



Mayor of Providence

David N. Cicilline

December 18, 2009

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
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 re-appointing Ms. Wendy Becker, of 67 Mt. Hope Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, to the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2013, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

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David N. Cicilline
Mayor

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IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 21 2010

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

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CLERK

Developed and maintained positive working relationships with the Department of Health, Department for Children, Youth and Families, and the Department of Education.

Social Worker, Children's Friend and Services, Providence, RI 1994-1996
Provided home-based clinical services to substance abusing parents involved in the child welfare system. Intervention included substance abuse treatment and individual and family counseling to prevent removal of children and/or reunify with those in placement.

Program Director, YWCA of Greater RI, Central Falls, RI 1992-1994
Developed, funded, and implemented clinical, educational, and health related programs for low-income populations. Services I supervised included individual and family counseling, AIDS education, family literacy, adult education, English as a Second Language, and after-school programming. Responsibilities included clinical service provision, fund management, workshop facilitation, public speaking, supervision of program staff, and grant writing.

School-based therapist, Clinical Supervisor, Mentor Inc., Boston, MA 1987-1992
Provided individual, group, and family therapy in a school based counseling program. After the first two years, supervised 12 social workers and coordinated the programs in New Bedford, Taunton, and Wareham, MA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Providence Human Relations Commission, Executive Committee 2006-present
Serve as a Commissioner for the HRC whose job is to decrease discrimination and improve relations among diverse communities in Providence. Appointed to the Executive Committee in July of 2006; Chair the Outreach Committee since 2007.

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, Board Member 2001-2008
Served for five years as a Board Member for the ACLU Affiliate in RI. Also served for two years on the legal committee, reviewing whether cases met the criteria for ACLU assistance.

Rhode Island Foundation, Equity Action, Advisory Committee Member 2002-2007
Served 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; Chaired the Grants Committee.

Haymarket People's Fund, Coordinating Council Member, RI Board Member 1998-2002
Served on the New England regional Policy Board for this community foundation dedicated to funding New England organizations committed to social and economic justice. Involved in setting funding priorities and evaluating work done by funded organizations. Also a member of the RI Board where my duties included review proposals, interviewing potential recipients, reviewing their work, and building their capacity.

Sojourner House, Coordinator, Shelter Advocate, Public Speaker, Board Member 1982-1992

Served in a variety of capacities for this shelter for battered women. Started as a volunteer and eventually coordinated the hotline and safe home programs, provided services to women using our safe houses, educated the community, and served on the Board of Directors.

PRESENTATIONS

Among presentations are the following:

"Working with Mentally Ill Victims of Violence," presented at the Statewide Victim Assistance Academy. July 2009.

"Strengths-based Clinical Practice: Treatment Approaches for Adoption and Foster Care," presented at Rhode Island College with Dr. Bates as part of Adoption and Foster Care Certificate Program, September 2007, September 2008.

"Creating Welcoming Classrooms for LGBTQ-Parented Kids," presented with Dr. Bates and Dr. Park at Promising Practices: 10th Annual Multi-cultural Conference and Curriculum Fair, November 2007.

"Gay and Lesbian Adoption in Rhode Island," presented with Dr. Bates and Dr. Pearlmutter. Faculty Research Conference, Convocation of Scholars, Rhode Island College, presented tentative findings on study regarding adoptions by same-sex couples in RI, April 2007.

"Political Activism: A Vehicle for Embracing Complexity in the Classroom." Presented with Dr. Martell and Dr. Pearlmutter at Embracing Difficulty: Creating Processes for Understanding, the Faculty Development Workshop, January 2007.

Child Welfare Training Institute, 2002-present, biannually. Conduct half-day values clarification training for newly hired Department for Children, Youth and Families social workers. Purpose is to educate and discuss professional social work values, explore personal values, and discuss potential conflicts among the two.

"Using the Law to Achieve Equality: Marriage, Children, and Beyond." Advancing Social Justice through the Law Conference, Brown University, March 2007.

National Association of Social Workers' 4th Annual Social Work Legislative Education Day, 2007, RI Statehouse, Keynote Speaker, "Organizing for Social Change."

"From the Perspective of Foster Parent: Visitation and its importance in permanency planning." Child Welfare Institute, Presentation to DCYF social workers, December 2006.

Awards:

NASW Social Worker of the Year, Nancy Gewirtz Social Justice Award	2008
Pyramid of Pride Award for outstanding service to LGBTQ communities	2007
CVS Highlander Community Service Award	2004
Jefferson Award for Community Service, WJAR-TV	1994