

**County Council of Howard County, Maryland**

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 12

**RESOLUTION NO. 127 - 2019**

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Alaina Elam to the Board of Social Services.

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Introduced and read first time on October 7, 2019.

By order Diane S. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 21, 2019.

By order Diane S. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn  by the County Council on November 4, 2019.

Certified by Diane S. Jones  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: ~~[[text in brackets]]~~ indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.



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BY: The Chairperson at the request  
of the County Executive

Legislative Day 13  
Date: November 4, 2019

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ADOPTED November 4, 2019  
FAILED \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE Diane A. Jones

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<p><b>Professional Experience:</b></p>	<p><b>Certifications</b></p>
<p><b>Work Release Counselor, Howard County Detention Center</b> October 2015 – Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor inmates on caseload and assist with needs prior to release. Make referrals to in-house and community resources. Act as liaison between inmate &amp; other organizations.</li> <li>- Provide assistance with employment, housing, substance abuse, medical, mental health and other needs necessary for successful reentry.</li> </ul>	<p>Human Services Board Certified Practitioner, (HS-BCP), April, 2019</p> <p>Certified Anger Management Specialist (CAMS-I), October, 2018</p>
<p><b>Reentry Health Services Coordinator, Healthy Howard, Inc.</b> October 2013 – October 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review inmate eligibility for programs prior to release. Receive and review referrals from outside local agencies and organizations.</li> <li>- Assist pretrial and sentenced inmates to enroll in services, programs, and benefits they are eligible for.</li> <li>- Advocate for inmates by providing knowledge. Present important health information at Reentry class. Administer health surveys.</li> <li>- Collect and analyze data for Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) initiative.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>Guiding Good Choices (GGC) Facilitator Mental Health First Aid Strengthening Families Program Diversity Awareness Crafting Effective Documents t3 Trauma &amp; Homelessness Bridges out of Poverty- Getting Ahead Cultural and Linguistic Competency Mental Health and Suicide Prevention American Heart Association- CPR PREA Correctional Training Academy</p>
<p><b>Advanced Advisor, UMUC Military &amp; Veteran Advising</b> June 2011 – October 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist current &amp; prospective students in selecting degree programs &amp; enrolling in appropriate courses. Assist students in using support services or military &amp; veteran benefits to finance their education.</li> <li>- Experience using multiple databases &amp; CRM's to record &amp; maintain student records. Engage in special student outreach projects for residency, degree mapping, recruitment &amp; retention.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Interests &amp; Hobbies</b></p> <p>Advocate for Homeless Population Successful Offender Reentry Golden Key National Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi, Member UMES Cert of Academic Achievement Dean's List Magna Cum Laude Green Initiative Award Recipient</p>
<p><b>Graduate Assistant, UMES Criminal Justice Department</b> September 2009 – May 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responsible for teaching, tutoring, administering &amp; grading exams</li> <li>- Creating spreadsheets, meeting minutes, mass mailings and documents.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Relevant Coursework</b></p> <p>Collaborative Community Case Analysis Helping Indiv, Org &amp; Communities Social Work &amp; Social Welfare Social Problems Public Service Leadership Applied Statistics Advanced Communication Skills Qualitative Methods Ethics &amp; Decision Making in Human Serv Research &amp; Evaluation Strategic Planning &amp; Effectiveness Administration &amp; Policy Research Methods</p>
<p><b>Data Specialist, UMES Student Access and Success- Retention</b> April 2011 – August 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responsible for collecting, organizing, recording, analyzing and evaluating data. Monitoring changes in data &amp; presenting findings to stakeholders.</li> <li>- Creating spreadsheets and charts. Develop timeline and action plans.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Education:</b></p> <p><b>Walden University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PhD, Human and Social Services, May 2021, 4.0 GPA</li> </ul> <p><b>Capella University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M.S. Human Services, Fall 2017, 3.23 GPA</li> </ul> <p><b>Community College of Baltimore County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corrections Professional Certificate, April 2017</li> </ul> <p><b>University of Maryland Eastern Shore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M.S. Criminology &amp; Criminal Justice, May 2011, 4.0 GPA</li> <li>- B.S. Criminal Justice, December 2008, 3.55 GPA *Magna Cum Laude</li> </ul>	

Good Evening,

My name is Alaina Elam. I would like to say thank you to the County Executive and the Council for your consideration. I have a passion for helping others to become self-sufficient and a desire to provide people with the stepping stones they need to get ahead. In my role as a Work Release Counselor for the Howard County Detention Center, I often assist inmates who will soon be making their transition to the community.

It is important to be aware of all of the resources that are available to this population and others in the community so that I can better assist them, as well as advocate for their needs. Working with a vulnerable population, it is imperative to be knowledgeable about the community, accessing resources and delivering services. I am eager to work in a collaborative group to better the community I have grown up in and I call home.

Thank you for your consideration.