evaluates and disciplines Grant Support Specialist positions.
- Established new eligibility processes during COVID-19 pandemic to ensure patients continue to receive the services and care they need by assisting with telehealth appointments, conducting chart reviews during phone eligibility recertifications, utilizing MyChart, and creating attestation forms.
- Collaborated with the Oral Health department to leverage a workflow for patient utilizing Ryan White dental services, which would ensure maximization of federal funded dollars.
- Improved viral load suppression for non-virally suppressed youth by 58% in FY2020 by developing an internal youth workgroup that meets monthly to identify barriers to care.

MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Grant Support Specialist, February 2016-December 2019

- Improved retention in care among 75 patients by ensuring they obtained and maintained their health insurance by eliminating barriers to obtaining HIV treatment and overall healthcare with the Health Insurance Cost-Sharing Assistance Program (HIPCSA).
- Collaborated with the Accounting department in order to process insurance payments and utilizing Lawson to reconcile payments, in efforts to ensure patient would not have a lapse in coverage or services.
- Coordinated with MetroHealth Specialty pharmacy to support PLWHA to move through the steps of the continuum to achieve and maintain viral suppression with antiretroviral therapy (ART).
- Pioneered the creation of paperless electronic eligibility process by collaborating with Information Services (IS) department in creating OnBase forms.
- Increased viral load suppression in FY2019 by 5% within the HIV/AIDS youth population by implementing a ride-sharing intervention that eliminated barriers to care for people living with HIV/AID (PLWHA).
- Running monthly reports within CAREWare system to ensure data is clean and accurate.
- Performed administrative duties, such as, placing orders for office equipment, IT equipment, and items needed for the grant.

Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Fiscal Assistant, January 2014 - August 2015

- Reconciliation of monthly invoices, reviewing transactions, supporting documentation, and resolving any discrepancies that are discovered working alongside with the Fiscal Controller.
- Developed SOP for Fiscal Assistant position in order to achieve efficiency, quality output and promoting uniformity of performance.
- Payroll preparation and processor.

Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Housing Case Manager, September 2011- August 2015

- Developed and implemented SOPs for the Housing department in effort to establish workflow efficiencies.
- Revitalized the Housing department program design by creating a comprehensive housing assessment to identify a workflow that could identify housing barriers for LMI individuals.
- Securing and maintaining permanent affordable housing to approximately 300-350 PLWHA annually, while promoting positive healthcare outcomes.
- Establishing partnerships with community housing authorities such as, CMHA, Eden Inc., Cleveland Furniture Bank, HUD housing, ESOP and more within the community.
- Eliminate housing barriers to PLWHA by creating Identify and implement suitable living plans to ensure suitable outcomes.
- Presented to Board Members bi-annually on overall outcomes within housing services.
- Train & orient new employees in the housing department.
- Administrative duties including tech support, troubleshooting, and ordering office supplies.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

- Fluent in Spanish
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access
- Proficient in Microsoft 365: Outlook, Teams, OneNote, OneDrive, Forms, SharePoint, Visio
- Proficient in Epic, Lawson, CAREWare, RWAD, Kronos, OnBase, Adobe, ETO (Efforts to Outcomes), RedCap,
- Coaching, teaching and training methods
- Knowledge in SAS, Tableau, Allscripts/EPSi
- Analytical, Verbal, Written, Communication, Organizational skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Workflow efficiencies

Chapter 114: Appointment and Confirmation

Section 114.01: Submission of Appointments to County Council

- **1.** The submission of any candidate to the Council for confirmation shall be accompanied by the following:
 - **1.1** A letter from the candidate requesting the appointment, if such a letter was submitted to the appointing authority;

N/A

1.2 A copy of the candidate's current résumé or equivalent summary of academic, professional, and experiential qualifications;

Please see attached

1.3 A copy of any and all professional licenses or other credentials held by the candidate that are required to be held by the appointee; and

Professional licenses are not required for this position under County Charter or state law.

- **2.** A letter from the appointing authority providing the following information:
 - **2.1** The title of the board, agency, commission, or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

2.2 Any statutory or other qualifications required to hold the appointed position, plus a statement that the candidate meets such qualifications;

N/A

2.3 The specific term of office during which the candidate would serve;

2/1/2025-1/31/2028

2.4 An indication of whether the candidate is being considered for a new appointment or for reappointment;

Appointment

2.5 For a new appointment: the name of the individual who the candidate would replace;

Jason McMinn

2.6 For a reappointment: the past attendance record of the candidate, if maintained by the board, agency, commission or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

N/A

2.7 A cumulative list of individuals who applied for the position;

Laconya Witherspoon Kara Tatum- Johnson Sahara Rivera Xiomara Merced

2.8 The candidate's city and county of residence;

Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga County

2.9 An indication of whether the candidate currently serves on any government, private, or non-profit board or commission;

N/A

2.10 An indication of whether any opinion was requested or issued from the Inspector General, the Ohio Ethics Commission, or other authority regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the candidate's appointment.

No ethics opinion was requested or issued.

2.11 If the candidate is being appointed to a compensated position, the starting annual compensation of the position.

There is no compensation for this position.

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Section 114.02: Notice of Interim Appointments

1. In the event an interim appointment is made pursuant to Section 2.03 (2) of the charter, the county executive or designee shall notify the president of council within five days of making the appointment, including the date the appointment was made, and shall file the interim appointee's oath of office with the clerk of council pursuant to chapter 107 of this code.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0088

| Sponsored by: County Executive | A Resolution confirming the County | |
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| Ronayne | Executive's appointment of Sahara Rivera | |
| | to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV | |
| | Prevention and Care Planning Council for | |
| | the term $4/1/2025 - 3/31/2028$; and | |
| | declaring the necessity that this Resolution | |
| | become immediately effective. | |
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WHEREAS, the mission of the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council ("HIV Planning Council") is to plan for the comprehensive delivery of HIV/AIDS services and allocation of resources for the Transitional Grant Area of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, and to serve as a sounding board and to provide input for the targeted populations at high risk of HIV/AIDS and STI infections to ensure there are no gaps in HIV/AIDS interventions; and

WHEREAS, the Membership and Outreach committee of the HIV Planning Council recommend the nominees based on satisfaction of the Membership guidelines as outlined in the 2009 Ryan White Treatment Extension Act, Section 2602, matching Membership positions that were needed on the Planning Council, and those who acknowledged the time requirements for membership; and

WHEREAS, the HIV Planning Council is a 35-member body serving staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;" and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Sahara Rivera (replacing Peter Scardino) to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Sahara Rivera (replacing Peter Scardino) to serve on the

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2025 - 3/31/2028.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

| On a motion byduly adopted. | , seconded by, th | e foregoing Resolution was |
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January 29, 2025

Dale Miller, President Cuyahoga County Council Cuyahoga County Administration Building 2079 E.9th, 8th Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: <u>Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council</u>

Dear President Miller:

Pursuant to provisions contained in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, I am nominating the individuals listed below and in the attached documents to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Health Services Planning Council. The Council has specific membership requirements, and a brief summary of the applicable mandates is attached for review as well.

Appointment

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Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely.

Chris Ronayne County Executive Sahara Rivera

Elyria, Ohio

Sahara Rivera is a dedicated Certified Community Health Worker based in Cleveland, Ohio. Specializing as a PrEP Navigator and Trans Health Navigator, Sahara brings invaluable lived experience. As an Afro-Latina transgender woman and a person living with HIV, she's from the community and for the community. With a passion for promoting health equity and accessibility, Sahara tirelessly advocates for the well-being of marginalized populations. Providing sexual health education around testing, safer sex practices, and HIV prevention she is an integral part of the fight to end the HIV epidemic.

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Professional licenses are not required for this position under County Charter or state law.

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Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

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N/A

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4/1/2025-3/31/2028

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Appointment

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Peter Scardino

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Laconya Witherspoon Kara Tatum- Johnson Sahara Rivera Xiomara Merced

2.8 The candidate's city and county of residence;

Elyria, Lorain County

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0089

| Sponsored by: County Executive | A Resolution confirming the County |
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| Ronayne | Executive's appointment of Adam G. |
| Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Simon | Jacobs to serve on The MetroHealth |
| | System Board of Trustees for the term |
| | 3/6/2024 - 3/5/2030; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become |
| | necessity that this Resolution become |
| | immediately effective. |
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WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 339 provides for the organization and operation of a county hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 339.02 provides for the creation of county hospital trustees and the means by which appointments are made; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 339.02 further provides that such appointments to the board of trustees shall be for a six-year term; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 339.02(F)(1), the County Executive has sought and received approval from both the probate judge of the county senior in point of service and the judge of the court of common pleas of the county senior in point of service; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;" and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Adam G. Jacobs (replacing Maureen Dee) to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/6/2024 - 3/5/2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Adam G. Jacobs (replacing Maureen Dee) to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/6/2024 - 3/5/2030.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public

peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

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January 29, 2025

Dale Miller, President Cuyahoga County Council 2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: MetroHealth System Board of Trustees

Dear President Miller,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 339, I submit the following nomination for service on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees:

- **Adam G. Jacobs**, 6 year term, 3/6/2024 to 3/5/2030
 - o Appointment, replacing Maureen Dee
 - o Resides in Chagrin Falls (Cuyahoga County)

Candidates for this board shall:

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- 2. "...the board of county commissioners together with the probate judge of the county senior in point of service and the judge of the court of common pleas of the county senior in point of service shall appoint or reappoint for a term of six years a sufficient number of members to replace those members whose terms have expired"

Adam Jacobs' resume is attached for your review and meets the qualifications to serve on this board. The candidate has been jointly selected by the County Executive and the Judge, "of the most senior in point service" for the Common Pleas Court (the Honorable Kathleen Ann Sutula) and for the Probate Courts (the Honorable Anthony J. Russo). Correspondence from the Honorable Kathleen Ann Sutula and the Honorable Anthony Russo in support of this nomination is attached.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. There are a total of 32 candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

ADAM G. JACOBS. Ph.D.

Founder & President

Wingspan Care Group an Administrative Service and Management Organization that serves as a holding company with consolidated revenues approaching 100 million dollars, a 75 million dollar asset base and 1,300 employees. Provide finance, fund development, IT, facilities, public policy & advocacy, HR, legal, marketing & sales, PR & risk management services to subsidiaries

Founder & Past Board Chair

Bluestone Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital an in-patient hospital specializing in the treatment of dually diagnosed children with complex behavioral disorders

Founder & Past Board Chair

Monarch Teaching Technologies an Ed Tech "C" corporation that sold software as a service focused on educational material for autistic children (This company was recently sold.)

President and/ or Former CEO

Multiple non-profit agencies providing behavioral health, primary physical health & dental care, education, job training and developmental disability services, most prominently via *Applewood Centers*. *Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau* & the Wuliger Wellness Center

Founder

Lifeworks providing residential & independent living plus vocational training services for adults on the autism spectrum and those with developmental disabilities

Founder & Board Chair

Kids Connection (a 501-c-4) and Kids PAC designed to conduct advocacy efforts to support Wingspan Care Group organizations

Other Notable Activities

- Former Councilman Village of Chagrin Falls
- Gubernatorial Appointments
- Worked as a legislative analyst, policy developer and advocate.
- Provided testimony to multiple legislative bodies
- Represented organizations across multiple media platforms
- Developed and delivered services within six Ohio Appalachian counties, where human services had existed only at safety-net levels.
- Operate a Hague accredited Adoption Service
- Started & operated an Employment Assistance Program for the U.S. Military
- Researcher on various NIH projects
- Past president of the Cleveland Psychological Association
- Awards and recognition from diverse groups including the Ohio State Legislature & Governor, B'nai B'rith, Employee Resource Council and the Rotary

EDUCATION AND LICENSES

Doctor of Philosophy Degree Wright Institute, CA
Masters of Arts Degree State University of New York
Bachelor of Arts Degree} Plattsburgh, NY

Psychology License Numbers OH 4688 & Ill 071.009964

PROBATE COURT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

DIVISION OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 1 LAKESIDE AVE. W. CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113

ANTHONY J. RUSSO PRESIDING & ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE JENNIFER A. ALEXANDER COURT ADMINISTRATOR MAGISTRATE

LAURA J. GALLAGHER JUDGE

December 20, 2024

HEIDI M. KOENIG CHIEF MAGISTRATE

Chris Ronayne Cuyahoga County Executive 2079 East 9th Street Cleveland, OH 44115

Re:

The MetroHealth System

Board of Trustees

County Executive Ronayne:

Enclosed please find my signed approval of your recommendation of Adam Jacobs for appointment on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Judge Anthony J. Russo

Presiding Judge Probate Court

ajr/ss

Enclosure

December 5, 2024

Judge Anthony Russo, Presiding Judge Probate Court of Cuyahoga County 1 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113

Re: MetroHealth System Board of Trustees

Dear Judge Russo,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 339, I submit the following nomination for a new appointment on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees:

Adam Jacobs

Candidates for this board shall:

- 1. "Members shall be electors and representative of the area served by the hospital, except that not more than two members may be electors of the area served by the hospital that is outside the county in which the hospital is located"
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Ms. Jacobs's resume is attached for your review. He meets the qualifications to serve on this board.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at (216) 348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

Approved:

Judge Anthony Russo

12/20/24

Date



December 5, 2024

Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court 1200 Ontario Street Cleveland, OH 44113

Re: <u>MetroHealth System Board of Trustees</u>

Dear Judge Sutula,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 339, I submit the following nomination for appointment on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees:

Adam Jacobs

Candidates for this board shall:

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Mr. Jacobs's resume is attached for your review and meets the qualifications to serve on this board.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at (216) 348-4239.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne County Executive

Approved:

Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula

Date

Voter Profile Page

Name: ADAM G JACOBS

Address:

CHAGRIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

400 E WASHINGTON ST

Polling Location: CHAGRIN FALLS OH 44022

(Get Directions) *

Precinct: CHAGRIN FALLS-00-A

US Congressional District: 7

Senate District: 18

State Rep. District: 19

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The information displayed on this page is data sent to the Ohio Secretary of State's Office from the local county boards of elections. If your county board of elections has notified you by mail of a precinct change, or if you have a question about any of the information displayed here, please contact your county board of elections directly. Follow this link for an Ohio county board of elections directory.

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Chapter 114: Appointment and Confirmation

Section 114.01: Submission of Appointments to County Council

- 1. The submission of any candidate to the Council for confirmation shall be accompanied by the following:
 - **1.1** A letter from the candidate requesting the appointment, if such a letter was submitted to the appointing authority;

N/A

1.2 A copy of the candidate's current résumé or equivalent summary of academic, professional, and experiential qualifications;

Please see attached

1.3 A copy of any and all professional licenses or other credentials held by the candidate that are required to be held by the appointee; and

Professional licenses are not required for this position under County Charter or state law.

- 2. A letter from the appointing authority providing the following information:
 - **2.1** The title of the board, agency, commission, or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

MetroHealth Board of Trustees

2.2 Any statutory or other qualifications required to hold the appointed position, plus a statement that the candidate meets such qualifications;

N/A

2.3 The specific term of office during which the candidate would serve;

3/6/2024-3/5/2030

2.4 An indication of whether the candidate is being considered for a new appointment or for reappointment;

Appointment

2.5 For a new appointment: the name of the individual who the candidate would replace;

Maureen Dee

2.6 For a reappointment: the past attendance record of the candidate, if maintained by the board, agency, commission or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

N/A

2.7 A cumulative list of individuals who applied for the position;

Richard G. Johnson

Christopher West

Kevin Dau

Richard M. Knoth

Sharon Dumas

Dean Robertson

John Stefan Holmes

David Greenspan

Tim Chapman

Jacqueline Easley

Laconya Witherspoon

Kara Tatum- Johnson

Ronald Dziedzicki

Tracy Marie Greenberg

Maureen Dee

Faye A Gary

Demar Sheffey

Crystal Bryant-Agyemang

Carl Kirkland

Norman Bliss

Nicolette Martincic

Michael P Summers
Monnolly Terry
Simmie M. Davis
Cortarius Antwaun McGlothen
Fred M DeGrandis
Albano Mahilaj
Dolores Garcia
Artis A. Arnold III
Adam G. Jacobs
Charlene Mancuso
Dr. Yvette M. Clemons

2.8 The candidate's city and county of residence;

Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga County

2.9 An indication of whether the candidate currently serves on any government, private, or non-profit board or commission;

Board Chair of Kids Connection (a 501-c-4) and Kids PAC Ohio State board of Psychology

2.10 An indication of whether any opinion was requested or issued from the Inspector General, the Ohio Ethics Commission, or other authority regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the candidate's appointment.

No ethics opinion was requested or issued.

2.11 If the candidate is being appointed to a compensated position, the starting annual compensation of the position.

There is no compensation for this position.

2.12 In the event that any of the information identified in this Section is not provided to the Council with the submission of an appointment, such omission shall be deemed sufficient grounds for rejection of a candidate's appointment by the Council.

Section 114.02: Notice of Interim Appointments

1. In the event an interim appointment is made pursuant to Section 2.03 (2) of the charter, the county executive or designee shall notify the president of council within five days of making the appointment, including the date the appointment was made, and shall file the interim appointee's oath of office with the clerk of council pursuant to chapter 107 of this code.