## **APPOINTMENT**

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

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Read and approved by Motion of Council.

John P. DeFazio President of Council

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Jared Barker Chief Clerk

**Allegheny County Council** 



April 2, 2015

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

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Dear Council Members:

COUNCIL

Please find the attached resume of Kurt Kondrich, whom I am recommending for reappointment 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 Mr. Kondrich serve another three year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Mr. Kondrich is currently the Director of Community/Family Outreach at Early Intervention Specialists. Additionally he is a retired police officer from the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. He received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald

CC: Kurt Kondrich Allegheny County Executive

## KURT A. KONDRICH 640 Aljo Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15241 <u>kurtkondrich@gmail.com</u> 412-951-9117

### **Professional Experience**

**Director of Community/Family Outreach.....**12/07-Present Early Intervention Specialists (Pittsburgh, PA)

Responsibilities Include – Ensure that Early Intervention resources/trainings are available and connected to families and professionals in the PA Early Intervention system. Advocate at local, state and federal levels for investment in Early Intervention services, and speak to policymakers, community groups, students and professionals about the critical importance of Early Intervention. Conduct trainings for Early Intervention therapists on safety and community topics.

**Education Advocate......10/06 – 12/07** ACHIEVA (Pittsburgh, PA)

Responsibilities Included — Assist families with children having diagnosed disabilities by providing educational advice, support and representation. Attend IEP and school meetings to assist families and provide support and feedback.

Assistant Instructor / Part-Time Aide...... 10/05-10/06 Gertrude Barber National Institute (Pittsburgh, PA Office)

Responsibilities Included - Implement goal plans for adults with mental disabilities to help them with life skills that will increase their independence and self-worth.

Responsibilities included - Implement treatment plans for cases involving children with diagnosed behavioral/special needs in home, school, and community environments. Document behaviors and progress toward achieving specific goals.

Assigned to Community Oriented Police Unit, bicycle patrol, and community outreach & school programs unit.

Responsibilities Included:

Collaboration with a broad range of communities and schools within the city of

Pittsburgh to implement prevention programs and build positive relations between citizens, youth and police. Development, implementation, and facilitation of DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program for elementary, middle and high schools. Development, implementation, and facilitation of GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program for local middle schools including both Summer and Family components

Responsibilities Included - Enforcing laws, investigating crimes and accidents, documenting criminal incidents, patrolling diverse neighborhoods and interacting with the citizens of Lee County, FL. Assisted with disaster relief during the state of emergency in Dade County, FL after Hurricane Andrew in 1992

Responsibilities Included - Enforcing laws, documenting criminal incidents, investigating crimes and accidents, patrolling neighborhoods and interacting with the citizens of Atlanta, GA. Served as a Field Training Officer for new Police Officer Recruits

#### **Education and Certifications**

- University of Pittsburgh Graduated 12/2007
   Masters Degree in Early Intervention 3.90 GPA
- Indiana University of PA Graduated 05/1985
   Bachelors Degree in Criminology 3.25 GPA
- Police Certified DARE Instructor (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
   Instructor for elementary, middle and high school
- Police Certified GREAT Instructor (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Instructor for middle school, Summer component and family component

#### **Community Involvement**

- Chair SICC (Governor's Advisory Council for Early Intervention): SICC is a Governor
  appointed council that advises and assists the Departments of Health, Education and
  Welfare to ensure that a comprehensive delivery system of integrated Early Intervention
  programs and services is available in Pennsylvania to all eligible infants, toddlers and
  young children and their families.
- Appointed member of the PA Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP): SEAP works to improve special education in Pennsylvania and advises the Secretary of Education and the Department of Education on the unmet educational needs of students with disabilities.

- Appointed member of the PA Early Learning Council (ELC): ELC plans for the expansion
  of effective early learning and development services for young children and their
  families, and make recommendations to ensure the plans are implemented successfully.
- Board Member Arc of PA
- Appointed member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities
  Advisory Board: Appointed by County Executive to advise on delivery of
  services/supports to individuals with MH/ID diagnosis and ensure high quality and
  standards.
- Keynote speaker/presenter at several conferences in community, college and professional venues
- Advocacy efforts were instrumental in passage of Down Syndrome Prenatal Education Act (Chloe's Law) in July 2014

#### <u>Awards</u>

- 1985 Top graduate Atlanta Police Academy Class and #1 pistol shot in academy class
- 1997 Honored by City Council with "Kurt Kondrich Day" in City of Pittsburgh in recognition of service and outreach to the Bloomfield community
- 2001 National Award for Partnership with the Pittsburgh Women's Shelter for victims of domestic violence – Given in New York City
- Numerous awards and citations received throughout law enforcement career
- 2009 "Ron Cowell Award" for exceptional Early Intervention Leadership in PA
- 2009 "Infant Toddler Coordinators Association National Parent Leadership Award" for outstanding leadership and advocacy
- 2010 "Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award" for outstanding community service
- 2011 "St. Anthony's Opportunity Award" for advocacy and outreach on behalf of children with disabilities
- 2011 "PA Pro-life Leadership Award" for statewide leadership showing the ABILITIES and Priceless Beauty of children with Down syndrome.
- 2011 Keynote Speaker at Division for Early Childhood International Conference in National Harbor, MD
- Several Legislative citations/commendations for community service
- Appeared on National TV programs concerning children with Down syndrome, and advocacy has led to daughter Chloe being featured in magazines, on cover of book, in international journals, and included in other media outlets

#### References Available Upon Request



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May 21, 2015

Mr. Kurt A. Kondrich 640 Aljo Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Dear Mr. Kondrich:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 20, 2015 Council approved your reappointment 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 reappointment 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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