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VINCENT C. GRAY  
MAYOR

July 11, 2014

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 213 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.13 (2012 Repl.)), which established the Board of Professional Counseling, and in accordance with section 2(f)(24) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D. C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)(24) (2013 Supp.)), I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment:

Laurie Ferreri  
3559 Appleton Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(Ward 3)

as a licensed professional counselor member, to the Board of Professional Counseling, for a term to end July 1, 2017; and

Arthur Blecher  
3716 Windom Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016  
(Ward 3)

as a licensed professional counselor member, to the Board of Professional Counseling, for a term to end July 1, 2015.


Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominees, together with proposed resolutions to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of these nominations for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Darryl Gorman, Director, Office of Boards and Commissions, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "V" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Vincent C. Gray

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the reappointment of Ms. Laurie Ferreri to the District of Columbia Board of  
Professional Counseling.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Board of Professional Counseling Laurie  
Ferreri Confirmation Resolution of 2014".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Laurie Ferreri  
3559 Appleton Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(Ward 3)

as a licensed professional counselor member, pursuant to section 213 of the District of Columbia  
Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (DC Law 6-99; D.C.  
Official Code § 3-1202.13), and section 2(f)(24) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective  
March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D. C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)(24)), for a term to end July 1,  
2017.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**LAURIE A. FERRERI, M.A., L.P.C., N.C.C., M.A.C.****PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****Therapist III**, City of Alexandria Dept. of Community and Human Services (formerly Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse), Alexandria, VA

September, 2003 - present - Substance Abuse Services

- Conducts clinical intakes and evaluations, and formulates diagnoses and treatment plans for adult clients needing substance abuse, mental health and/or HIV counseling.
- Conducts individual, group and family counseling for HIV affected clients with co-occurring substance abuse and or mental health disorders.
- Conducts HIV prevention education, HIV rapid testing and pre/post HIV antibody test counseling.
- Provides case management services for clients with HIV who need medical and other community-based referrals.

January, 1990 - September, 2003, Alexandria, VA - Youth & Family Services

- Conducted group and individual counseling with adolescents and adults around both mental health and substance abuse issues. Motivates and guides clients toward established goals.
- Crisis intervention with suicidal, and substance abusing adolescents and their families.
- Provided substance abuse assessments for Court Services and Family Assessment Planning Teams.
- Performed ongoing consultation, coordination of treatment and referrals with referring agencies and school system in regard to clients' needs for medical and/or psychiatric evaluations as well as residential substance treatment.
- Conducted group counseling on anger management, stress management, academic achievement, sexual abuse and smoking cessation.
- Conducted presentations and trainings on mental health and substance abuse related topics to the community.
- Conducted prevention programs and groups at Alexandria recreation centers with children and adolescents.
- Provided evaluations for Emergency Services.

**Life Balance Counseling and Coaching**, Washington, DC

- January, 2004 - present - Private Counseling Practice and Clinical Supervision. Provides individual therapy, counseling and coaching with adults with mental health, substance abuse and medical issues.
- Provides clinical supervision for supervisees seeking licensure and licensed supervisees with caseloads in the adult, youth and multicultural population.

**Mental Health Counselor (School-based Substance Abuse Specialist)**, SPARK Program,  
Board of Education of the City of New York

February, 1987 - June, 1989, New York, NY

- Managed case load of adolescents with mental health and substance abuse issues.
- Provided crisis intervention and counseling in individual and group format.
- Provided consultations, referrals and coordination of treatment with school system and outside agencies.
- Conducted classroom presentations on substance abuse related topics.
- Organized and facilitated peer discussion groups and activities.

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

August, 2009 – present, Serves on District of Columbia Board of Professional Counseling  
July, 1998 – July, 2009, Served on District of Columbia Mental Health Counselors Association  
Board

Fall, 1997 - Spring, 1998, Taught classes in mind/body health and wellness, "The Magic of  
Healing," created and developed by Dr. Deepak Chopra and Dr. David Simon

December, 1997 - Workshop Presenter at the DC Counseling Association 33rd Annual  
Conference on "Teaching Our Clients Mind-Body Self-Care Skills," Washington, DC

July, 1997 - Workshop Presenter on "Mind-Body Approaches for Health and Well-Being" at  
the Elderhostel Program held at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD

October, 1997, Invited Speaker, "Alternative Medicine Use in Women" at *Facing our Future:  
Health Summit for Women at Mid-Life*, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

July, 1997 - July, 1998 - President, District of Columbia Mental Health Counselors Association

July, 1996 - July, 1997 - President-elect, District of Columbia Mental Health Counselors  
Association

1990 - 1995, Organized and facilitated professional support/study group on Transpersonal  
Psychology for counselors and therapists, Washington, D.C.

1986 - 1989, Organized and co-facilitated women's consciousness-raising group for students in  
the New York University counseling program, New York, NY

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Counseling Association, since 1985

American Mental Health Counselors Association, since 1985

District of Columbia Mental Health Counselors Association, since 1996

### EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION/LICENSING

M.A., Counselor Education, 1987, New York University, New York, NY  
 B.A., Psychology, 1984, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY  
 N.C.C. (National Counselor Certification), #23712, since 1990, National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)  
 M.A.C. (Master Addiction Counselor Certification), #23712, since 1997, NBCC  
 L.P.C. (Licensed Professional Counselor), #0701002258, Virginia, since 1995  
 L.P.C., #PRC60, District of Columbia, since 1995

### ADVANCED TRAINING (selected)

The Center for Self-Leadership: The Internal Family Systems Model – Level 2 Training, Richard Schwartz, Ph.D., Carol Graybeal, MSW, Michael Elkin, M.A., LMFT, Chris Burris, M.Ed., Barbara Cargil, M.A., 72 hrs., completed 1/12/14.  
 The Center for Deployment Psychology, Fredericksburg, VA: Prolonged Exposure Therapy Training, May 29-30, 2013, 13.5 contact hours  
 Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Richmond, VA: Clinical Supervision Training, by Thomas G. Durham, Ph.D., LADC, 21 hours, completed September 18, 2012.  
 The Center for Self-Leadership: The Internal Family Systems Model – Level 1 Training, Richard Schwartz, Ph.D., Pamela Krause, LCSW, Carol Graybeal, MSW, 108 hrs., completed 9/30/12.  
 Research and Training Institute, Denver, CO, April 1 – 2, 2009 in Wilmington, NC:  
 VOICES/VOCES HIV Prevention Intervention Training, 14 hrs.  
 Cape Cod Institute, Internal Family Systems with Dr. Richard Schwartz, 15 hrs., completed 7/28/06  
 SAMHSA, OraQuick ADVANCE Rapid HIV-1/2 Antibody Test Training Program, 20 hrs., March 28-30, 2006  
 Institute for Life Coach Training, Basic Coach Training Intensive Program, 30 hours, completed 6/2/01  
 Family Therapy Clinical Seminar, 2000-2001 (36 contact hours), Family Therapy Practice Center, Washington, DC  
 Dr. Deepak Chopra's and Dr. David Simon's certification course in Mind Body Medicine and Ayurveda, 125 classroom hours from May, 1996 - March, 1997, Infinite Possibilities Seminars, La Jolla, CA  
 C.G. Jung Institute of Zurich, Switzerland, Summer 1992, Intensive Study Program  
 George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, "Children of Alcoholics," 3 credits (45 classroom hours), Spring, 1991  
 NLP Practitioner Training, 1989 (one year program), New York Training Institute for NLP, New York, NY  
 Substance Abuse Training & Education, 1988-1989 (84 classroom hours), NDRI Training Institute, New York State Division of Substance Abuse Services, New York, NY  
 Art Therapy Training, 1981 (one year program and internship), Human Relations Center, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Legal Counsel Division

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lolita S. Alston  
Director  
Office of Legislative Support

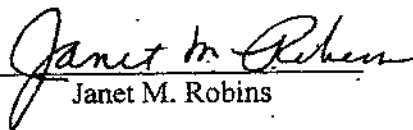
**FROM:** Janet M. Robins  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel Division

**DATE:** June 6, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Legal Sufficiency Review of Resolution, the "District of Columbia Board of Professional Counseling Ms. Laurie Ferreri Confirmation Resolution of 2014"  
(AM-13-942 B)

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This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and has found it to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions regarding this certification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-5524.

  
Janet M. Robins

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