

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairman at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John C. Monahan to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Introduced and read first time on June 1, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on June 15, 2015.

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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐ by the County Council on July 1, 2015.

Certified by

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Section 10-1202.1 of the Health - General Article, Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes Howard County to establish a quasi-public agency to serve as the County's core service agency for mental health services in the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.1102 of the County Code created the Howard County Mental Health Authority as the core service agency; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.1102 of the Howard County Code provides for the appointment of a Board of Directors for the Howard County Mental Health Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of John C. Monahan as a member of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 6th day of July, 2015 that the following person is appointed as member of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority to serve from the passage of this Resolution to January 2, 2017 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

John C. Monahan
Highland, MD

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John C. Monahan
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Highland, MD 20777

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My experience directly related to the mission of the Howard County Mental Health Authority and serving on the Board of Directors includes:

- Prior experience serving on the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority for two terms prior to 2011;
- Participation in the development and roll out of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program for Howard County police officers;
- Serving on the Board of Directors of NAMI – Howard County;
- Teaching NAMI Family to Family Courses for individuals and families who have loved ones suffering with mental illness;
- Leading a NAMI support groups for individuals dealing with mental illness of a loved one;
- Training NAMI members as teachers for the Family to Family course;
- Training NAMI members to become leaders for NAMI support groups; and
- Serving on a team tasked with making recommendation to the Howard County Mental Health Authority as they designed a program to measure consumer and family satisfaction with mental health services in the county.

My work experience included 20 years as a research scientist for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Subsequently between 1992 and my retirement in 2003 I was a senior reviewer and team leader in the FDA Office of Device Evaluation. In this capacity I had primary responsibility for evaluating clinical and non-clinical studies used by companies to establish both the safety and effectiveness of new medical devices. My area of concentration was new and innovative radiological products such as digital mammography and devices for treating cancer. The work often involved leading a team of professionals which included physicians, statisticians, physicists, engineers and other scientists as needed. This position gave me a wide range of experience in dealing with various difficult issues whether personnel, analytical, or policy. I was required to have excellent listening skills, evaluate the available information and make difficult decisions. Since FDA is constrained by legally mandated deadlines for dealing with medical device applications all decisions had to be reached in a timely fashion.

I was born and raised in Philadelphia where I received a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from LaSalle University. Subsequent graduate studies included 2 years of biology at Villanova University and then studies in psychology at Bryn Mawr College where I received a graduate degree in physiological psychology. I also worked for Wyeth Laboratories

in their psychopharmacology department. At Wyeth we conducted drug studies on both behavior and the neurochemical effects to the central nervous system. These studies were designed to develop new drugs (antipsychotic, antidepressant and antianxiety agents) for treating mental health problems

My research has resulted in over 50 scientific publications including abstracts, articles in professional journals and several book chapters. I have also served as an editor of several books. Over the years I have been an invited participant and speaker at both national and international scientific conferences. A selected list of some professional committee activities: includes serving on:

- A World Health Organization working group;
- An American National Standards Committee;
- An American Institute of Biological Sciences Peer Review Group;
- An IEEE Committee on Man and Radiation;
- An IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee (SCC-28); and
- The Scientific Advisory Council of Applied Ecology Research Institute, Moscow, Russia.

In addition to the above committee service I have:

- Worked as an invited guest scientist at the A.N. Marzeev Institute in Kiev, Ukrainian Republic;
- Served as the coordinator of a multinational research project (Project Henhouse) funded by the Office of Naval Research;
- Served as the United States Coordinator of the US-USSR Cooperative Health Agreement for Environmental Health; and
- For 17 years worked part-time as a visiting scientist at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.