APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Dr. Rhonda Harrison to serve as a member of the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

SPONSORED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD

In Council MARCH 4th	, 2014.
Read and approved by Motion of Council.	
	John P. DeFazio President of Council
Attest: Jared Barker Chief Clerk Allegheny County Council	

February 13, 2014

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached resume of Dr. Rhonda Harrison, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

The Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations pertaining to the county children and youth social service program and the operation of the county agency. I am recommending that Dr. Harrison serve a three year term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Dr. Harrison is currently the Program Officer/Head Start Director for Pittsburgh Public Schools. She holds a doctorate of education in interdisciplinary doctoral program for educational leaders.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Dr. Harrison 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

CC: Dr. Rhonda Harrison

Rhonda Marlene Harrison, Ed. D. 3514 Chartiers Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15204

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

- Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program for Educational Leaders, IDPEL, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.
 Dissertation: Alternate Perspectives of Success within Early Childhood Educational Experiences and Circumstances.
- Masters of Science in Special Education, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, California University of Pennsylvania,
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Certifications in School Consultation, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 Principal Certification Program.
- Administration and Supervision Program Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Supervision in Education.
- Charlotte Danielson Proficiency System (DPS)

Educational Certificates

- Elementary Education, Teaching Certificate K-6.
- Special Education, Teaching Certificate K-12.
- Principal's Certificate K-12.
- Assistant Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility.

Adjunct Teaching

 Instructional Lesson Planning and Assessment, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Professional Meetings/Presentations

- International Baccalaureate Seminar, International baccalaureate Organization, March, 2004.
- Presentation to Ethnographic and Qualitative Research in Education Conference.
 Duquesne University, June 2003.
- Editor proceedings, Ethnographic and Qualitative Research in Education Conference, Duquesne University, June 2003.
- Session chair-Ethnographic and Qualitative Research in Education Conference, Duquesne University, June 2002.
- *Teacher as Scholar* conference, Carnegie Mellon University, "Failure and the American Dream". 7 April, 2001.
- Family Support Conference, "Community Building: Celebrating Success and Forging New Partnerships", Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 2000.
- *Teacher as Scholar* Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, "Kindred Spirits in Art and Literature." 18 November 2000.
- Presentation to Center for Interpretive and Qualitative Research, Duquesne University, October, 2000.
- Teacher as Scholar Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, "Pittsburghese, the Linguistic Heritage of Southwestern Pennsylvania", 4 November 2000.
- Symbiotic Conference, American Symbiotic Society, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October
 1999.
- Presentation, Duquesne University, "School Linkages: Perspectives on Making the School/Community Connection", October 1997.
- Presentation, Pennsylvania Department of Education, "Family Literacy", October, 1995.
- Presentation United States Department of Education, "Collaborations", October, 1994.
- Presentation, National Association for the Education of Young children, "Collaborations", November 1994.

Related Experiences

- Allegheny County Family Support Round Table/Board Member, 1994-2003.
- Guest Writer for Family Resource Coalition of America, 1999-present.
- Education, Policy and Issues Committee Member, 1998-2003.
- Site Team Member, Wheelock College, Boston Massachusetts, 1998-2003.
- Allegheny County Department of Children, Youth and Families, Southern Region Board Member, 1997-2003.
- Pennsylvania Department of Education, Grant Reader, 1996-1998.
- Pennsylvania Department of Education, Peer Reviewer, 1995-1997.
- Pennsylvania Summer Special Olympics, Equestrian Volunteer, 1997.
- March of Dimes, Walk-A-thon volunteer, 2001-present.
- A.W. Beattie, Early childhood Board Member, 1998-1991.

Professional Experiences

Pittsburgh Public Schools - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

December 2006 – Present Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh public Schools Early Childhood Education Programs –Program Officer/Head

Start Director

Even Start Family Literacy Program Director, 1992-2003.
 Family Support Director, 1992-2003.
 Program Director for the Home Instruction Program for Parents of Preschool Youngster (HIPPY), 1992-2003.

Summer Reading Program Director, Pittsburgh Public Schools, 1995-2003

Other Educational Certificates

- Carlow College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1988 Early Childhood special Projects and Mentoring Program
- Pennsylvania Department of Education, 1996-1998.
- Bureau of Adult Education and Literacy Grant Reader
- Pennsylvania Department of Education, 1995-1997 Peer Review
- High Scope Curriculum, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 1988. Trainer

Accomplishments/Achievements

Allegheny County Family Support Policy Board, 1994-2003 Round Table Member

Family Resource Coalition of America, 1999-present Guest writer and contributor

Education, Policy and Issues Center, 1998-2003 Gateway's Pittsburgh Committee Member

Wheelock College, 1998-2003
Gateway's Early Childhood Site Team Member

Allegheny County Department of Children Youth and Families, 1997-2003 Southern Region board Member

Pennsylvania Summer Special Olympics, 1997 Equestrian Volunteer

Allegheny County Family Support Policy Board, 1996-2003.

Professional Affiliations

- Phi Delta Kappa
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Family Resource Coalition of America
- Pittsburgh association for Education of Young Children
- Association for Curriculum and Supervision
- Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals

Mentor

Mentoring doctoral candidate(s) enrolled in the doctoral program at Duquesne University



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March 5, 2014

Dr. Rhonda Harrison 3514 Chartiers Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15204

Dear Dr. Harrison:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 4, 2014 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Family Advisory Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

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

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