

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 96 - 2018

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark Donovan to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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Introduced and read first time on July 2, 2018.

By order

Jessica Feldmark  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on July 16, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn  by the County Council on July 27, 2018.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.



**LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION:**

**Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)** Effective 12/99  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC)** Effective 09/04  
Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

**Approved Alcohol and Drug Supervisor** Effective 02/04  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**LCPC Approved Supervisor** Effective 10/13  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**EDUCATION:**

**Bowie State University** Bowie, MD  
M.A. in Counseling Psychology Received 05/97  
Grade Point Average 4.0 Member, Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society

**University of Maryland** College Park, MD  
B.A. in Psychology Received 12/93  
Grade Point Average: 3.5 Member, Golden Key National Honor Society

**EMPLOYMENT:**

**Congruent Counseling Services (CCS), LLC** 01/01 to Present

**Integrative Counseling (IC), LLC** 07/02 to present

*Clinical and Supervisory Director, CEO, Visionary  
Offices in Columbia, Eldersburg, Millersville, & Towson, MD*

I am the owner, Clinical Director, and CEO of both CCS and IC providing mental health and substance abuse services to children, adolescents, and adults. In addition to managing a caseload of clients I provide ongoing clinical and program supervision to 30+ therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, and addiction professionals. I also provide clinical supervision for four Intensive Outpatient Programs for adolescents, young adults, and adults as well as an outpatient treatment and education program. I am responsible for marketing, program development, contracting, and clinical excellence providing mental health and addiction services. I created the program policies and procedures and I am responsible for the ongoing accreditation and insurance contracting of the programs.

**Bleach and Associates** Clinton and Silver Spring, MD  
*Therapist, Part-time Contractual* 01/00 to 12/03

I provided individual, family, or marital/couple counseling to children, adolescents, and adults.

**Howard Community College** Columbia, MD  
*Adjunct Faculty, Professor* 01/01 to 12/01

I taught three courses of an introductory psychology course (PSYC 101).

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**Teens at Risk/Columbia Addiction Center**

Columbia, MD

*Director of Adolescent Services, Part-time Contractual*

04/01 to 03/02

I facilitated substance abuse and mental health groups for adolescents, conducted psychosocial and substance use assessments for adolescents and adults, provided individual and family therapy, as well as facilitated a 28-week adult DWI group.

**Vesta, Inc.**

Odenton, MD

*Director of Child and Adolescent Services*

12/99 to 05/01

I was responsible for the clinical direction, development, marketing, and management of a child and adolescent program including an after school rehabilitation program; individual, group and family therapy; psychotherapeutic education; and medication management. I reorganized the program to be effective, profitable, and to receive its state certification within three months.

**Montgomery General Hospital (MGH)**

Olney, MD

*Adolescent Therapist*

10/96 to 01/01

I facilitated mental health and substance abuse adolescent groups, developed a quality assurance program, conducted mental health and substance use assessments in schools as a part of the MC Student Assistance Program, and created a satellite adolescent program. I also regularly lectured to schools and other organizations about working with adolescents.

*Evaluations Therapist*

05/97 to 01/01

I conducted emergency psychiatric and substance use evaluations as a part of MGH's Crisis Intervention Services. I worked as a consultant to emergency room doctors providing level of care disposition recommendations and psychosocial evaluations.

*Mental Health Counselor*

05/94 to 01/97

I provided direct patient care and counseling on the Inpatient Acute Care Psychiatric and Substance Detoxification/Rehabilitation Units. I also facilitated psychoeducational and treatment groups on both units.

**Adult Health and Development Program (AHDP)**

College Park, MD

*Associate Director*

01/93 to 05/98

This University of Maryland course educates students about aging while improving the well being of older adults. I managed the day-to-day operations of this program, ran groups, and conducted lectures. I sat on the Board of Directors and facilitated one lecture per semester until 2004.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Howard County Opioid Crisis Community Council (OCCC)**

Howard County, Maryland

*Member*

*Appointed 04/18 to 03/20*

I was appointed by Executive Order by County Executive Allan Kittleman, order 2018-04 as a citizen and organizational representative. The goal of the council is to recommend best practices and strategies to most effectively combat the opioid crisis in Howard County

**Maryland Board of Professional Counselors**

State of Maryland

*Board Member, LCADC*

*Appointed 09/17 to present*

I was appointed by Governor Hogan to serve on the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors. I serve as the LCADC member and sit on the Legislative and Regulations Committee. In addition to other responsibilities on the board, I regularly testify to the Maryland House and Senate regarding pending legislation.

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### **Howard County Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board**

*Board Member, Professional*

Ellicott City, MD

*Appointed 04/06 to 06/18*

I serve as a professional member of the board. The board acts as an advising body to the Howard County Executive. I was initially appointed to the board by the County Executive James Robey and the County Council and was reappointed by County Executive Ken Ulman and confirmed by the County Council.

### **Howard County Public School System Mental Health Task Force**

*Member*

Columbia, MD

*Appointed 08/13 to present*

I was asked to work with the Howard County Schools by a member of the Board of Education, Brian Mishkin, in order to examine how the Howard County School System might best meet the mental health needs of its students.

### **Howard County Executive Behavioral Health Task Force**

*Member*

Howard County, MD

*Appointed 09/13 to 04/15*

I was appointed by Howard County Executive, Ken Ulman and later served at the pleasure of County Executive Allan Kittleman. The task force was created to examine mental health and substance addiction treatment service in the county and to provide recommendations to the Executive about how to maintain and improve services in the County.

### **VOLUNTEER:**

#### **Howard County Drug Free**

*Advisor, Presenter*

Columbia, MD

*03/03 to present*

I serve as an advisor to the board on issues of teen substance abuse. I also regularly provide one to two yearly presentations to Howard County parents and teens. I am also available to answer questions from the community about substance use issues and treatment.

#### **The Connection Center**

*Member*

Columbia, MD

*04/05 to present*

I represent IC an CCS for the Howard Country Public School System providing recommendations for treatment services to students and families in need.

#### **Start School Later**

*Chapter Leader*

Howard County, MD

*01/13 to 04/18*

I started the Howard County Chapter of Start School Later to encourage and create a grassroots movement to start public high school after 8:00am in order to allow teens to get the sleep they need to succeed and thrive. I created a petition to be presented to the Board of Education and created a framework for similarly interested parents and political figures to work to change high school start times.

#### **Howard County Schools Start and Dismissal Time Charter Task Force**

*Member*

Howard County, MD

*07/14 to 07/15*

As a representative and advocate of Start School Later, I was asked to sit on the Start and Dismissal Time Charter Task Force to examine the impact of starting high school classes after 8:00am.

#### **Howard County Overdose Fatality Review Team**

*Member*

Howard County, MD

*10/15 to present*

I represent a local provider of addiction treatment services to process overdose deaths in Howard County. The purpose of this meeting it to work toward saving lives and treating addictions more effectively.

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**Montgomery County Community Stakeholder's ... Task Force**

Montgomery County, MD

*Member*

04/16 to 04/17

MC Community Stakeholder's Opioid Dependence and Overdose Task Force: I represent a local provider of addiction treatment services to process how MC and make changes to provide better treatment.

**Maryland Addictions Directors Council (MADC)**

Maryland

*Board of Directors Member*

07/14 to 08/15

I was a Member of the Board of Directors for MADC. I represented the interests of private treatment providers in Maryland. As part of my role on the Board, I had the honor of working with the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors to update the addictions certifications and licensure standards in 2014.