

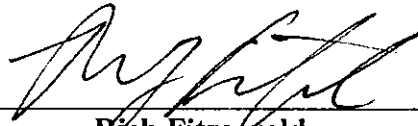
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APPOINTMENT

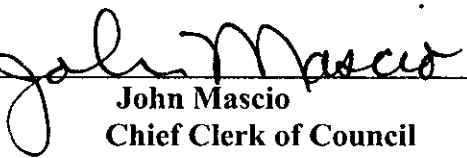
Approving the appointment of Dr. Mary Carrasco to serve as a Member of the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

In Council April 18 2006.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

2480-06

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DAN ONORATO
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March 16, 2006

Honorable President and Members
Allegheny County Council
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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Dr. Mary Carrasco, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

The Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations pertaining to the county children and youth social service program and the operation of the county agency. I am recommending that Dr. Carrasco serve a three year term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Dr. Carrasco is the Director of International and Community Health at Mercy Hospital and also directs A Child's Place at Mercy, a regional center for the evaluation, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect with an integrated medical and psycho-social team. She has directed Mercy Hospital's Community Health and Family Intervention Center.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Dr. Carrasco will make herself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Onorato".

Dan Onorato

CC: Dr. Mary Carrasco

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE SUMMARY:

Extensive experience in establishing and operating community health programs to improve the physical and mental health of high-risk populations. Skills include public health needs assessment, strategies for engaging individuals and families in health promotion and treatment, program evaluation, organizing community-health partnerships and training government, human services and healthcare personnel in planning and delivery of healthcare services.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Director, International & Community Health, Mercy Hospital, 1998- present

- Direct **A Child's Place at Mercy**, a regional center for the evaluation, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect with an integrated medical and psycho-social team
- Consult in international public health, community health in international and domestic regions, and in prevention of child abuse and neglect; medical evaluation of child abuse and neglect (1998-present)
- Developed and directed program assisting government-operated clinics to engage highest-risk patients in health promotion and treatment in Kazakhstan, while working directly with international organizations, physicians, nurses, and government officials. Medical service components focus on delivering community needs-based programs for health-related services while encouraging government, social and health service agencies to focus on health education, prevention, and treatment. This program is also working to foster grass roots organizations that become organized advocates for health to attain better overall community functioning. (1999-present)

Director, Community Health and Family Intervention Center, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh 1988-1998

Launched the region's first hospital-based center for child abuse evaluation by multi-disciplinary team and local law enforcement; developed/implemented three community-based clinics in high-risk areas.

- Established Pennsylvania's first "family support center" in low-income urban area. Developed, secured government financing for, and directed these centers designed to prevent child abuse and neglect. Services included visiting nurses, drug and alcohol treatment, family activities/outings, housing assistance, job search assistance, and case management. (1988-'98)

Medical Director, Sto-Rox Health Center 1981-88; Founded Positive Parenting Program for child abuse prevention

Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (1998-present)

Assistant Professor, Behavioral and Community Health Services University of Pittsburgh
Graduate School of Public Health (1996-present)
Assistant/ Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of
Medicine, 1988-1998

EDUCATION:

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, 1998
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pediatrics, Ambulatory & Community
Pediatrics Fellowship, 1979
Wilmington Medical Center, Pediatric Residency, 1977
Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College, Bombay, India, 1974
St. Xavier's College, Bombay, India, 1968

SELECTED HONORS:

- Award for Public Service, U.S. Department of Justice
- Community Health Promotion Award, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Community Service Recognition Award, Governor's Office, State of Pennsylvania
- Health Care Hero Award and Community Outreach/Education Award, Pittsburgh Business Times
- Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Women, Commonwealth of PA
- Betty Elmer Award – Best Professional – Child Abuse and Neglect
- Ray Helfer Award – American Academy of Pediatrics and National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds
- Daniel F. Russell Innovative Service to Those Who Are Poor Award, Catholic Health East

CERTIFICATION, LICENSURE, AND SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds Board - 2005
Pennsylvania Attorney General's Medical Legal Advisory Board on Child Abuse, 1988-current
Pennsylvania State Children's Trust Fund, 2001-present – Chair 2004-present
Governor's Partnership for Safe Children, Child Abuse Work Group, 1996-present
Allegheny County Health Choices, 1996-2005
Allegheny County Mental Health Mental Retardation Board, 1988-2002
American Board of Forensic Medicine
American Board of Pediatrics
American Public Health Association
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (medical license)
Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics
Fellow, American College of Forensic Examiners
Global Health Council 2000-present
International Health Economics Association
International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Federal Grants and Contracts

Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention, Family Support Centers, 1984-1999; \$6,292,000 total award

Funders: Federal, Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Federal, Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect, Federal, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Federal, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN), Children's Bureau, Americorps National Service Network, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Allegheny County Children and Youth Services, Allegheny County Human Services Development, Allegheny County Health Department, Scaife Family Foundation, Heinz Endowments and Hearst Foundation, Alcoa Foundation

Multiple grants described as follows:

1. Community-based Child Abuse a Prevention- Grant planned and established community-based, comprehensive programs to prevent child abuse and neglect, including neighborhood family support centers and school-based health education and parenting classes, which were facilitated by volunteers in low-risk communities.
2. Community Integrated Service System -Because of high infant mortality in the targeted communities, two fulltime nurses provided comprehensive prenatal and postpartum visits to women and infants in these neighborhoods. They worked to reduce infant mortality and accidental injuries through regular contact and home visits with high-risk families.
3. Drug and Alcohol Services for Women at High Risk for Child Abuse and Neglect and Drop-In Substance Abuse Program- Grant provided preventive services at Drop-In Centers to children and youth, treatment services for families affected by substance abuse and treatment for youth and adults in these families who abuse alcohol and drugs. Substance abuse services provided under contract by local treatment organizations.
4. Family Support Centers Program-Grant worked to prevent family homelessness and reduce the recurrence of homelessness among low and very low income families by providing housing advocacy, medical services and social services through a program of family support centers and home visiting.
5. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment- This grant allowed a 17-month continuation and expansion of the drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services at four Drop-In Centers.
6. Americorps National Service Network-Increased enrollment of families in primary care through placement of eight volunteer community workers and health care students at four Drop-In Centers.
7. Family Support Systems Reform-Provided drug, alcohol and mental health services in three high risk communities
8. First Steps- This grant aimed to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing frequent, intensive home visiting services to pregnant women and their infants in high-risk communities.

9. Human Services Development Fund-Funds nurse home visitor for Wilkinsburg Drop-In Center
10. Turtle Creek Community Health Center-Provided primary care to underserved population.
11. Community Drop-In Center Development-Four Drop-In Centers in high-risk communities provided preventive mental health services to parents and children. Children participated in supervised playgroups in a specifically designated child activity center. Home visiting nurses, child development specialists and lay parent educators provided a broad array of social services at the centers and in the homes of participating families.
12. Family Care Connection/Wilkinsburg-Supported Wilkinsburg Drop-In Center staffing

Family Advocate Program/Prevention of Foster Care, 1992-1996; \$472,500 total award

Prevention of Foster Care funder: Federal, Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau and Staunto Farms Foundation

Program created to prevent the separation of abused parent and child by helping non-abusing parents to protect themselves and their children.

Crisis Nursery Program, 1994-1998; \$790,000 total award

Funder: Children's Bureau thru Department of Public Welfare-Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

This program provided temporary respite care for families in crisis

Foster Care and Homeless Health Care Program - Healthy Tomorrows, 1990-1996; \$265,000 total award

Funders - Federal, U.S. Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Pittsburgh National Bank,

Grant provided primary health care services, medical case management and case tracking for children in foster care and homeless shelters in Allegheny County.

Health Partnerships Program: Astana-Pittsburgh, 1999-2004; \$1,015,000 total award

Funder: USAID/ American International Health Alliance, Raskob Foundation, International Health Fund

To improve community health and primary health care for over 100,000 people, with an emphasis on high-risk populations in Astana, Kazakstan through a series of partnership exchanges.

Healthy Tomorrows - Primary Health Care for Children in Foster Care, 1994-1998; \$200,000 total award

Funder: Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Children and Youth and Family Division

Grant provides primary care, medical case management and case tracking for children in foster care and homeless shelters in Allegheny County.

Parenting Place, 1992-1996; \$296,364 total award

Funder: Children's Trust Fund, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Grant trained a cadre of qualified instructors to teach parenting skills in low-medium risk communities and served as a referral center for instructors for parenting information.

Other Government Grants and Contracts

Family Intervention Center, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and A Child's Place at Mercy, Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, 1988-present; \$7,930,000 total award

Funder: Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Westmoreland County Children's Bureau, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Mercy Stewardship Foundation Grant, Staunton Farms Foundation, McKesson Foundation, EPS Foundation, and Clapp Foundation,

Provides child sexual abuse and mental health assessments, as well as health care and case management for children in foster care, health care for children in detention and shelter placement.

Foundation Grants

Foster Caring Network, 1995-1998; \$288,976 total award

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The program established a "Foster Caring System" of physicians and specialists in eight counties to provide more coordinated and consistent medical healthcare services for children in foster care.

Foster Care Tracking System, 1993-1997; \$73,000 total award

Funder: Jewish HealthCare Foundation

Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families and the Family Intervention Center to develop a computerized tracking system to provide access to the medical records of children in foster care to ensure that children are being immunized and their medical conditions are treated.

Parent's Education and Support Program, 1995-1997; \$12,000 total award

Funder: PNC Bank Charitable Trust

Taught parents how to provide the support and protection that their children need immediately following the disclosure of abuse until they can enter a program of therapy.

Safe Families, 1992-1997; \$50,000 total award

Funder: Jewish HealthCare Foundation

Trained and educated medical and social service professionals how to identify and respond to cases of child physical and sexual abuse, neglect and abuse against women.

Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners, 2005 : \$50,000

Program development

Fostering Connections, 2004-present- \$150,000-(\$400,000) committed

Funders: Heinz Endowments, Staunton Farms Foundation, Highmark Foundation, Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners

Grants provide for early developmental/behavioral assessments and intervention to decrease number of moves for foster children.

Immigrant Domestic Violence Prevention 2005-2007: \$60,000

Funder: FISA Foundation

To create a domestic violence prevention strategy for immigrant women in the Pittsburgh area and to provide multicultural diversity training to providers who interface with them.

Co-Investigator:

Child Abuse and Neglect Interdisciplinary Training Grant, 1988-1991; \$750,000 total award

Funder: Federal Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Human Development Services

Trained graduate students from Public Health, Social Work, Law and Medical Schools in a coordinated child abuse curriculum.

Co-Investigator:

Child Welfare Training Grant, 1992-1997; \$1,000,000 total award

Funder: Federal Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Human Development Services

Provided Interdisciplinary training regarding child abuse issues

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Landwirth J updated by CarrascoM, "Pediatrics" chapter in Medical Negligence: Preparing and Winning Cases, Vol 3, 2002, Wecht C, Editor

Carrasco M., "Health Care Issues of Children in Placement: The Example of Foster Care," Health and Welfare for the 21st Century, Jones and Bartlett, 1999

Carrasco M., "Child Abuse and Neglect," chapter in Atlas of Pediatric Physical Diagnosis, 3rd edition, Zitelli and Davis, Editors, 1997

Carrasco M, "Sexual Abuse and Rape", Current Pediatric Therapy, Gellis and Kagan's, 15th Edition.

Carrasco M., "Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the Prepubertal Child: What Do We Know?" Pennsylvania Child Advocate Protective Services Quarterly, Spring 1992, Vol.7 No.2.

Davis H. & Carrasco M : (1992) "Child Abuse and Neglect" chapter in Atlas of Pediatric Physical Diagnosis, 2nd edition, Zitelli and Davis, Editors, 1992

Carrasco M., "Child Abuse and Neglect," Children's Hospital Physicians' Quarterly, 1992

Carrasco M., "Assessment of Child Abuse and Neglect," Children's Hospital Physicians' Quarterly, 1989

American Academy of Pediatrics, "A Guide to References and Resources in Child Abuse and Neglect," (Publication Review Committee), 1995-1997

"Case Studies In The Delivery Of Care Through Community-Based Health Centers," York Hospital

"Community-Based Models, A Comprehensive Neighborhood Model Stressing Parent Autonomy," Child Abuse Prevention Leadership Conference, Chicago

"New Models Of Service Delivery: The Family Support Model," Children's Health Summit: Toward Healthy People 2000, Washington, DC

"Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention," National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, Washington, D.C.

"Diagnosis Of Sexual Abuse In Children," presented at over 25 seminars for Continuing Education Credit

"Non-Organic Failure-To-Thrive," Ambulatory Care Center Research Conference

"Osteogenesis Imperfecta vs. Battered Child Syndrome," American Prosecutor's Research Institute

"Physical And Sexual Abuse: Identification, Referral And Treatment," over 100 seminars for healthcare professionals, police, legal departments and university medical/ law schools

"The Medical Legal Interface," Duquesne University Law School, Child Development Conference

"The Law and Child Abuse Policy," University of Pittsburgh, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

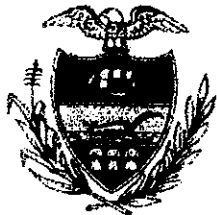
"Physical abuse in children," Hamot Family Practice Conference, New York

"Providing Support Services To Victims Of Domestic Violence," National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, Washington, D.C.

“Translating Community Based Primary Health Care across language, cultural, and sociopolitical barriers,” at Community-Based Primary Health Care section of American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

“Community Oriented Primary Care in Astana, Kazakstan: Strategy and Serendipity” at Global Health Council’s 32nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC

“Family Violence in Asian Immigrants to the United States” at 6th International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Asian Regional Conference to be held in Singapore, 16-18 November 2005.



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March 31, 2006

Dr. Mary M. Carrasco
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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Dr. Carrasco:

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for **5:00 PM, Thursday, April 6, 2006** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mascio".

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

JM/fb



JOHN DeFAZIO, AT- LARGE
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April 27, 2006

Dr. Mary Carrasco
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Dear Dr. Carrasco:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 18, 2006 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Congratulations on your appointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John DeFazio".

John DeFazio
At-Large Representative

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