

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2011 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 157 - 2011

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Duane St. Clair to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Introduced and read first time on October 3, 2011.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 17, 2011.

By order Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on November 7, 2011.

Certified by Stephen LeGendre
Stephen LeGendre, 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.

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Present Position

Executive Director of the Association of Community Services of Howard County

Development of Community Partnerships

From 2002 till earlier this year I have worked as a private consultant working collaboratively with providers of services for youth in out of home care. I have had involvement with the following:

- ◆ Developed and managed contracts with the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and the Howard County Office of Children's Services to develop services for grandparents raising grandchildren. Services developed are support groups, mentors for grandparents, website management, monthly newsletters, clothing and book resource exchange and computer distribution for grandparents. www.baltimoregrandfamilies.org
- ◆ Developed and secured grant funding to establish a homeowners program in Baltimore for grandparents raising grandchildren.
- ◆ Partnered in the development of Communities of Care of Maryland (COC) and served as its President for 8 years. COC is a non-profit organization created to replicate the Generations of Hope program in Illinois and provide affordable housing for kinship care families. As President I identified the partner agencies, Families and Children's Services of Central Maryland, Homes for America, Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and the Baltimore Commission on Aging, to be necessary to develop the first intergenerational kinship care housing in Maryland, Clare Court. This multi-million dollar housing project required over \$250,000 in planning grant funds from four Baltimore funders.
- ◆ Developed and managed a contract with New Pathways Independent Living program to develop a youth development and leadership program for youth aging out of foster care. This is a program using the "Getting Beyond the System" materials developed by the Youth Advocacy Center in New York. Funding for this program came from Annie E. Casey.
- ◆ Served on the Maryland committee addressing permanency issues for youth in foster care in Maryland and moderated a session at the 2008 National Permanency Conference on the role of foster parents in teaming to deliver improved services to foster youth
- ◆ Coordinated the identification of foster care resources for the Maryland Public Television's foster care initiative and efforts to expand this effort to PBS stations nationally
- ◆ Coordinating a planning effort in Howard County to develop a public engagement project to identify and organize community resources for older youth in foster care in Howard County
- ◆ Contracted with the Maryland Foster Parent Association to do their 2008 Conference and their 2008 Walk-a-thon

- ◆ Served the past 3 years as the National Foster Parent Association representative on the Foster Care Task Force of the American Academy of Pediatrics to assist in the development of improved health care services for youth in foster care.
- ◆ Served as a member of the Baltimore Youth Homeless Coalition providing expertise on homeless issues of former foster youth

Before becoming a consultant I worked for over 26 years with the Howard County Office on Aging (OOA) relating to community organizations, businesses, religious organizations and non-profit agencies in providing, developing and coordinating services to older persons in Howard County. I was the OOA staff person involved in the planning of six senior centers. During this time I worked with groups such as the Howard County Dental Society, Maryland Bar Association, Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland, Catholic Charities and numerous other non-profits to develop services for senior citizens.

Leadership in the Development of Community Organizations

- ◆ Past Member of the Maryland Multi-Disciplinary Committee which advises the Maryland Department of Human Resources on kinship care issues
- ◆ Member of the Advisory Committee of the Maryland Kinship Care Center at Coppin
- ◆ Past President of the Maryland League of Foster and Adoptive Parents
- ◆ Past Regional Vice President, National Foster Parent Association. While VP I assisted with the develop of state foster care associations in Virginia and Maryland
- ◆ Past Chair, Public Policy Committee of the National Foster Parent Association
- ◆ Treasurer of the National Foster Parent Association
- ◆ Founder of the first Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Howard County
- ◆ Past President of the Alzheimers Association of Central Maryland for two years. Central Maryland Chapter won the annual award for program excellence from the national Alzheimers Association while I was President
- ◆ Past Adjunct professor at the University of Maryland's Center on Aging, Summer Institute teaching classes in "Providing Leadership to Organizations through Strategic and Operational Planning" in 1993 and 1994 and "Effective Management for Community Organizations" in 1990, 1991, 1992

Education

- ◆ 1976, Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland with a concentration in planning and community organization
- ◆ 1972, Bachelors in Political Science and Psychology from American University