

MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

> The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979, D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01, and pursuant to section 2 of the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act of 2002, effective April 11, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-296; D.C. Official Code § 16-1052), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Ms. Shannon Sigamoni 264 56th Street NE Washington, DC 20019 (Ward 7)

for appointment as a community representative member of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, for a term to end July 20, 2022.

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

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

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1 Chairman Phil Mendelson 2 at the request of the Mayor 3 4 5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION 6 7 8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 9 10 11 12 Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution, 13 which was referred to the Committee on 14 15 To confirm the appointment of Ms. Shannon Sigamoni to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review 16 Board. 17 18 19 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Shannon Sigamoni 20 Confirmation Resolution of 2019". 21 22 23 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of: 24 25 Ms. Shannon Sigamoni 26 264 56th Street NE 27 Washington, DC 20019 28 (Ward 7) 29 30 as a community representative member of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 31 pursuant to section 2 of the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection 32 Orders Act of 2002, effective April 11, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-296; D.C. Official Code § 16-1052) for a term to end July 20, 2022. 33 34 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. 35

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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SHANNON SIGAMONI, LICSW

EDUCATION

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker: (LICSW)

Masters of Social Work

2015

Salisbury University: Salisbury, MD GPA: 3.87 Accelerated Program

Bachelors of Social Work

2014

Minor: Community Health

Salisbury University: Salisbury, MD

Certified Violence Prevention Professional, Trained in OVSJG's Mass Disaster Assistance, Safe and Together Model Training, LGBTQ awareness

Hong Kong Study Abroad

- o Studied and experienced international welfare
- o Developed additional awareness of global economic and political issues
- o Traveled and interacted with people in 10+ countries

WORK AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Board Member
Young Ladies of Tomorrow (YLOT)

December 2018- Present

Director of Programs

June 2018- Present

- FAIR Girls
 - Coordinate and attend weekly or bi-weekly team meetings for all direct services, housing, and prevention education programs, and ensure all benchmarks are met by direct reports
 - Oversee Housing Manager and Direct Services Manager to ensure all intake shifts, on-call rotation shifts, back-up support shifts, and Vida Home shifts are filled as appropriate.
 - Meet with Direct Services Manager and Housing Manager weekly for supportive supervision, and ensure they provide weekly supportive supervision to their teams
 - Coordinate and prepare quarterly and annual internal evaluation reports on programs; generate outcome reports to distribute to the ED and Board of Directors
 - Share strengths, opportunities for growth, and recommendations in evaluation reports with the direct services, housing, and prevention education teams and monitor quality assurance for programs
 - Coordinate with FAIR Girls Director of Operations to ensure that reporting requirements for grants activities are met and that reports are accurate, and data is sufficiently stored in the database system
 - Oversee and compile all programmatic grant reporting information, prepare narrative information, and ensure it is submitted on time to comply with grantors' requirements; develop and maintain positive relationships with programmatic grant managers
 - Ensure quality and consistency in service delivery
 - Oversee all large programmatic projects and modifications, including but not limited to a database overhaul, electronic and paper files audit and overhaul, forms revisions and modifications to align with best practices, referral process streamlining, development

- and maintenance of strategic programmatic partnerships, cultural competency training and implementation, as well as ongoing professional development expectations and opportunities for program staff
- Represent FAIR Girls at the DC VAN and the DC Human Trafficking Task Force, as well as other task force subcommittees or jurisdictions as needed and as appropriate
- Facilitate communications with schools and other strategic prevention education host site partners, as needed
- Responsible for redesigning Prevention Education and developing an Outreach program
- Researched best practices and statistics
- Facilitated and presented at Prevention Education events and trainings
- Facilitated a data migration project from Salesforce to a new platform to better measure outcomes and grant reporting
- Researched and implemented Human Resource manual recommendations
- Assisted in writing grants for the Office of Victims of Crime, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, and various foundations

Trauma/Outreach Social Worker Department of Surgery/Trauma

November 2017- June 2018

Howard University Hospital

- Worked closely with the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grant's (OVSJG) to create and implement "Project Change: Male Survivors," a grant funded program.
- Assisted with the creation of a Strategic Plan for therapeutic approach to work with survivors of violent assaults during hospital and post discharge to address trauma
- Created and implemented TRIUMPH: Trauma Recovery Initiative- Utilizing Multiple Paths to Healing- A Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program
- Created a holistic case management model based on SAMHSA's eight dimensions of wellness
- Met survivors of violent assaults (gunshots, stab wounds, assault, domestic violence, intimate partner violence) at bedside to establish rapport, offer services post discharge, provide therapeutic interventions, provide psychoeducation around trauma, attempt to prevent retaliation, prevent polyvictimization, and explore masculinity
- Worked closely with community partners such as the Wendt Center, LAYC, Washington Hospital Center, PG County Hospital, Metropolitan Police Department
- Built a relationship and created a Memorandum of Understanding with community partners such as &pizza to streamline employment for survivors
- Member of the Victim Assistance Network and the Trauma Survivors Network
- Advocated on behalf of survivors with the juvenile justice system, attorneys, judges, and the legal system
- Collaborated with grant partners and community based organizations
- Certified in SBIRT

Social Worker

November 2015- November 2017

Permanency Administration & Office of Youth Empowerment D.C. Government: Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)

- Participated, represented the agency, and testified in court hearings; trials, dispositions, permanency reviews, probable cause, etc.
- Produced written and verbal court reports and service plans

- Utilized assessments such as the Caregiver Strength and Barriers (CSBA), Child And Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale® (CAFAS), The Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale® (PECFAS®), etc.
- Assessed for safety using critical thinking and Danger and Safety assessment
- Interpreted and applied various policy, state and federal regulations to determine recommendations for the legal status of children
- Produced written assessments such as case notes, assessments, service plans, and social histories on the District of Columbia's Statewide Automated Child Welfare System, FACES
- Conducted interviews with resource parents, biological parents, kin, and children
- Participated in drafting domestic violence policy
- Participated in the Safe and Together, domestic violence model training and trauma systems therapy training
- Created goals for permanency for children and advocated for child's best interest
- Utilized clinical skills and trauma informed practice to assess clients, work with clients in crisis, assess for trauma
- Assessed and referred families to appropriate services and benefits based on their needs
- Partnered with community based organizations
- Partnered with schools to create and monitor child's IEP, educational progress, appropriateness of school placement, and over all education.
- Worked with family to develop goals and objectives for case plans
- Empowered clients and reduced barriers
- Work with contract monitors to resolve issues
- Analyze data and trends of the child welfare system
- Learned and worked with client's cultural norms and sensitivities
- Specialized in older youth and the transition from out of the foster care system

Intern

Worcester County Health Department: Mental Health & Core Service Agency
Berlin, MD
August 2014 – June 2015

Volunteer Center/Career Services Coordinator Graduate Assistant

Salisbury University

August 2014 – June 2015

Support Staff 2013- 2015

Diakonia Inc. Homeless Shelter: Ocean City, MD

Student Intern 2013

Department of Juvenile Services: Salisbury, MD

Children's Activity Director 2014
Sunset Island Resort: Ocean City, MD

PRESENTATIONS

- Human Trafficking Conference Salisbury, MD
- Dominion International Church

- Various middle schools in the District of Columbia, partnering with the D.C. Attorney General, Karl Racine, and his office
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Symposium on Human Trafficking
- Department of Human Services

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/ COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wicomico Mentoring Project, Stop the Violence Recreation Center, Team Effort-Bahamas, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Terrebonne Area Restoration Project (TARP) - Louisiana, Domestic Violence Center, Camp Hope – Frostburg, Maryland, Dean's List, Phi Alpha Honor Society, Emmanuel United Methodist Church Scholarship



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Shannon Sigamoni



Shannon has always had a passion for working with vulnerable populations. She is currently the Director of Programs at FAIR Girls, an anti-human trafficking nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. She supervises both the Housing Manager and Direct Services Manager, and provides oversight for both the Housing and Direct Services teams and staff. She is also currently a board member for Young Ladies of Tomorrow, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing recidivism and detention rates for at-risk urban females through various programs. Prior to joining FAIR Girls in June 2018, Shannon worked in the Trauma Department at Howard University Hospital where she helped implement a hospital-based violence intervention program. The intervention program had a special focus on young men of color and trauma. Prior to that, she spent two years at Child and Family Services Agency where she provided direct services and case management to youth who were aging out of the

foster care system. Shannon previously worked at a homeless shelter and ran wellness groups for women, interned with Maryland's Department of Health and provided individual therapy, and Maryland's Department of Juvenile Services. Shannon also identifies as a survivor of domestic violence.

Shannon received her Bachelors and Master's degree in Social Work from Salisbury University. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) in D.C. She is also a certified violence prevention professional, has been trained in motivational interviewing, mass disaster assistance, trauma, the domestic violence safe and together model, among other modalities.

She currently resides in Ward 7 in Washington, D.C. with her husband and two dogs. In her free time, Shannon enjoys traveling, exploring the city, and trying new brunch spots.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To:

Gianelle Rivera, Steve Walker

From:

Betsy Cavendish

Date:

November 18, 2019

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Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of a resolution nominating Crystal Jacobs, Lenore Jarvis,

Karen Barker Marcou, Shannon Sigamoni, Laila Leigh, and Ashley Joyner

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This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish