

Bill No. 3722-08

APPOINTMENT

Approving the reappointment of Dr. Walter Smith, Jr. to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

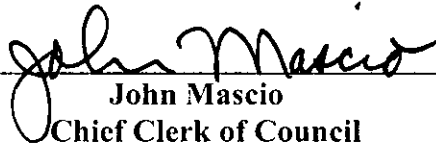
In Council MARCH 18, 2008.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

January 24, 2008

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Honorable President and Members
Allegheny County Council
119 Courthouse
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

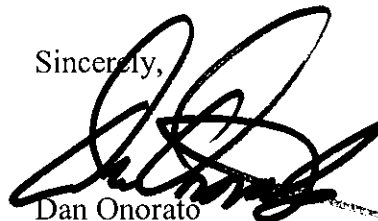
Please find the attached resume of Dr. Walter Smith, Jr., whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

The MH/MR Board aids the County Executive and County Council in the planning, development and implementation of mental health and mental retardation services and supports to the residents of Allegheny County. I am recommending that Dr. Smith serve another three-year term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Dr. Smith is currently the Executive Director of Family Resources, a non-profit organization with a mission to prevent and treat child abuse by strengthening families and neighborhoods. Dr. Smith is also a licensed psychologist where he has consulted with executive leadership for 4 for-profit and non-profit organizations.

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

Sincerely,



Dan Onorato

Walter Howard Smith, Jr.

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Professional Experience

1997 – Present - Executive Director, Family Resources – a non-profit organization with a mission to prevent and treat child abuse by strengthening families and neighborhoods

- Increased annual budget from 3.6 to 9 million dollars
- Increased services from 11 to 24 programs
- Increased endowment from 5 to 10.1 million dollars
- Increased staff from 90 to 230
- Increased individual giving from \$80,000 to \$435,000
- Grew attendance at Child Prevention Award Dinner from 80 to 600
- Created an agency known for innovation and excellent performance
- Initiated first capital campaign (4.3 raised of a 6.2 million dollar goal)
- Successfully achieved goals in 2 five-year strategic plans
- Constructed 12 new buildings and structures at the agency's retreat center
- Created training, human resources, individual giving, and development departments
- Successfully integrated Beverly Jewel Wall Lovelace Children's Program
- Significantly increased agency's presence and influence in the Pittsburgh community
- Influenced regional services in child welfare and mental health by starting five child abuse treatment programs, and leading local initiatives in child mental health, family support, infant mental health, suicide prevention, system of care, and cultural competency
- Agency runner-up for the 2005 *Alfred W. Wishart, Jr. Award* given by The Forbes Funds

1987-1997 - Associate Executive Director and Clinical Director, Family Resources

- Created and implemented quality performance standards for all services
- Established agency's reputation for excellent clinical services
- Translated mission, values, and standards into daily operations and performance
- Provided local and national training and education conferences that influenced thousands of professionals
- Supervised, trained, and managed staff and volunteers

1985 – Present - Licensed Psychologist

- Provides psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and families

- Clinical consultant to Lytle Employee Assistance Program
- Psychologist for NFL Player Development and serving local team
- Consulted with executive leadership for 4 for-profit and non-profit organizations

1998 – Present - **Adjunct Associate Professor**, Department of Psychology, Duquesne University

1991 – Present - **Editorial Consultant Family Systems**, Georgetown Family Center

1985 - Present - **Faculty and Founding Member**, Western Pennsylvania Family Center

1985 – 1987 - **Director of Mental Health Services**, Southwest Communities Mental Health and Retardation Centers

- Directed a billing department, a medical records department, residential rehabilitation program, a partial hospital program, an outpatient chronic care program, and three outpatient mental health programs
- Managed and supervised over seventy staff

Education

1990 - Doctorate of Philosophy, Counselor Education, Graduate School of Education, University of Pittsburgh. Dissertation: “Burnout in Therapists Practicing in Child Abuse Treatment Programs”

1992 - Non-Profit Management Training Institute, Heinz School, Carnegie Mellon University

1983 - 1990 Clinical Consultation Seminar - Georgetown Family Center, Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

1980 - 1983 Special-Post Graduate Program - Georgetown Family Center

1972 - 1973 Masters of Education, Counselor Education, University of Pittsburgh

1972 - Bachelor of Arts, University of Pittsburgh, Speech Rhetoric and Public Address major

Professional Papers and Publications

- Smith, W.H. (2003) *Emotional cutoff and family stability: Child abuse in family emotional process*. In **Emotional Cutoff: Bowen Family Systems Perspectives**, Peter Titelman, Ed. New York: Haworth Press.
- Smith, W.H. (2001). *Child abuse in family emotional process*. **Family Systems**, 5(2).
- **Recommendations for Performance Standards and Criteria for the Behavioral Health Care Request for Proposals and Managed Care Organization Contract**, Minority Issues Committee, Allegheny County Mental and Mental Retardation Board, June, 1997.

Professional Presentations

- *Child Abuse and Family Emotional Process* - title of all-day conferences in sixteen American cities, Juarez, Mexico, Santiago, Chili, and Vancouver, Canada
- *Basics of Cultural Competency* – title of half-day and all-day conferences presented in mental health, child welfare and court settings
- *Organizations and Emotional Process* – title of professional papers and conferences presented in mental health and business settings

Other presentation information upon request

Board and Committee Activities

- 2007 to Present - Board Chair, Voices for America's Children, Washington, D.C. (Member since 2004)
- 2007 to Present - Vice-President, Victim Services Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 2007 to Present - Board Member, Children's Trust Fund, Harrisburg, PA. (Past member 2001-2005)
- 2006 to Present - Board Member, Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation
- 2006 to Present - Board Member, Pittsburgh Glass Center
- 2006 to Present - Advisory Board Member, The Forbes Funds
- 2005 to Present - Board Member, Allegheny County Mental Health & Mental Retardation Advisory Board (Past member 1996-2002)
- 2005 to Present - Board Member, Caregiver's Institute
- 2000-2005 Children's Cabinet, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, chair of Birth to Five Committee
- 2000 to 2005 Member, Cultural Competence Advisory Committee, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse in the Department of Welfare of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Awards

- 2007 *Kids for Keeps, 2007 Community Champion Award* given by Allegheny County Children's Court
- 2006 *Frieda G. Shapira Medal* given by The Forbes Fund
- 2003 *Champion for Children Award* given by the Homeless Children Education Fund
- 2000 Professional Man of the Year, Pittsburgh Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.