

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 8

RESOLUTION NO. 93 - 2019

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Emily Greenberger to the Board of Health.

Introduced and read first time on June 3, 2019.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on June 17, 2019.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments ___, Failed ___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on July 1, 2019.

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.

EMILY R. GREENBERGER, MSW, LCSW-C, PC

Education

Master of Social Work, May 2000

Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, MA.

Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, May 1997

Boston University, Boston, MA.

Work Experience

01/2012 to the Present: Collaborative Counseling Center, Columbia, MD.

Co-Owner and Clinical Director

- Oversee and facilitate all the clinical, administrative and publicity aspects of the counseling center.
- Hire, manage and supervise clinicians, therapists and administrative staff.
- Facilitate new client intakes and assign providers.
- Provide individual, group and family counseling services to clients ages 5 to 65 using innovative therapeutic interventions.

08/2009 to August 2012: Glenelg Country School

Primary and Lower School Counselor, Dragon Camp Coordinator

- Provided school counseling services to students' grades kindergarten through 5th, including individual and group counseling, crisis intervention and family collaboration.
- Facilitated staff development workshops on topics of social and emotional health and provided consultation to educators regarding student concerns.
- Facilitated parent education workshops on topics of social and emotional health.
- Created and implemented school counseling curriculum for students, providing resources for educators and taught classroom-based social and emotional lessons.

Summer 2013 to the Present: Capital Camps and Retreat Center

Camper Care Team Mental Health Provider

- Provide individual mental health support to campers as part of the camper care team who supports and maintains the emotional health and safety of overnight campers.
- Train and support counselors and staff on relevant mental health issues and overall social and emotional health to enhance their ability to care for campers.
- Communicate regularly with parents to alleviate concerns and provide reassurance.
- Partner with Camp Director to provide leadership for mental health interventions and crisis management.

8/2000 to 8/2003, 1/04 to 4/04: Pathways School, Silver Spring, MD.

Clinical Social Work Therapist

- Provided weekly individual and group therapy, family counseling and crisis intervention services to emotionally disturbed adolescents in a non-public, level 5 therapeutic high school.
- Performed admission interviews and clinical intake evaluations with students and families.
- Created and implemented individualized education plans for caseload of students requiring special education services and collaborated with teachers and administrators on behalf of students.

Certifications and Honors

Certified Social Work Supervisor

Member of National Association of Social Workers

Howard County Resident, wife and mother of 3 Amazing Children and Doodle!

Howard County Board of Health Testimony

Emily Greenberger, LCSW-C

June 17, 2019

Good Evening County Council Members and thank you for allowing me to testify this evening for your votes for approval of my appointment to serve on the Howard County Board of Health. My name is Emily Greenberger and I am Licensed Clinical Social Worker and co-owner of Collaborative Counseling Center, a multi-disciplinary outpatient mental health center serving children, adolescents and adults in Howard County. I am resident of Howard County and my three children attend Howard County Public Schools.

In the almost 20 years that I have been a social worker, I have served in various behavioral health settings including both public and private schools, psychiatric hospitals, community mental health centers and intensive outpatient programs. My clinical work has always been dedicated to improving the social and emotional health of children, adolescents and families. I have always had a macro or communal approach to my clinical work. Over the many years of working in schools and communities, I have remained passionate about service by providing schools and other organizations educational support through my various presentations on mental health.

In my work at Collaborative Counseling Center these past 7 years, and my school based counseling jobs, I have made a multitude of strong professional connections with community and school based mental health providers, teachers and administrators. I have sat with hundreds of Howard County children and families, listening to their stories and providing them individual, group and family treatment.

I would like to share the catalyst for my decision to serve on the Board of Health if approved, so that I work in accordance with you, the County Council, to "ensure the health and safety of those in Howard County." Around the time of midterms for HCPSS, our community lost the precious life of another teenage just before exams. After this tragic loss, I felt the need to take a more active role in a tangible way, one that has a broader reach, where I could use my clinical experience in behavioral health to positively impact the lives of those living in Howard County, one of THE best places to live in the United States.

I reached out to a family friend, Mr. Ken Ulman, and I asked him the best pathway to serve on the Board of Health, the esteemed organization of medical professionals who have their pulse on every aspect of our community's health matters. I found myself actively and relentlessly pursuing this position with the office of County Executive Calvin Ball, resulting in our County Executive approving my nomination to serve. Here I am tonight asking the esteemed members of the county council, if you will allow me to be active participant in the overall improvement of the behavioral health of Howard County residents by allowing me to sit on the Board of Health.

If elected to the Board, I promise to positively promote the behavioral health of all those living in Howard County. I feel that I bring to this position two decades of clinical work, combined with knowledge of this community from both a professional and personal perspective. I will focus on strengthening the relationship between HCPSS and the Board of Health to foster ongoing and improved mental health awareness, education and programming for our county's young people. Together we can reduce the stigma of mental illness while increasing individual's access to mental health services and ultimately saving lives! Thank you, Council Members, for your consideration of my appointment to the Board of Health.