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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

4:30 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Appointment Review

*Bethany Hallam, Chair
Committee of the Whole*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:41pm.

Invited Guests:

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - Bethany Hallam

Members Absent: 13 - Tom Baker, Olivia Bennett, Patrick Catena, Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton and Paul Zavarella

Members Phone: 1 - Tom Duerr

III. Approval of Minutes

[11421-20](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 29th meeting of the Committee on Appointment Review.

IV. Agenda Items

Appointments

[11384-20](#)

Approving the appointment of Mario C. Browne to the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term ending on December 31, 2022.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Chair Hallam thanked Mr. Browne for joining us today.

Councilman Duerr thanked him for his willingness to participate today and to serve on the board.

Chair Hallam asked why his interest. Mr. Browne talked about his past experiences as a therapist and having served on the board before. He has worked in the addiction before and is in recovery for over 27 years. Successful trajectory through treatment and is a firm believer that it works and is important for it to be available when individuals need it. Wants to support county personnel who work in the field as well. Views on reducing harm reduction. Mr. Browne talked about education, from actively using to family to employers. Anything that can be done to make access easier and more affordable is a strong desire. As a therapist, the level of need required, bed space was a problem or level of care not needed. Chair Hallam appreciated his perspective. No conflicts of interest as he has been out of the field for a while.

A motion was made by Duerr, seconded by Hallam, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11385-20](#)

Approving the appointment of Representative Dan Frankel to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council effective January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Chair Hallam thanked Rep Frankel for coming today.

Member Duerr thanked him for coming down and appreciate his willingness to serve.

Chair Hallam asked what he the Area Agency does and Rep Frankel talked about service to those over 60. Talked about experience as an elected official in Harrisburg and his role with the Jewish Community Foundation to support efforts. Are there potential conflicts of interest in serving on the board and he said no.

[11387-20](#)

Approving the reappointment of Geralyn A. Dugan to the Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term ending on December 31, 2022.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Chair Hallam welcomed Ms. Dugan and asked what the board does. Ms. Dugan talked to the services provided such as grants and services provided to those with disabilities.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.