

APPOINTMENT

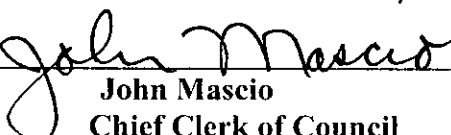
Approving the appointment of Chris Weis to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

In Council June 19, 2007.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 

John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



DAN ONORATO
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April 25, 2007

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Chris Weis, whom I am recommending for appointment 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 Mr. Weis serve a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2009.

Mr. Weis is a member of the Board of Directors of Transitional Services, Inc., a position he has held since 1992. In addition, Mr. Weis is the current co-chair of the Public Awareness Committee of the Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery.

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

Sincerely,

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Dan Onorato

CC: Chris Weis

RESUME

Chris Weis

1009 West Street
Homestead, PA 15120
(412) 461-4898

Volunteer Activities:

Member, Board of Directors, Transitional Services, Inc.
1992 - Present

Co-Chair, Public Awareness Committee, Allegheny County
Coalition For Recovery
2005- Present

Founder and Co-Manager, Farm-stand on Braddock Avenue at
Sixth Street, a Consumer-Run Business with seven consumer-
volunteers
2006

Member, Planning Committee, Day of Self-Discovery
1999 – Present

Member, Wellsprings Drop-in Center ~ founding member of the
Speakers Bureau; perform other tasks as needed
1995 – Present

Member of committees that evaluate and recommend awards for a
variety of program proposals submitted to Community Care
Behavioral Health or Allegheny County Department of Human
Services, Office of Behavioral Health
2003 - Present

Honorary Member, Allegheny County Constable Association ~
recruited twenty Mental Health Consumers to be Election Day
Constables
1999 - Present

Member, Renaissance Center, Mercy Behavioral Health ~ ran
groups; founding member of the Speakers Bureau; performed other
tasks as needed
1994 - 1995

Member, New Horizons Drop-in Center ~ member of the Speakers
Bureau; answered phones; performed other tasks as needed
1990 – 1998

Volunteer, Mental Health Association of Allegheny County ~
filing and managing brochure library; public relations activities
2002 - 2003

Peer Support Group Leader (Caring fOr Peoples' Emotions –
COPE), Turtle Creek Valley MH/MR
1990 - 1993

Advocate and Volunteer, Rainbow Kitchen, Homestead PA ~
advocated to open the kitchen and did volunteer work
1980 – 1982

Education:

Steel Valley High School
Homestead, PA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Chris Weis is an incredible mental health consumer who definitely deserves to be recognized for his dedication and devotion to improve the mental health services to consumers through self-help, advocacy and recovery.

Chris told me that he was a founding member of the original pioneers. A provider at a Consumer Support Program Steering committee meeting verified this information. Consumer Support Program is just one of the many organizational meetings Chris attends. He is active on the CSP Entrepreneur committee, The Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery (ACCR), and The Allegheny County Housing initiative. He also recently served on the Peer Support Advocacy and Network Board and the Port Authority Community Advisory Board. Chris has served in many other capacities these are just a few things that I have knowledge about, and Chris not only attends these meetings he becomes a pro-active member.

Chris is a well-informed consumer who advocates and educates consumers about issues that would have a negative impact on our lives. For example, Chris encouraged consumers to participate in letter writing campaigns to political representatives when budget cuts for the mental health community was endangered. Chris became pro-active when the funding for Port Authority was endangered. He advised consumers to attend rallies in support of funding restoration to Port Authority. Chris even visited the different drop in centers informing consumers of how these things would negatively impact our lives if we did not become pro-active. This speaks highly of his commitment and passion for recovery.

Chris has also distributed fliers for the warmline and he has given details to consumers explaining how the warmline was set up to serve the mental health and homeless communities. I'm sure Chris has done many more things to inform, and empower consumers throughout his relentless pioneering endeavors to promoting recovery for the mental health community.

Chris promotes and embodies the philosophy of the original pioneers because he is one of the original pioneers. He always puts the consumer first, he supports consumers by always informing them of pertinent information that impacts their lives, and he with out question promotes recovery.

As was first stated Chris Weis is an incredible person. Even though he has numerable health issues he travels to every meeting by Port Authority buses. Chris never complains he continuously devotes his time and passion to improving mental health services to consumers. Many of us have benefited from his contributions in the area of consumer self help, advocacy and recovery; Chris is truly deserving of the Pioneer Award. This speaks highly of his commitment and passion for recovery.

Sincerely,

Laura Thomas

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May 9, 2007

Chris Weis
1009 West Street
Homestead, PA 15210

Dear Mr. Weis:

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for **4:00 PM, Thursday, May 31, 2007** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Allegheny County Mental/Health Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

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

Sincerely,

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John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

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May 16, 2007

Chris Weis
1009 West Street
Homestead, PA 15120

Dear Mr. Weis:

This is to inform you that the Appointment Review Committee Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, May 31, 2007** has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 4:00 PM** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Allegheny County Mental/Health Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

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

Sincerely,

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June 25, 2007

Chris Weis
1009 West Homestead Street
Homestead, PA 15120

Dear Mr. Weis,

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 19, 2007, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member to the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

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,



John Mascio
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

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