

December 28, 2011

Dear Sir,

My name is Helen H. Liu. Recently, Susan Helsel, the Executive Director of NAMI, suggested me to write you a letter indicating my willingness to be considered for a Board Member position for MHAHC. At first, I thought this could be a daunting job. Yet, the need of our loved ones who live with mental illness is much more difficult. For this, I decided to give it a try if you find me qualified.

Until 2008, I knew very little of mental illness. Nor would I wish to spend time on it. Then, life threw at me something that was totally beyond belief. In early 2008, our then nineteen-year-old-son was hospitalized and diagnosed with serious mental illness. After almost four years of journey with our son, I have not only learned much about his illness, but also have met many good people through NAMI (Howard County) who shared with me their pain and joy; taught me how to navigate in the complicated public mental health system; and led me to advocate for our kids to receive the help they desperately need.

My background is diverse. I am a first-generation Chinese American. At age 18, I came to Baltimore as a foreign student. Once earned my BA and MS in biochemistry, I went through another year of training to become a certified Medical Technologist. This not helped me land on a good job, but also secured my legal status in America. Fast forward 20 years, I decided to work as an Accountant in the business world. Thanks to the excellent Higher Education system in Maryland, I went back to school and eventually passed my CPA Exam in 1996. For the past 15 years, I have been employed mostly as a corporate accountant. Currently, I am retired except for one small client, a non-profit organization.

I know very little about the MHA Board of Directors. What are the duties of the Board? How much time am I expected to devote to it? Does it have committees?

I hope to meet with you and discuss further of this opportunity to serve.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Helen H. Liu

Helen H. Liu CPA

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**Accountant (09/2010- Current) (part-time)**

- General ledger, Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Closings.

**HR Anew, Inc.**

- Controller (5/2008- 8/2010).

**RIA, Inc. (Restoration Industry Association) (2006-2007)**

- Accountant

**River Hill, LLC (2004- 2010)**

- Project Accountant (Contractor)

**Nyce & Co., Inc. (1999- 2004)**

- Accounting Manager

**Storage USA (1996-1997)**

- Development Analyst
- Property Accountant

**Howard County General Hospital Laboratory (1986- 1995)**

- Medical Technologist.

**Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, NY (1974- 1983)**

- Medical Technologist.

**Education**

- Certified Public Accountant - Maryland (Passed Exam the first time)
- College of Notre Dame of Maryland; Baltimore, MD (BA in Chemistry)
- University of Maryland at College Park, MD (MS in Biochemistry)
- University of Maryland at Baltimore County, Catonsville, MD (Accounting and Finance)

**Computer Skills**

MS Word MS Excel, Peachtree Accounting, QuickBooks Accounting

**References**

Upon request