

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 11

RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Stephen M. Liggett-Creel to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Introduced and read first time on October 5, 2015.

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

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 19, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn by the County Council on November 2, 2015.

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

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

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

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the reappointment of Stephen M.
9 Liggett-Creel as a member of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health
10 Authority; and

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

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
14 Maryland this 2nd day of November 2015 that the following person is reappointed as
15 a member of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority to serve
16 from January 2, 2016 to January 2, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

17 Stephen M. Liggett-Creel
18 Columbia, MD

STEPHEN M. LIGGETT-CREEL, LCSW-C

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LICENSING

Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical, (LCSW-C), MD Expires 10/2016
Board eligible Supervisor
Certification of Residential Child Care Program Administrators Expires 12/2015

CERTIFICATIONS

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Trainer
Casey Life Skills Assessment Trainer
Family Center Practice Trainer

EDUCATION

MSW w/ Maternal Child Health Certificate, University of MD, Baltimore, 2001
B.S. in Business Admin/Marketing, University of MD, College Park, 1999

WORK HISTORY

Prince George's County

Department of Social Services Chief of Staff 08/14-Present

- Provide agency leadership and management support.
- Manage Administrative functions, including Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, and Information Technologies.
- Provide clinical oversight of Child, Adult, and Family Services and supervisor division management.
- Manage and participate in various agency initiatives including school based service program, crisis response, county level behavioral health integration and agency efforts on
- Led Agency's Title IVe waiver project and coordinated with State level partners for implementation of Trauma informed services, workforce development, and evidence based models.
- Responsible for evaluation of agency's outcomes using local and state level data and staff reports.
- Designed and reviewed agency policies, standard operating procedures, and internal and external publications.

Hearts & Homes for Youth Vice President of Therapeutic Service 05/13-8/14
Administrator, Therapeutic Services 12/05-05/13

- Responsible for the oversight of a continuum of child welfare programs, including independent living, therapeutic group homes, treatment foster care programs serving mother and their children, and community based programs serving homeless youth populations.
- Develop and monitor program operations; including budgets, policy and procedures, compliance with federal/state/local regulations, and youth activities.
- Facilitate training of staff and foster families including residential child care worker orientation, Casey Life Skills, Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths tool, online case management system, Trauma Informed Care, adolescent development, and other clinical trainings.

- Engage community partners to develop relationships and discuss the services of the programs within the agency for the purpose of increasing referrals, developing service relationships, building agency awareness and branding, and support agency fundraising activities.
- Develop budgets and managed fiscal operations of programs, including federal, and local grants and contracts.
- Develop new policy and procedure to adapt to an ever changing child welfare environment.
- Evaluate and assess program effectiveness and program services for meeting the child welfare system.
- Provide support for agency website and social media, including design and editing of materials.
- Provide clinical supervision of agency licensed social workers in individual and group settings.
- Developed and implemented a more robust clinical training program for social workers.
- Restructured the independent living program to meet state and federal regulations. Implemented a best practice, service provision paradigm. Reorganized the program staffing to meet new paradigm and implement budgeting changes to better serve the youth.
- Implemented new training program for residential counselors to ensure a better trained work force and aligned skills with changing needs of youth entering programs.
- Designed web resources to support Human Resource needs and increase mobility of staff.
- Worked with experts in the field to bring in specialized and promising curriculums for working with mother in foster care.

Hearts & Homes for Youth Program Coordinator, Therapeutic Foster Care 4/05-12/05

- Coordinated daily activities of 24 bed therapeutic foster care program
- Provided clinical supervision of social workers.
- Coordinated all intakes and referrals and make placement decisions for children with emotional disturbances.
- Completed informal assessments and formal home studies for potential foster parents.
- Retooled existing training protocol for incoming and existing foster parents to provide more clinically relevant and child centered information.
- Reorganized recruitment strategy to include more active marketing and community outreach to reach potential foster parents able to manage difficult behaviors.

Children's Guild, OMHC Per-Diem Clinician 11/04-06/05

- Provided weekly therapy to adolescents in their home/community
- Provided Family education and support around identified behaviors
- Completed assessments and treatment plans for Medicaid billing

ARC of Baltimore, Foster Care Program Social Worker 11/03-4/05

- Provided clinical case management services to children ages 1 to 21 with chronic medical illness, developmental delays, and/or emotional disturbances.
- Developed and implement therapeutic service plans focused on child specific needs.
- Worked with local school systems, Department of Social Services, and legal aid bureaus regarding children.
- Advocated for child's best interest at school meetings, court hearings, and visitation with birth families.
- Developed and facilitate a monthly therapeutic group for children in foster care.

- Provide training sessions for foster parents regarding child development and affects of child abuse and neglect on development and emotional regulation.

Baltimore County Department of Social Services Social Worker 8/01-11/03

- Provided school based mental health counseling to high school students and their families on both short term and long-term basis.
- Completed psychosocial assessments, contracted, and developed treatment goals with students presenting with behavioral, emotional, and/or social concerns.
- Provided crisis management for students and families.
- Assisted families with concrete needs and resource location.
- Advocated for families in relation to school systems and social service systems.
- Facilitated psycho-educational, anger management and support groups for students and parents.
- Served on school's student support team as mental health consultant.
- Trained in anti-violence program for school based violence prevention initiative.

Kennedy Krieger Institute, Social Work Intern 9/00-4/01
Child & Family Support Program

- Offered home based individual and family therapy to adults and children with emotional and developmental disorders.
- Developed assessments and treatment goals for families and children.
- Worked with children and parents with cognitive delays.
- Co-Facilitated drug prevention group for children 5-13 living in Lutheran Services homeless shelter.
- Participated in interdisciplinary training through a Maternal Child Health grant.

Baltimore City, State's Attorney Social Work Intern 9/99-5/00
Child Abuse Division

- Performed forensic interviews of children involved in child abuse cases.
- Interviewed family and witnesses, and worked with local DSS, police, and mental health agencies to develop comprehensive case documentation for attorneys.
- Developing treatment plans for offenders to present in court as alternative to incarceration.
- Worked with children and their families to prepare for trial.

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| Mental Health Authority of Howard County | Board Member | 1/11-present |
| A Better Situation Youth Services, Inc. | Board Member | 6/08- 11/10 |