## **APPOINTMENT**

Approving the appointment of Keith Kaufold to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

### SPONSORED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD

In Council SEPT.	<del>8 <sup>ти</sup></del> ,	2015.
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Read and approved by Motion of Council.

John P. DeFazio President of Council

Attest:

Jared Barker Chief Clerk

**Allegheny County Council** 

August 13, 2015

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Keith Kaufold, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County.

The Council's purpose is to aid and assist, as the statutory approved citizen body, the County Executive and the Allegheny County DHS Director in the planning, development and implementation of the provision of services for individuals with addiction problems who are residents of Allegheny County. I am recommending that Mr. Kaufold serve a three year term, ending on December 31, 2017.

Mr. Kaufold is currently the Founding Pastor and Director of Eighth Avenue. He previously served as the volunteer Chaplain at the Allegheny County Jail. He attended California University of Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald

Allegheny County Executive

# **RESUME**

Keith C. Kaufold 1907 West Street Munhall, PA 15120 (412) 480-4286 kaufoldk@yahoo.com

### Ministry/Work Experience

**(Founding Pastor/Director) Eighth Avenue Place, 2007-present:** We initially "planted" Eighth Avenue Place as a coffee house ministry in Homestead, PA. It was our desire to create an atmosphere where the Spirit would join together people across racial and economic boundaries. More than a ministry <u>to</u> the poor—Eighth Avenue Place is a ministry <u>with</u> the poor. Through an on-site counseling department, a landscape company, and weekly worship, Eighth Avenue Place is a witness to the Reign of God. Not to mention, we serve great coffee!

#### Homestead United Presb. Church, 2013-present:

I am currently lead pastor of a ministry team at HUPC that includes a retired UMC district superintendent and a young P.C.U.S.A. pastor. I believe that a team concept of pastoral ministry is a possible solution to the difficulties older churches face in affording a solo-ordained pastor. It has been a blessing to watch HUPC come alive as they begin to reach into the community of Homestead.

**Volunteer Chaplain, Allegheny County Jail, 2012-present:** I visit assigned pods, providing pastoral counseling and support to inmates.

### Christ UMC, Bethel Park, 2011-present:

As a witness to cross cultural ministry, Eighth Avenue Place entered into a ministry partnership with CUMC in 2011. Such a relationship includes me preaching at CUMC once a month as well as my leadership in the Celebrate Recovery meeting begun in 2012.

**Steel Valley School District, 2011-present:** I am honored to be involved with a school district that is in an open relationship with the communities that comprise the school district. In an "unofficial" capacity, I view myself as a chaplain to the school district. For the past two years I have been visiting the middle school and high school to sit with students during lunch. In 2012, I taught a life-skills class for

in-coming freshman at the high school. I was part of the start-up team for the Barrett Elementary School A.C.T.S. tutoring program. The A.C.T.S.<sup>1</sup> program is a first-grade reading program that includes various churches in the Steel Valley.

**Calvary UMC, McKeesport, 2010-2012:** I was honored to serve one of the only remaining African-American congregations in the Western PA, Annual Conference of the UMC. My time at Calvary taught me more about ministering in a cross-cultural context than any prior experiences. I learned first hand the joys and challenges that a minority congregation faces.

**HOPE Pod, Allegheny County Jail, 2008-2010:** I was an instructor on the HOPE Pod (faith-based pod) teaching drug/alcohol recovery and life skills.

Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community, 2008-2009: I was hired as a seminary intern and tasked with developing a Christian 12-step recovery group and assisting with their homeless ministry.

**HOPE Camp, Jumonville, 2000-2006:** I worked for 4 years as dean of HOPE Camp, a camp designed for children who come from at-risk situations and communities. HOPE Camp was originally designed to reach children who had one or both parents incarcerated.

Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Allegheny County-South Office, 2003-2004: Certified Caseworker II.

#### **Education**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	STM	2011
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California University of PA	BSW	2003

#### Awards and/or Special Recognitions

2011- Homestead Area Economic Revitalization Corporation, "Volunteer of the Year Award."

2003- California University of PA, "BSW-Senior Social Work Student of the Year."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Accountability, Teamwork, Commitment, Service



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September 9, 2015

Mr. Keith Kaufold 1907 West Street Munhall, PA 15120

Dear Mr. Kaufold:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny Council held on September 8, 2015 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County 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,

Jan Rea, Appointment Review Committee Chair

Allegheny County Council

Jan Rea

Marc Cherna, Director, Department of Human Services Denise Macerelli, Deputy Director, DHS, Office of Behavioral Health

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