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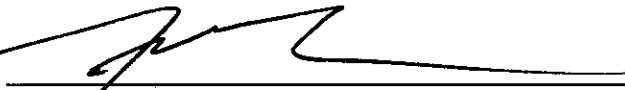
Approving the appointment of Maria Silva to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

**SPONSORED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD**

In Council FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

  
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John P. DeFazio  
President of Council

Attest:   
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Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

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**RICH FITZGERALD**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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January 28, 2016

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

Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached resume of Maria Silva, 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 Intellectual Disability services and supports to the residents of Allegheny County. I am recommending that Ms. Silva serve a three year term which will expire on December 31, 2018.

Ms. Silva is currently the Senior Supervisor for Allegheny Family network. She is also the President of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Pennsylvania.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald  
Allegheny County Executive

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### **Experience**

January 2010 – Present Senior Supervisor

#### **ALLEGHENY FAMILY NETWORK**

Allegheny Family Network is a non-profit organization that provides Family Support Partners for five initiatives and over ten support groups throughout Allegheny County. Allegheny Family Network supports families with children who have mental health and behavioral concerns.

Responsibilities include: High Fidelity Wraparound credentialed Coach/Supervisor of Family Support Partners who provide High Fidelity Wraparound in two initiatives including – Children Youth and Families, and Joint Planning Team; Supervisor Family Support Partners in the Court Initiative and CYF; Training Coordinator and Trainer (lead trainer for Agents of Transformation – a parent advocacy training; certified CBMCS trainer (cultural competency training); IEP Training; certified trainer Mental Health First Aide & Youth Mental Health First Aide, Trainer NAMI Family to Family).

September 2008 – December 2009 Family Support Partner

#### **ALLEGHENY FAMILY NETWORK**

Responsibilities included: Supporting families and help them learn to advocate for themselves through maintaining fidelity to the model and upholding the principles of High Fidelity Wraparound., Partner with Team members and remind the team of family voice and choice and keep them family driven, help families navigate the serving systems, provide positive role modeling while appreciating cultural differences, and sharing personal stories when relevant and pertinent.

August 2005 – September 2008 Southwest Regional Coordinator

#### **PARENT TO PARENT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania is a state wide 501 (C) 3 organization that matches parent and family members of children and adults with disabilities or special needs to supporting parents according to condition or concerns.

Responsibilities included: Interviewing callers to discuss specific needs and concerns, search database of over 1200 volunteers to find appropriate support, search database and internet and provide resource information, identify potential outreach sources, schedule and present to professionals and families the Parent to Parent program.

### **Community Service**

1996 – Present

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of PA President

Various Roles have ranged from President (Past and Current), Vice President, Board Member, Crisis Intervention Support (current), Peer Support Partner (current)

PWSA of PA is a 501 (C) 3 organization supporting families whose lives are affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome.

I reconstituted the state chapter, obtained 501C3 Status, provided Peer Support to the National and State Organization, organized Fundraising Concerts, mini conferences, National Conference, support of newly diagnosed families, presided over board meetings, utilized Roberts Rules of Order, organized chapter meetings and board meetings, established a newsletter, created bylaws conforming to National PWSA requirements, established bank accounts and accounting procedures, created a database for membership, and performed all duties required of my various positions and titles.

1995- Present

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania                      Peer Supporter

I provide Peer Support for families who have children diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome, depression, anxiety, ADHD, non-suicidal self-injury, GERD, and Eosinophilic Enteritis.

2000-2003

President

North Hills Lacrosse Parents Association

I provided the newly formed booster club formalization of meetings, agendas, finances, coaching contracts, and hiring procedures for coaches. I organized and created sub-committees for volunteers, worked in collaboration with the school district, emergency medical services and Western PA Lacrosse Association to aide in conformation of club sports and organize games.

1987-2004

Day Camp Director and Troop Leader

Girls Scouts of Western PA

I was the Camp Director for District for 5 years and troop leader. I received training and certification to perform all duties on both the district and local level.

1994-1996

Peer Supporter

Magee Women's Hospital

I provided Peer Support for parents whose children were in the NICU for short term displaying symptoms similar to my son's.

#### **Education/Certification**

2014 Certified Trainer - NAMI Family to Family

2013 Certified Trainer – Youth Mental Health First Aide

2012 Certified Trainer - Mental Health First Aide

2012 Certified Trainer - Juvenile Justice Parent Involvement

2012 Certified Trainer - California Brief Multicultural Competency

2011 Certified Trainer - Agents of Transformation

2010 Certified Parent Support Provider – National Federation of Families

2010 Credentialed Family Support Partner Coach

1988 Community College of Allegheny County

Associates Degree Science/Computer Programing

1982 Median School of Allied Health

Certified Nursing Assistant

1980-1981 Carlow University

Course Study Nursing BSRN/Incomplete



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February 17, 2016

Ms. Maria L. Silva  
102 Timberlane Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Dear Ms. Silva:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 16, 2016 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, 2018.

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,

Edward J. Kress, Appointment Review Committee Chair  
Allegheny County Council

cc: Marc Cherna, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

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