

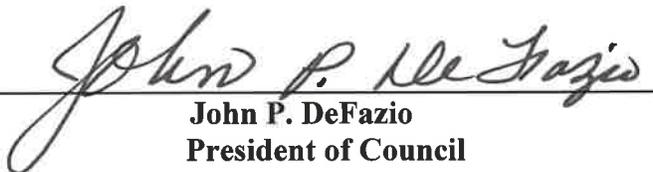
## APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Lisa M. Story to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

**SPONSORED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD**

In Council                     APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>                    , 2017.

**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**

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

**RICH FITZGERALD**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 30, 2017

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

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Dear Members of Council:

Please find attached the resume of Ms. Lisa M. Story, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council was established by the Board of Commissioners to monitor, evaluate, and comment on all plans, programs, and community actions which affect older citizens as well as represent their interests to public officials and agencies. I am recommending Ms. Story serve a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2020.

Ms. Story is currently a Mental Health-Holistic Therapist. She received both her bachelor and master degrees from Chatham University. In addition, she holds a number of certifications.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald

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# Lisa M. Story

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## **Mental Health – Holistic Therapist Bereavement & Spiritual Counselor/Mental Health Therapist/Substance Abuse Individual, Family & Group Counseling**

### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

A highly skilled, compassionate, empathetic, eclectic and holistic oriented therapist dedicated to providing exceptional care and implementing effective treatment plans. Responsible self-starter who communicates well and is dedicated to improving the well-being of clients using services and treatment goals that will benefit the health and sustainability of all individuals. Effective motivator, communicator, and advocate with inherent ability to manage all types of personalities, diffuse stressful situations, proactively resolve issues, and meet and achieve challenging goals and objectives. Innate ability to establish rapport quickly, builds trust, interact and maintain solid relationships with clients, co-workers, administrators, and local agencies.

### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- Grief and Bereavement Counseling
- Individual/Group Counseling
- Client Assessment/Evaluation
- Group Psycho-Education
- Quality management care team member
- Co-Parenting skills educator
- Suicide risk assessments

### **EDUCATION**

**Chatham University**, Pittsburgh, PA  
M.S. in Counseling Psychology

**Summa Cum Laude**

**Chatham University**, Pittsburgh, PA  
B.A. in Applied Psychology

**Magna Cum Laude**

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

**National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)**  
PA State Licensing Board

- License Number PC007396

January 2014

**Association for Death Education and Counseling**  
Certified in Thanatology

January 2014

**Waynesburg University**, Waynesburg, PA  
Addictions Counseling Certificate Program

- Certificate in Addictions Counseling and CAC eligible

Spring 2012

**Horticultural Therapy Institute**, Denver, CO  
Horticultural Therapy Educational Certificate Program

- Certificate in Horticultural Therapy

April 2011

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Compassion Fatigue Training, Psychological First Aid – Red Cross, Radical Self-Acceptance, Mindfulness and Yoga, Grief and Bereavement, Spiritual Competencies in Counseling, Group Work in Reality Therapy, Validation Therapy

### PROFESSIONAL BOARD SERVICE

- Robert Morris University Psychology Advisory Committee Current
- Alliance for Community Respite Care Board of Director Current
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### KEY QUALIFICATIONS/HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Course Development – Robert Morris University - Grief and Bereavement
- Developed and implemented a non-profit organization benefitting community based wellness programs in providing education, counseling, overnight facility & horticultural therapy activities/programs for caregivers
- Developed and conducted psycho-educational outreach programs for the bereavement community
- Anger Management Assessment & Group Psycho-Education
- Families First Trans-Parenting Psycho-Education
- Career planning and development for undergraduate career exploration
- Outreach education programs for nursing staff at Shadyside, Presbyterian, and Montefiore Hospitals
- Served on Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) committee
- Conducted comprehensive initial in-home spiritual and psycho-social assessments
- Collaborated closely with treatment team, MD, DCS, RN Case Manager, SW, and Volunteer Coordinator
- Guided clients in understanding illnesses and treatment plans
- Identification and assessment of psychosocial and psychological end-of-life issues

### CHRONOLOGY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Executive Director

Hope Grows, Moon Township, PA

August 2010 – Present

#### Spiritual and Bereavement Counselor

Hospice Compassus, Carnegie, PA

August 2011 – March 2014

#### Internship II

Catholic Charities, Beaver, PA

January – April 2011

#### Internship I

Good Samaritan Hospice, Wexford, PA

August – December 2010

#### Field Placement

Good Grief Center for Bereavement Support, Pittsburgh, PA

June – August 2010

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Social Cognitive Career Theory Chapter

Eliason, G., Eliason, T., Samide, J., & Patrick, J. (Eds.). (2014). Career Development Across the Lifespan: Counseling for Community, Schools, Higher Education, and Beyond, *Social Cognitive Career Theory (SCCT)* (pp. 85-93). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

### PRESENTATIONS

Nature: A potential therapeutic approach for the elderly in senior care facilities March 2010  
Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Brooklyn, NY

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Jefferson Award 2016  
Health and Sustainability Award – Chatham University 2009 – 2010  
For specific training in horticultural therapy that will lead to a nationally recognized certification, the integration for how health and sustainability are core to personal and professional identities and activities, and a tutorial focused on how nature can be integrated into the therapeutic care of elderly.  
Dean's List Spring 2006 – Fall 2009  
Psi Chi National Honor Society Inducted Spring 2009

### INVITED SPEAKER

ARCH National Respite Network September 2016  
“A Path to Overnight Respite for Caregivers-A Respite Model for Caring for the Caregiver”  
The National Lifespan Respite Conference  
Association of Recreation for Special Populations August 2011  
Therapeutic use of horticulture with special populations  
Chatham University Spring 2011  
How to incorporate nature with the grieving process  
Chatham University November 2010  
Professional regeneration & self-care using horticultural therapy techniques  
Robert Morris University November 2010  
Career opportunities in horticultural therapy and its professional applications in mental health  
Pittsburgh Public Schools (GEM) Gaining Equity through Mathematics August 2010  
How to incorporate horticultural therapy professionally and personally

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association (ACA)  
Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)  
Pennsylvania Counseling Association (PCA)  
Eastern Psychological Association (EPA)  
Psi Chi Honor Society for Psychology

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Non-Profit Caregiver Development and Caregiver Support Therapist

*References and Supporting Documentation Furnished Upon Request*



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April 20, 2017

Ms. Lisa Story  
183 Shafer Road  
Moon Township, PA 15108

Dear Ms. Story:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 19, 2017 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, 2020.

We congratulate you on your appointment and wish you the 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  
Mildred E. Morrison, Administrator, AAA

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