

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 2

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - 2018

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of LaRee Siddiqui to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Introduced and read first time on February 5 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on February 20 2018.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on March 5, 2018.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2 County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3 nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Sections 6.315 and 17.320 of the Howard County Code provide for an
5 Animal Matters Hearing Board in Howard County; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the reappointment of LaRee Siddiqui as
7 a member of the Animal Matters Hearing Board; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
9 confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
11 Maryland this 5th day of March, 2018 that the following person is reappointed as
12 a member of the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board to serve from the passage of this
13 Resolution to March 1, 2023 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

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LaRee Siddiqui
Ellicott City, Maryland

LaRee Siddiqui

SUMMARY

Outreach director and program manager with experience in advocacy, outcomes and evaluation research, community organizing and public engagement. Proven professional track record of independent project leadership, program development & management and goal achievement. Focus on addressing issues of social justice. Strong communicator with ability to connect across diverse populations. Recognized as a Maryland Daily Record "20 in their Twenties" honoree.

EDUCATION

MSW, Management and Community Organization, May 2011

University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work

B.A., Psychology, May 2009

Argosy University, American School of Professional Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Education & Outreach

August 2011 – Present

Junior Achievement of Central Maryland

- Responsible for implementing Junior Achievement (JA) Secondary Programming (grades 6-12) through coordinating with school systems and business partners in 13 Maryland jurisdictions
- Oversee county- and system- wide program implementation to meet designated state standards
- Manage community outreach to build strategic relationships with local organizations
- Identify community needs through research and evaluation to design and implement programs
- Conduct and oversee outcomes and evaluation research of all JA K-12 programming
- Implement year-round internship program for 5 undergraduate and graduate students per semester
- Oversaw implementation of programs that led to 64% growth rate in number of students served during initial year of service
- Expanded secondary programs to record-high levels since organization was founded in 1957

MSW Intern (30 hrs/week)

August 2010 – May 2011

United Way of Central Maryland, Impact Strategies Division

- Manage Youth Ventures, a \$30,000 regional youth engagement program through project life cycle, meeting all deadlines and budget benchmarks successfully.
- Responsible for volunteer management, public presentations to diverse audiences, overseeing multiple sites and engaging with the organization's marketing and major gifts departments to coordinate strategies.
- Engage local coalitions and community leaders to craft, analyze, lobby for/against and testify for/against various social policies proposed in the 2011 Maryland legislative session, utilizing working knowledge of state and federal policies in issue areas including healthcare, early childhood and education, safety net, workforce development and affordable housing
- Assist with grant writing and RFP development, strategic plan implementation and messaging, and research

MSW Intern (20 hrs/week)

August 2009- May 2010

St. Agnes Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

- Implemented group wellness activities utilizing Yalom's therapeutic factors to enhance overall well-being for clients and successfully advocated for integration of required wellness activities into pre-surgical program
- Developed longitudinal research study with Dr. David von Rueden to examine the impact of pre-surgery weight loss on post-surgical success
- Performed psychosocial assessments to evaluate readiness for bariatric surgery, lifestyle changes and created multifaceted clinical interventions to better empower clients
- Facilitated the development of functional lifestyle skills in clients through individual and group counseling
- Coordinated internal and external resources to meet individual client needs

Operations Manager, Regional Operations Consultant
Gold's Gym International, Fairfax, VA

May 2007 – May 2009

- Managed all operations and staff at Gold's Gym Fairfax Station (30-40 employees)
- Developed and conducted operations staff training for the region
- Managed budget, staff training and development, and sales strategies in collaboration with regional staff
- Provided career mentorship to students from area schools,

Office Manager / Notary Public
Prosign Notary, Southern CA

January 2004 – April 2007

- Developed nationwide network of notaries and maintained subcontractor database for out-of-area requests from clients
- Managed all office operations and schedules

MEMBERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- Baltimore County Youth Council, 2011- present
- Howard County Public Schools Business Education Advisory Board, 2011 – present
- Howard County Public Schools Academy of Finance Board of Directors, 2011- present
- Baltimore County & Anne Arundel County AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Advisory Council, 2011- present
- Mid-Atlantic Pug Rescue; Maryland Outreach Coordinator (2008 – present)
- Executive Board, Riverside Neighborhood Association (2009 – 2013)
- Social Engagement Coordinator, University of Maryland University Recreation & Fitness (2009-2011)
- Member, University of Maryland School of Social Work Student Delegation to El Salvadoran Government & Political Action Groups (January 2010)

HONORS & PUBLICATIONS

- Maryland Daily Record "20 in their Twenties" honoree, 2013
- "Life on Welfare", Welfare Advocates, 2010
- Ohmidog.com guest writer, <http://www.ohmidog.com/2011/07/27/pug-love-as-a-pug-lover-sees-it/>