



Executive Office, City of Providence, Rhode Island

DAVID N. CICILLINE
MAYOR

June 28, 2005

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing Wendy Becker, of 211 Howell Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2007, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Ms. Becker will fill the seat previously held by Fitzgerald Himmelsbach.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline
Mayor, City of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 21 2005

READ 7-1-2005

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE APPROVED.

Claire E. Bestwick
Acting City Clerk

DNC: cjb

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 7 2005

Received and Referred
to the Committee on Finance

Claire E. Bustard
CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON

Finance

Recommends

Approval

Anna M. Helt

CLERK

7-14-05

Wendy Becker, LICSW, PhD
211 Howell St.
Providence, RI
401-861-5969
wbecker@ric.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Northeastern University
Doctorate, Law, Policy, and Society, April 2005

M.S.W. Boston University School of Social Work
Masters in Social Work, May 1987

B.S. Brown University
American Civilization, May 1983

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Rhode Island College 1998-present
Serve as a member of the undergraduate faculty where I teach the following courses:

- Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare
- Social Work Practice: Individuals, Families and Small Groups
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Individuals, Families and Small Groups
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Social Systems, Organizations and Institutions
- Generalist Social Work Practice
- Generalist Practice: The Helping Process
- Field Work Seminar
- Mental Health Issues in Social Work Practice

Also teach the following courses in the Graduate Program:

- Human Behavior Diversity and Oppression I
- Human Behavior Diversity and Oppression II
- The Politics of Progressive Change
- Field Seminar

Adjunct Professor, RI College School of Social Work 1994-1998
Taught as an Adjunct Professor in both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Executive Director, Youth Pride, Inc., Providence, RI 1993-1998
Founded, funded, and managed a statewide social service and advocacy organization for youth affected by issues of sexual orientation and gender. Supervised and implemented programs including clinical services, health promotion, education and training, and legislative and institutional advocacy. Developed and maintained positive working relationships with the Department of Health, Department for Children, Youth and Families, and the Department of Education.
- Program Director, YWCA of Greater RI, Central Falls, RI 1992-1994
Developed and implemented clinical, educational, and health related programs for low-income populations. Services included individual and family counseling, AIDS education, family literacy, GED, English as a Second Language, and child-care, and after-school programming. Responsibilities included clinical service provision, workshop facilitation, public speaking, supervision of program staff, and grantwriting.
- Social Worker, Clinical Supervisor, Mentor Inc., Boston, MA 1987-1992
Provided individual, group, and family therapy in a school based social work program. After the first two years, supervised 12 social workers and coordinated the programs in New Bedford, Taunton, and Wareham, MA.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Rhode Island Foundation, Equity Action, Advisory Committee Member 2002-present
Serve on the Advisory Committee of Equity Action, a Fund developed to address the needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities. Involved in the initial development of the Fund, including establishing its priorities, structure, and process; currently serve as the Grants Committee Chair.
- Governor's Justice Commission, VOCA Review Committee, Member 1999-present
Serve as member of the review committee for Victims of Crime Act funding through the Governor's Justice Commission. Committee makes funding decisions and evaluates organizations providing services to victims of crime.
- American Civil Liberties Union, RI Affiliate 2001-present
Served for three years as a Board Member for the ACLU Affiliate in RI. Currently serve on the legal committee, reviewing cases for ACLU assistance.
- Haymarket People's Fund, Board Member 1998-2001
Served as a Board Member for the Haymarket People's Fund, a regional, progressive Foundation dedicated to funding organizations committed to social and economic justice through grass-roots activism. Also served for one-year on the Executive Committee of the Coordinating Council.
- RI Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Youth, Chair 1997-1999

Served as Chair of statewide committee addressing issues of homophobia in RI schools. Members included advocates, youth, teachers, parents, administrators, and legislators. Successes included new anti-discrimination policy and increased discussion and collaboration among schools, administrators, and educators.

PRESENTATIONS

Among presentations are the following:

"Values Clarification for Child Welfare Workers." Currently present as part of the Child Welfare Institute's pre-service. 2002-present.

"Social Worker and Mother: Working with Parents of Special Needs Children." Co-presented at Adoption RI Conference, March 2004.

"Supervision, Training, Consultation, Research, and Networking." Panel Participant, Feminist Therapy Institute Activism and Expanded Practices Conference. October, 2004.

"Ecomaps and Genograms in the Context of Family Centered Practice." Presented for social workers and supervisors at each DCYF office. January and February, 2002.

"Working with Gay and Lesbian Youth: Improving Climates in Schools." Presented workshops for educators and students in RI public and private schools including those in Bristol, Cranston, Central Falls, Cumberland, Johnston, Pawtucket, Providence, Newport, and Woonsocket. 1993-2000

"The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat: A Dialogue on Race and Sports in Contemporary Culture," Panel Participant, Southern New England Consortium on Race and Ethnicity, Spring Symposium, 2000.

"The Experience of Class, Poverty, and Inequality," The Community Game as training for understanding oppression. Trainer for National Service Alliance, Spring 2000.

"Putting Feminist Practice into Action," Panel Participant, Sarah Doyle Women Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Brown University. April 2000.

"Clinical Work with Gay and Lesbian Adolescents." Department of Administration training for State Employees, Spring 1999.

"Improving the Social Service Response to Gay and Lesbian Youth." Half-day workshop sponsored by the RI Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Youth, Providence, RI. 1997

"A Developmental Perspective on the Coming Out Process." Workshop presented at Northern RI Mental Health's Conference on Working with Gay and Lesbian Clients, Newport, RI, 1997.

"Health Care for Gay and Lesbian Youth: Improving Access and Quality of Care."
Presented for physicians and other health care workers at Hasbro Children's Hospital,
Providence, RI, 1996.

"Inclusion in Health Education: How to Reduce Heterosexism in the Classroom."
Presented to the National Health Educators Conference, Seekonk, MA, 1995.

Risk Reduction and Health Promotion for Special Populations," Presented to the Family
Life and Health Educators Association Conference, Pawtucket, RI, 1995

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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*I, Wendy Becker, do solemnly swear that
I will support the Constitution of the United States
and of the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Home Rule Charter
and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Human Relations Commission*

- a term to expire in January 2007 - to the best of my ability


Wendy Becker

*I, David N. Cicilline, Mayor of Providence, do hereby certify
that on the 5th day of August, A.D. 2005, I did administer unto*

*Wendy Becker
duly appointed to the office of
Human Relations Commission
the above subscribed oath.*


David N. Cicilline
Mayor of Providence

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DAVID N. CICILLINE
MAYOR

June 28, 2005

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
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City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, I am this day appointing Dana Benton, of 226 Gallatin Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2009, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Ms. Benton will fill the seat previously held by Keith Oliviera.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline
Mayor, City of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Claire Bestard acting
CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON

Finance

Recommends - *Approved*

Ann M. Stein
CLERK

7-14-05

Dana L. Benton

226 Gallatin St.
Providence, RI 02907

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Benton.d@neu.edu

EDUCATION

Harvard University (HGSE)-June 2004
Master of Education-- Risk & Prevention (Adolescents)

Northeastern University-June 2003
Bachelor of Science-- Sociology & Elementary Education

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Family Service of Rhode Island
Residential Clinician

Providence RI
Apr. 05-present

- Provide short and long term therapeutic counseling services using a treatment models including family, individual and group therapy, among others
- Provide support and knowledge to case manager and direct care staff
- Develop treatment plans, conduct diagnostic assessments and utilize outcome evaluative tools
- Provide crisis intervention and emergency on call support and assessments
- Maintain and complete proper administrative documentation

John Hope Settlement House
Senior Summer Camp Counselor/Advisor

Providence RI
Summer of 2000-2004

- Supervised and engaged youth ages 6-12 in a variety of recreational and educational activities
- Organized field trips and developed weekly activities schedule
- Instituted behavior modification techniques while promoting successful social interactions

Boston Arts Academy
High School Wellness Consultant

Boston, MA
Sept. 03-Jun.04

- Utilized a health promotion framework in conjunction with youth development approaches to actively engage adolescents in the process of psychosocial development
- Peer mediation, crisis counseling, group facilitation and individual wellness advising
- Provided academic and wellness support in the classroom, supervised and trained wellness peer leaders

Northeastern University
Resident Assistant

Boston, MA
Sept. 00-Jun.03

- Developed educational, multicultural, social and recreational programs for and with residents
- Building management, social and emotional support, crisis intervention, conflict resolution, and the enforcement of University policies

Freedom House
Educational Coordinator

Boston, MA
Apr.03-Jun.03

- Managed a staff of high school student -mentors and a group of middle school student program participants
- Developed and administered educational activities for youth (10-13)
- Engaged students in experiential learning through field trips, arts & crafts

and computer technology

Dana L. Benton 226 Gallatin St. Providence, RI 02907 (401) 529-1783

Brookline School Department, METCO Program
Liaison

Brookline, MA
Mar-Jun. 01& 02

- Case management services to 15-20 elementary and middle school students of color bused from the inner city to suburban schools
- Monitored student's academic and behavioral progress through individualized progress reports, attendance at IEP meetings and regular interactions with parents and teachers
- Facilitated and developed lunch groups, after school tutorials and provided extra support in the classrooms

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

*Curriculum Design & Implementation
*Program Development & Management
*Group Facilitation at All Educational Levels

*Creative Problem Solving
*Event Planning & Fundraising
*Public Speaking & Team Player

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Jeremy Phillips
Boston Arts Academy
Wellness Coordinator
(617) 899-9372

Ricardo O'Neil
Freedom House
Executive Director
(617) 445-3700

Andy Ryder
Northeastern University-Residential Life
Assistant Director
(617) 373-2814

Janet Morris
METCO Brookline
Director/Coordinator
(617) 730-2464

Joanne McDowell
John Hope Settlement House
Assistant Director
(401) 421-4637
(*volunteer and employment affiliation with JHSH)

Dana L. Benton 226 Gallatin St. Providence, RI 02907 (401) 529-1783

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT

Big Sisters Association, Boston MA

TEAM (Team Enhanced Approach to Mentoring)

TEAM Leader-Nov. 99-Mar.01

Female Youth (11-13) years of age

Orchard Park Community Center, Boston MA

Program Girls Empowerment Program

Group Leader- Mar.00-Jun.01

Female Youth (12-16) years of age

Extra Curricular Activities

- Onyx Informer Newspaper /Writer
- Legacy 2000 Retention Mentoring Program
- Northeastern Black Student Association
- African American Institute Strategic Planning Committee
- Residential Assistant (RA) 9/00-6/03
- Ujima Scholars Mentoring Program

Collegiate Recognition

- Big Sisters of Massachusetts Award
- National Collegiate Scholar
- Who's Who in College and Universities,
- African American Institute: Service, Directors, Roland E. Latham Oratory Competition, and Senior Academic Excellence Awards

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and of the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Home Rule Charter
and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Human Relations Commission*

- a term to expire in January 2009 - to the best of my ability

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana L. Benton".

Dana Benton

*I, David N. Cicilline, Mayor of Providence, do hereby certify
that on the 5th day of August, A.D. 2005, I did administer unto*

*Dana Benton
duly appointed to the office of
Human Relations Commission
the above subscribed oath.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. N. Cicilline".

David N. Cicilline
Mayor of Providence

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COUNCILMAN
PETER S. MANCINI
104 MERIDIAN STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908
Res: 351-8648



City of Providence, Rhode Island

- COMMITTEES
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Chairman
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 - Parks Commission
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 - Water Supply Board

July 11, 2005

The Honorable John J. Lombardi
City Council President
City Hall, Room 310
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council President Lombardi:

With this letter, I hereby reappoint Mr. Philip McKendall to the Providence External Review Authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional correspondence.

Sincerely,


Peter S. Mancini
Councilman - Ward 14

PSM/ib

Cc: Mr. Michael Clement, City Clerk

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Charles Bestrock Acting CLERK