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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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14 To reappoint Ms. Marie K. Cohen to the Citizen Review Panel.

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16 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
17 resolution may be cited as the "Citizen Review Panel Marie K. Cohen Reappointment Resolution
18 of 2019".

19 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia reappoints:

20 Marie K. Cohen
21 330 Ninth Street, S.E.
22 Washington, DC 20003
23 (Ward 6)
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25 as a member of the Citizen Review Panel, established by section 351 of the Prevention of Child
26 Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code
27 § 4-1303.51), for a term to end April 11, 2022.

28 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
29 upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.

30 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
31 the District of Columbia Register.

Marie K. Cohen

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Blogger

February 2015 to present

Write a blog, *Child Welfare Monitor* (childwelfaremonitor.org), dealing with local and national child welfare issues. Have received over 3,800 views since inception of blog in 2017 and have over 350 followers.

Researcher/Policy Analyst

University of Maryland School of Social Work

July 2016 to July 2017

Under contract with University of Maryland School of Social Work, provided research and analysis services to the Maryland Longitudinal Data Systems Center (MLDS), which maintains a statewide educational database. Conducted literature reviews, analyzed data, and drafted research reports, issue briefs and other documents. Drafted reports on apprenticeship, P-TECH schools, and socioeconomic integration of schools.

Social Worker

Family Matters of Greater Washington, Washington, DC

November 2013 to January 2015

Managed a caseload of up to 11 foster children and their birth families when applicable; maintained working relationship with foster and birth parents; developed and updated case plans; identified and accessed appropriate community resources to assist clients in attaining goals; teamed with education and service providers to ensure coordinated service to clients; maintained official and non-official case records; completes court reports and case documentation on time; participates in court hearings; used electronic database for documentation and case planning.

Social Worker

Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church, Washington DC

March 2010 to November 2013

Managed a caseload of up to 15 foster children and their birth families; maintained working relationship with foster and birth parents; developed and updated case plans; identified and accessed appropriate community resources to assist clients in attaining goals; teamed with education and service providers to ensure coordinated service to clients; maintained official and non-official case records; completed court reports, adoption reports and case documentation on time; participated in court hearings; used electronic database for documentation and case planning.

Out-of-Home Services Caseworker (Intern)

Prince George's County Department of Social Services, Landover, Maryland

September 2008 to April 2009

Provided case management and permanency planning to four clients in the Adoption/Guardianship Unit of the Foster Care Bureau. Developed case plans, conducted monthly visits, referred clients to needed services; advocated for clients with their schools, prepared court reports, and advised attorneys representing DSS in court.

Social Work Intern

National Children's Center, Silver Spring, Maryland

September 2007 to April 2008

Counseled developmentally disabled students as required in the Individualized Education Plans (IEP's). Helped arrange adult services for graduating students. Attended IEP, classroom and parent meetings.

Research Associate

University of Maryland Welfare Reform Academy

December 2001 to June 2003

Conducted research and analysis and wrote reports on welfare and education issues. Completed publication on mandatory participation in work-related activities for welfare recipients, including review of the law, federal data, practices for increasing participation, and case studies from six states and localities. Completed major review of what is known about career and technical (or vocational) education, including its history, relevant labor market trends, current patterns of participation, and effectiveness. Researched and drafted sections of a paper about welfare reform in New York City.

Senior Policy Analyst

Center for Law and Social Policy, Washington, DC

January 1999 to December 2001

Wrote policy papers and provided technical assistance on issues related to teen pregnancy prevention; family planning; teen parents and other youth; and TANF spending. Published papers on TANF funding for teen pregnancy prevention and family planning, TANF funding for youth programs, and integration of youth employment programs with family planning. Wrote articles on other welfare-related issues for CLASP newsletter. Planned a conference on TANF spending for teen pregnancy prevention.

Research Associate

Welfare Information Network, Washington DC

March, 1997 to January, 1999

Tracked the policy literature on education, employment and training, economic incentives, work requirements, and time limits for welfare recipients. Maintained relevant sections of the WIN website and responded to requests for information. Published 10-to-12-page *Issue Notes* on promoting education among TANF teens, work experience and publicly funded jobs for welfare recipients, postsecondary education under welfare reform, education and training under welfare reform, and earned income disregards.

Evaluator

U.S. General Accounting Office, Washington, DC

September 1984 to June 1989

Developed questionnaires for collecting information on employment programs for welfare recipients from state and local officials and program staff. Conducted site visits to administer interviews and observe programs. Analyzed the data from these interviews and a mail-in survey and wrote major sections of two reports to Congress, which were used in developing the Family Support Act of 1988. Surveyed the literature and interviewed experts for a report on long-term urban poverty and how to address it. Drafted a report on early retirement in the U.S., based on analysis of Current Population Survey data. *Received GAO awards in 1985, 1986 and 1987; U.S. Presidential Management Intern 1984.*

Research Assistant

Evaluation of the Reagan Domestic Program, Princeton University

1982-1983

As a staff member of Richard Nathan's evaluation study of the Reagan Domestic Program, analyzed reports from field researchers on effects of changes in federal education and training programs and prepared summaries of these reports.

Writer/Researcher

Foundation and Business Campaign Coordinator

Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1980 to 1982

Reviewed research findings on teenage pregnancy, population trends, and other issues. Prepared grant proposals, reports of program accomplishments, agency annual reports, and other fund raising materials. Identified and researched prospective foundation and business contributors.

Legislative Aide

Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Massachusetts Legislature, Boston, MA

June 1979 to June 1980

Was responsible for committee work in areas of adult and youth corrections, elderly affairs, and some mental health issues. Responsibilities included researching and drafting legislation, monitoring budget developments, analyzing executive policies, monitoring and investigating state facilities, writing testimony, articles, and committee reports; planning hearings; and assisting individuals having problems with state agencies.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Member, Board of Directors

Washington Balalaika Society

January 1, 2019 to present

Was elected as a Board member of the Washington Balalaika Society, a community-based organization with a budget of approximately \$60,000. Serve as Booking Manager and Social Media Director.

Mentor, BEST Kids, Inc.

Washington, DC

August 2015 to present

Serve as a volunteer mentor to a 16-year-old former foster youth. Spend 2-5 hours with her weekly, visiting museums, engaging in outdoor activities, and attending educational, recreational and community services opportunities organized by program.

Member

District of Columbia Child Fatality Review Committee

January 2017 to present

Participate in monthly meetings of the full committee, monthly meetings of the Infant Mortality Review Committee, and quarterly meetings of the Recommendation Committee.

Member

Citizen's Review Panel for the DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)

June 2016 to present

Serve on panel overseeing the work of the District's child welfare agency. Serve as Chair of a working group on In Home Services. Designed a research project and worked with CFSA finalize the proposal. Worked with team members to conduct focus groups with parents and social workers and analyze the results.

Chair, Student Achievement Committee

Parent Teacher Student Association, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

August 2006 to June 2007

Provide support to the coordinator of the mentoring program for students at risk of failing in high school. Recruit and train mentors, write articles for the PTSA newsletter, take and disseminate notes of mentor workshops, provide progress reports to PTSA board and serve as a mentor to a tenth-grader.

Volunteer Coordinator and Board Member

Capital Interfaith Hospitality Network, Washington DC

June 2002 to December 2006

Coordinated participation of volunteers from Machar (the Washington Congregation for Humanistic Judaism), in the Capital Interfaith Hospitality Network, a congregation-based rotating shelter for homeless families. Scheduled volunteers (including self) to bring meals and stay overnight at the shelter. Wrote newsletter articles soliciting volunteers and reporting on volunteer activities. Coordinated annual "miniwalks" through Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Campaign.

Community Service Coordinator

Machar (Washington Congregation for Humanistic Judaism)

September 2003 to May 2007

Arranged community service events, such as picking crops for the needy, sorting food, and stream cleanups, for Jewish congregation. Publicized events and reported to board and congregation (through newsletter articles) on their outcomes. Was site coordinator for 2004 Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

Volunteer Coordinator

Machar (Washington Congregation for Humanistic Judaism)

September 2002 through June 2004

Was responsible for lining up volunteers to perform tasks necessary for the operation of each Sunday School session and special events. Defined volunteer tasks and scheduled tasks for all members of congregation.

Volunteer

Montgomery County Public Schools

July 2003 to June 2005

Served as a teacher's aide in Montgomery County's Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) summer school for disadvantaged students, at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School, tutored eighth grade reading students in Takoma Park Middle School, and tutored a second-grader at Rock Creek Elementary School in reading.

Editor

B-CC Banter (PTSA newsletter at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School)

September 2004 through June 2006

In coordination with the school principal, developed topics for bimonthly newsletter, solicited writers, received and tracked articles, wrote and edited articles.

Outreach Coordinator

Wide Awake Kids Excel (WAKE UP!), Montgomery County Maryland

March, 2000 to August 2003

Planned and conducted outreach campaign including developing electronic messages to PTA officers, messages to be placed on PTA listserves, articles for PTA newsletters, handouts, and Powerpoint presentations. Articles, handouts and presentations included summaries of research on teen sleep patterns and the consequences of sleep deprivation among teens. Made presentations at PTA and other meetings. Met with Board of Education members, representatives of principals, and union representatives. Worked with other core group members to develop policy goals and political strategy.

EDUCATION

Masters in Social Work

University of Maryland School of Social Work

May 2009

Masters in Public Affairs (Urban Affairs and Domestic Policy)

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 1984

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology) Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Radcliffe College, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1975

PUBLICATIONS

From the University of Maryland Welfare Reform Academy

The Important Role of Career and Technical Education, by Marie Cohen and Douglas Besharov, May 2004, available from <http://www.welfareacademy.org/pubs/education/roleofcte.pdf>

Mandatory Work-Related Activities for Welfare Recipients: The Next Step in Welfare Reform, October 2001.

From the Center for Law and Social Policy

Leveraging Youth Employment Systems to Prevent Unintended Pregnancy, May 2001. Available from http://www.issuelab.org/click/download1/leveraging_youth_employment_systems_to_prevent_unintended_pregnancy

Making TANF Work for the Corps: When and How TANF Funds Can Support Youth Corps Initiatives, February 2000.

Tapping TANF for Youth: When and How Welfare Funds Can Support Youth Development, Education and Employment Initiatives, January 2000 (with Mark Greenberg).

Tapping TANF: When and How Welfare Funds Can Support Reproductive Health or Teen Parent Initiatives, April 1999.

The TANF Funding Stream: When and How Welfare Funds Can Support Reproductive Health or Teen Parent Initiatives, April 1999.

From the Welfare Information Network

Promoting Education Among TANF Teens, December 1998.

Work Experience and Publicly Funded Jobs for Welfare Recipients, September 1998.

Postsecondary Education Under Welfare Reform, May 1998.

Education and Training Under Welfare Reform, February 1998.

Earned Income Disregards, June 1997.

U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) Publications

Work and Welfare: Analysis of AFDC Employment Programs in Four States, January 1988 (co-author).

Current AFDC Work Programs and Implications for Federal Policy, January 1987 (co-author).

Retirement Before Age 65: Trends, Costs and National Issues, July 1986 (co-author).

Retirement Before Age 66 Is a Growing Trend in the Private Sector, July 1985.

Other Publications

Institute for Family Self-Sufficiency, American Public Welfare Association, *Status Report on JOBS Case Management Practices*, April 1992. (Drafted report as consultant, based on data already collected).

Except where otherwise stated, I was the sole author of the reports listed above.

HOBBIES

Reading novels (in English and Spanish), cooking, hiking, playing domra (Russian mandolin) in the Washington Balalaika Society.