

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 109 - 2018

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bruce MacDonald to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on July 27, 2018.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.

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 6.335 and 12.1000 of the Howard County Code, as amended by
5 Council Bill No. 13-2018 effective July 1, 2018, provide for a Local Behavioral Health Advisory
6 Board in Howard County; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Bruce MacDonald as
8 a member of the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board; and

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

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
12 Maryland this 27th day of July, 2018 that the following person is appointed as a
13 member of the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board to serve from the passage of this
14 Resolution to June 30, 2023 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

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Bruce MacDonald
Ellicott City, Maryland

Bruce MacDonald

June 12, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

I am a life-long resident in the area, having been raised in Catonsville until 1988 then moving to Howard County and residing there until the present time. I have also been employed in Howard County since 1975 to the present time. I have two sons who are 25 & 22 years old. They have gone through the public school system and I have been very active with them i.e. both had IEP's, PTA Dad, Mentor Program, Coached Little League Baseball, Soccer and Swim Team Coach in Western Howard County for 6 years. I was and am very active with my Church and chaired the \$4 million building fund campaign at St. Michael Church in Lisbon. I am a member of Rolling Road Golf Club and have been on the board of directors, chairing the golf committee and member-guest committee. I am now a leader at my Church, Grace Community Church. I am also a very active member in our local 12 Steps Programs, A.A. & N.A.

Not discounting the above information, I have this passion of wanting to "pay it forward". About 10 years ago, I met and asked Joe Willmott if he wanted to join me. We recognized that there was an extreme need for housing to help men and women who want to recover from their alcohol and drug addiction and need a safe environment in Howard County. Hence, the beginning of a non-profit corporation was started called "Living in Recovery". Joe knowing the workings of the Howard County government and me being in recovery for over 36 years, we started a good partnership. LIR now has now grown to be known and well-respected in Howard County with over 200 clients through the doors. The fact that 67% of these clients had stayed clean and sober while with LIR is a tribute to the organization and their program.

With LIR up and running on its own, I left LIR and joined Stepping Stones Recovery Houses as a Director. They asked me to help with the expansion of Howard County and west. We have already added 2 houses to the 25 houses that Stepping Stones has. We are growing fast. I am all about recovery and this has given me the opportunity to help many more people who have substance abuse. In my past 10 years, I have been able to develop a great working relationship with the Howard County Health Department, Howard County Detention Center, Sheppard Pratt, Hope House, Shoemaker House, and Mountain Manor, Father Martin's and many more local rehabs and recovery houses. Having the disease myself and dealing with it in recovery, I believe I can contribute effectively for a better understanding and appreciation of addiction to our community.

Very Respectfully,

Bruce MacDonald
Director
Stepping Stones Recovery Houses

BRUCE MACDONALD

Employment Background:

- 2018 – Present** Director of Stepping Stones Recovery Houses. At present, Stepping Stones has 28 houses throughout Maryland. Stepping Stones is aggressive with their expansion and concerned about recovery for the individual. I was brought to take over the expansion in Howard County which we now have 2 new houses in Howard and looking to add more. Since I am all about recovery, Stepping Stones gives me many more opportunities to help some for not only Ho. Co. but other areas with over 200 beds. I won't have to say no but will have more opportunities to help people asking for help
- 2010 – 2017** Founder of Living in Recovery, Inc. Executive Director & House Manager of a non-profit corporation that provides sober living in Howard County for men and women in recovery of alcohol and drug addiction. LIR has 5 houses in operation (4 Men's & 1 Women's) when I left. To enhance my abilities with LIR, I am on the Board of several local organizations i.e. ADAAB (Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board), ROSC (Recovery Oriented Systems of Care), Chairman of the Board for the Alano Club of Columbia, Md.
- 1988 – Present** Realtor at Remax Advantage, Ellicott City, Md. 21042 from 1994 – Present. For the past 30 years since 1988, I have had a successful career selling real estate in the Howard County and surrounding area. I have received many sales awards for my accomplishments for local and Remax National awards. I have received the prestigious "Hall of Fame" award from Remax International for selling over \$100,000,000 of Real Estate with over 1,000 Transactions.
- 1975 – 1988** Automobile Sales. The majority of the time was at Normandy Ford (75-85) But I also worked at Russel Toyota and Russel BMW. Again, I had many sales Awards both monthly and annually. From 1980 to 1987, I was in management. I was lease/fleet manager, F & I manager, Used Car and BMW Sales Manager.
- 1974 – 1975** Customer Service Manager at Maryland Housing Corporation, Supervised a department that had warehouse packers to truck drivers. This department was responsible for shortages and damages for the pre-fab houses shipped out of this housing factory. Great experience but MHC was sold and location changed.
- 1966 – 1974** Held various part time and full time jobs while I was attending college/H.S. i.e. Bartending, life guard at O.C. and Forrest Hills in Dunloggin, US mail delivery, construction, & landscaping.
- 1968 – 1976** Joined the U. S. Navy. It was an 8 year commitment, 2 years active duty and 6 years active reserves. Honorable Discharge

EDUCATION

Elementary School - 1954 - 1962 St. Marks Catholic School, Catonsville, Md.

High School - 1962 - 1966 Mount Saint Joseph High School, Baltimore, Md.

Colleges - 1967 – 1974 University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus (UMBC) and College Park - Majored in Economics and Minored in Accounting