APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Jaimie Kopicko to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

SPONSORED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD

In Council	APRIL 7th	, 2015.
Read and app	roved by Motion of Council.	
		John P. DeFazio President of Council
Attest:	Jared Barker Chief Clerk Allegheny County Council	

March 5, 2015

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

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Dear Members of Council:

Please find the biography of Jaimie Kopico, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board.

The MH/ID 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 Ms. Kopico serve a three year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Ms. Kopico has previously attended Point Park University and is currently enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh studying developmental and child psychology. She currently works for Re:Solve Crisis network.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald

CC: Jaimie Kopico Allegheny County Executive

Jaimie Kopicko

4014 Mintwood Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 (412) 926-2374 Kopickojm@upmc.edu

EXPERIENCE

UPMC, re: Solve Crisis Network, Pittsburgh, PA

Crisis Technician II (1/2012 – Present)

- Support clinical staff in maintaining consumer milieu by interacting and supporting consumer needs
- Complete safety searches and provide initial assessment to incoming consumer before registration
- Facilitate groups and activities to support structure of daily routine
- Facilitate NAMI and Recovery training for new employee orientation.
- Serve as a preceptor and support for new hire crisis technicians
- Developed and serve on the Inpatient Consumer Advisory Board on Recovery
- WPIC Welcome day presenter
- MHAD Super-knower/facilitator

Peer Support (1/2010 – 12/2011)

- Facilitated groups and activities to support consumers and daily routine
- Supported consumers in adjusting to milieu environment
- Self disclosed personal experience utilizing mental health services to support consumers
- Educated consumers on community resources that they can utilize as supports

UPMC, Merck, Pittsburgh, PA

Volunteer/Intern (2013-Present)

- Observe/interact with children with special needs
- Support classroom routines
- Assist in daily activity planning

UPMC, Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA

Blue-box Clerk (1/2007 - 12/2009)

- Provided customer service skills
- Supported organization by stocking supplies, completing deliveries, and completing inventory
- Successfully served as a cash register handling money

PA Connecting Communities, Pittsburgh, PA

Volunteer (2004-2007)

- Assist in activities aiming to provide a sense of community to individuals with special needs
- Provide support/assistance/inspiration to Pennsylvania's special needs community

EDUCATION

Community College of Allegheny College – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Associates degree: Liberal Arts, Diploma: Children with Special Needs -September 2013—May 2015 Dean's List

Pittsburgh's High School for the Creative and Performing Arts Diploma, June 2006 High Honors

CERTIFICATIONS

- CPR (2015)
- ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (2013)
- CCM: Comprehensive Crisis Management (2015)
- MHAD: Mental Health Advanced Directive Facilitator (2013)

PRESENTATIONS

Key Note Speaker

Value Behavioral Annual Family Forum (Oct. 3rd, 2014) Joy of Recovery Conference (May 9th, 2014)

"Trauma Informed Care: Managing Vicarious Trauma"

"A View from the Inside: Where MH Patient and Professional Meet" &

"Identifying and Strengthening Patient Involvement Skills"

"Thinking Outside of the Box: Resiliency in Recovery"

Crisis Intervention Association of Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

(September 2010,2011,2012,2014)



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April 8, 2015

Ms. Jaimie Kopicko 4014 Mintwood Street Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Dear Ms. Kopicko:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 7, 2015 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

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,

Jan Rea, Appointment Review Committee Chair

Allegheny County Council

Jan Rea

Marc Cherna, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

JR/sb

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