

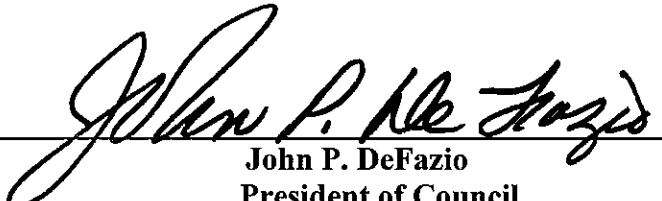
APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of M. Francesca Chervenak to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

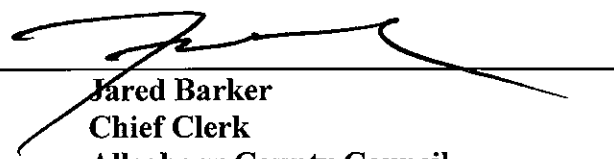
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In Council SEPT. 8TH , 2015.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



John P. DeFazio
President of Council

Attest: 

Jared Barker
Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 13, 2015

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COUNCIL *RF*

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

Dear President and Members of Council:

Please see the attached resume of M. Francesca Chervenak whom I am recommending for appointment to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) works as an advocate for the older adults of Allegheny County by informing and educating the public about the needs of older adults. The Council advises the AAA on the development and implementation of the four year plan and the annual Aging block grant application. I am recommending Ms. Chervenak serve a three year term expiring on December 31, 2017.

Ms. Chervenak is currently Senior Attorney, Director of Client Representation & Community Education with Pennsylvania Health Law Project. She received bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and her law degree the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald
Allegheny County Executive

CC: M. Francesca Chervenak

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M. Francesca Chervenak, Attorney at Law

412-434-5779 (work)

Licensed PA Attorney ID #80907

Admitted to Practice

Pennsylvania State Bar 1998

Federal District Court, W.D. PA 1998

Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit 1983

Minnesota State and Federal Courts (inactive)

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. 1979

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, B.A. *cum laude* 1975

Employment History

Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

PHLP is a statewide, non-profit, public interest law firm that is a nationally recognized expert and consultant on access to health care for low income consumers, the elderly and persons with disabilities. PHLP engages in direct advocacy on behalf of individual consumers while working on health policy changes for those in the greatest need.

Positions held

Senior Attorney, Director of Client Representation & Community Education

July, 2008 to present

Managing Attorney April, 1998 to July, 2008

- Supervise 2-5 attorneys and 3 paralegals statewide who: answer our Helpline and provide advice, brief service and ongoing representation to over 3,000 clients annually; create consumer education materials; draft articles for our monthly Newsletters and content for our website, www.phlp.org
- Maintain expertise on all the government-sponsored health insurance programs available in Pennsylvania including Medicaid, Medicare, Home and Community-Based Services Waivers, LIFE, PACE, and the VA system, advise and represent clients in their efforts to obtain coverage and services through these programs
- Conduct trainings and workshops across the state to attorneys, advocates, social workers, health care providers on public health insurance programs including eligibility, services, accessing care, appeal processes, etc
- Draft community education materials including manuals, fact sheets, and newsletter articles
- Advocate for policy changes on behalf of clients and client groups at the federal, state and local level
- Manage PHLP's Western PA office including: hiring, training and supervising staff; purchasing equipment and services; writing funding proposals to foundations and government agencies.

Butler County Court of Common Pleas

Law Clerk to Honorable Marilyn Horan

July, 1997 through March, 1998

Attended court hearings and trials, conducted legal research, drafted documents and opinions as directed by the Judge in all areas of Common Pleas Court jurisdiction including civil, criminal, family and administrative law topics

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA)

Minneapolis, Minnesota

MMLA is a non-profit, legal services organization that provides free legal services, individual representation and administrative advocacy to low income and senior residents of Minneapolis and 19 surrounding counties in Minnesota for housing, consumer law, public benefits, and family law issues.

Positions held

Supervising Attorney of Public Benefits Unit

June, 1990 through June, 1997

Staff Attorney in Public Benefits Unit

April 1984 through June, 1990

Staff Attorney in Senior Citizens Unit

June, 1979 through April, 1984

- Supervised and managed 2-5 other attorneys in the Public Benefits Unit including hiring, training and staff development, created policies and practices regarding client intake, handling emergencies and client complaints, staff meetings, and outreach to clients outside of the office.
- Advised and advocated for individual clients in obtaining/retaining public benefits including VA pensions, Medicaid, unemployment compensation, Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and foodstamps. Representation included hearings before Administrative Law Judges at the federal and state level as well as individual appeals to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, the Minnesota Supreme Court and the U. S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- Served as either lead counsel or co-counsel in eight class action lawsuits in Minnesota state courts, U.S. District Court, D. Minn. and before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

William Mitchell College of Law

St. Paul, Minnesota

Position held: Visiting Professor of Law August 1996 through May, 1997

- Professor of Fundamentals of Poverty Law Course
- Supervising Professor for law students in the Civil Practice Clinic.

Professional/Community Activities

Pennsylvania Rural Health Association

North Hills Community Outreach

Legislative Committee

Volunteer Attorney, Ask the Attorney Program

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Sebastian Catholic Church

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Glenshaw, PA 15116



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September 9, 2015

Ms. M. Francesca Chervenak
2616 Herron Lane
Glenshaw, PA 15116

Dear Ms. Chervenak:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 8, 2015 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Rea".

Jan Rea, Appointment Review Committee Chair
Allegheny County Council

cc: Marc Cherna, Director, Department of Human Services
Mildred E. Morrison, Administrator, DHS, Area Agency on Aging

JR/sb