



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

April 22, 2024

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 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), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Rhonda Pope Brown
4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)

for reappointment as a professional counselor licensed in the District member of the Board of Professional Counseling, for a term to end July 1, 2027.

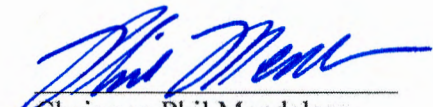
Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

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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Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Rhonda Brown to the Board of Professional Counseling.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Professional Counseling Rhonda Pope Brown Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Ms. Rhonda Pope Brown
4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)

as a professional counselor licensed in the District member of the Board of Professional Counseling, established by 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), for a term to end July 1, 2027.

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.

Rhonda E. Pope Brown, MA, LPC

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Licensed Professional Counselor – Washington, DC PRC 13820

Post Graduate Education:

Master of Arts in Community Counseling May, 2000

Trinity College, Washington, DC

Master's Project: "Homeless Adolescents: A view of their world" G.P.A. - 4.0

Adjunct Professor Experience:

Adjunct Professor of Law/Social Work - Juvenile Justice Clinic (JJC), The Georgetown University, Washington, DC August 2011-present

- Consult with JJC Law students to discuss non-legal questions regarding their clients;
- Work with JJC Law students in issue spotting and prioritizing the social and mental health needs of their clients;
- Offer direction as to how to gather relevant social records (school, mental health, neglect);
- Provide guidance in identifying appropriate resources to address social and mental health needs of their clients;
- Lecture on topics relevant to court involved adolescents (ex., brain development & trauma)
- Maintain weekly office hours to consult, explore resources and/or to prepare for disposition.

Guest Class Speaker: Ethics in Forensic Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Washington, DC February 2012

- Discussed the ethical issue associated with working with court involved adolescents;
- Provided guidance to work through ethical challenges that arise in working with teens;
- Addressed how culture impacts ethical matters.

Counseling Experience:

Forensic Professional Counselor - Office of Rehabilitation & Development

The Public Defender Service, Washington, DC May 2008-present

- Develop diagnostic assessments and prepare extensive court reports;
- Gather and analyze bio-psychosocial data;
- Devise, recommend, and implement individualized treatment plan;
- Acquire and interpret and analyze psychiatric and psychological documentation;
- Assess and evaluate client's need for psychological, neurological or psychiatric testing, and, in consultation with defense counsel, makes referrals to clinicians, other outside mental health expert or assistance (treatment/program for substance abuse, housing, employment, including mental health, etc.);
- Provide crisis intervention, case-based counseling, and referral services in order to immediately stabilize the client's situation;

- Supply the attorney and judge with information and interpretation of physiological, psychiatric, psychological, biological, and sociological factors of client.

**Rhonda P Brown,
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Clinical Care Manager - Cigna Behavioral Health

Cigna Insurance, Lutherville, Maryland April 2007-December 2007

- Assessed participant's mental health need and determine most appropriate level of care.
- Collaborated with mental health providers on treatment plan and aftercare for participants.
- Answered Crisis calls from participants or family members who need urgent support.
- Informed participants, family members and providers of participant's mental health benefits.

***Licensed Professional Counselor - Duke Addictions
Consult/Intervention***

Duke University Health Systems, Durham, NC August 2006 - April 2007

- Consulted with Medical Center staff regarding substance using patients.
- Provided Mental Health diagnostic assessment and evaluation for patients/students.
- Used Motivational Interviewing to treat patients with Substance related issues.
- Provided Individual, Group and Family Therapy for patients.
- Co-facilitated women's therapeutic group that focused on Addiction, Sexual Trauma, Anxiety/Depression and Grief/Loss.
- Provided Individual therapy for research study participants using Extinction model for Crack-Cocaine drug use.

Director of Family Support /Licensed Professional Counselor

Healthy Babies Project, Washington, DC June 2003-August 2006

- Worked with Senior Management to identify and solve daily workforce issues.
- Supervised 4 Family Service Workers, (FSWs), 4 Nurse Case Managers (NCMs) and Masters of Counseling and Social Work students.
- Evaluated work performance of FSWs, NCMs and Students.
- Co-coordinated human resources and program orientation for new staff.
- Conducted staff trainings on Addiction, Depression and Stress management.
- Implemented human resources policies, programs and procedures.
- Created goal plans with staff and treatment plans with clients.
- Facilitated educational sessions on substance use and conflict resolution for adult parents and teen parents.
- Provided Diagnostic Assessment & Evaluation for program participants.
- Directly served participants with especially complex problems or situations, particularly those requiring crisis intervention or counseling.
- Provided case management and Individual, Couple, Group and Family Counseling.
- Marketed Healthy Babies Project to the community.
- Established relationships with schools and social service agencies.
- Evaluated program and overall grant implementation.

- Counseling resource to staff and building partners.

**Rhonda P. Brown,
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Community Counselor

Mary's Center, Washington, DC October 2000-December 2003

- Provided in-home and on-site Individual/Family counseling for diverse client population.
- Educated families on Substance use, Depression & its effects on pregnancy & family.
- Created and facilitated self-esteem and substance use workshops for District of Columbia Public school students.
- Trained Mary's Center Program staff on working with clients with Mental Health issues.
- Maintained case files for clients receiving mental health services.
- Consulted and reviewed cases with Case Management staff to identify mental health issues of clients and formulated treatment plans.
- Identified community resources and refer clients as needed.
- Developed procedure for administering depression screening to participants.
- Assisted Program Director with data collection for Healthy Start grant.

Counseling Intern/Volunteer

Washington DC Parole & Supervision Services February 2000-May 2000

- Facilitated cognitive behavior groups on drug and alcohol related issues.
- Provided psycho educational sessions for men with Addiction, Anger and Grief issues.
- Provided crisis prevention & intervention services.
- Completed intake and conducted initial counseling session.

Counseling Intern/Volunteer

Center of Addiction Pregnancy, Forestville, MD June 1999-May 2000

- Provided Individual and Group therapy to substance abusing, pregnant women.
- Co-facilitated bi-weekly group for women with Addiction and Sexual Abuse related issues.
- Provided crisis intervention and prevention.
- Developed and maintain treatment plans/progress reports.
- Facilitated monthly self esteem group.

Undergraduate Education

Bachelor of Arts in Radio and Television May, 1987
The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Communication & Television Experience

Data Analyst - Department of Energy (DOE) January 1999-October 2000

ISSI Consulting Group, Silver Spring, MD

- Provided administrative and clerical support to the DOE Office of Communications.
- Coordinated travel plans for the Director of Office of Communication and staff.
- Set up weekly staff meeting with staff and field offices via teleconference.
- Provided general information to the press.
- Provided general information to the public regarding DOE/FE publications.
- Maintained daily news items list for Senior Staff and staff members for circulation.
- Managed Office of Communication's Library.

TV Systems Engineer June 1997-December 1998

The Capital Connection, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

- Marketed Capital Connection telecommunications services to area businesses.
- Developed marketing plans in order to achieve budgeted revenue objectives.
- Negotiated cable television contracts for new customers.

Videotape Operator December 1993-May 1997

Henninger Media Services, Washington, DC

- Operated videotape machines for recording and playback.
- Performed duplication of recorded information.
- Maintained inventory of videotapes.
- Shipped and mailed recorded materials to station affiliate.

Videotape Operator and Librarian September 1990-May 1993

Black Entertainment Television, Wash., DC

- Operated videotape machines for recording and playback.
- Performed duplication of recorded information on to tape.
- Maintained inventory of new video tape stock and recorded programs.
- Shipped and mailed recorded materials to station affiliate.
- Recorded live programs for play back.
- Managed the retrieval and re-shelving of program materials.

Computer Skills: Microsoft Office

Organizational Skills: Flexible, Reliable, Team Oriented, Strong time management, Effective communicator, Objective and Analytical thinker

Public Service Experience:

- Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- Conduct Self Esteem workshops for Teen Leadership program (GEMS)
- Food Delivery – Food & Friends, Washington, DC



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Rhonda Pope Brown



Ms. Rhonda Pope Brown is a native Washingtonian with 20 years of counseling experience.

With extensive experience working with adolescents with mental health and substance use issues and their families, her areas of specialty are trauma, depression, sexual abuse, loss and adolescent behavioral issues. Believing in mental wellness and community support, Ms. Brown has worked with agencies to provide counseling and to promote the importance of addressing mental and behavioral health. She is skilled at working within the juvenile justice system and the health and human services systems of the District of Columbia and surrounding areas.

To assist in promoting healthy birth outcomes and decreasing the high infant mortality rates in the District, she became the Director of Family Support Services and Licensed Professional Counselor at Healthy Babies Project, where she managed the Healthy Start program that provided home visitation, case management to pregnant teens & women and their families.

Her passion is working with and advocating for teen clients. She currently is a Forensic Professional Counselor for the Office of Rehabilitation and Development for the Public Defender Service of Washington, DC, as well as an Adjunct Professor for the Georgetown University Juvenile Justice Clinic.

Ms. Brown is committed to tackling the effects of trauma on families, as well as shattering the stigma associated with mental illness. She works with clients from a strength-based, positive, and affirming perspective. Ms. Brown believes in a warm, relaxed, and comfortable approach to counseling, which is usually sprinkled with a little humor and sports references.

A Ward 4 resident, Ms. Brown earned her Bachelor of Arts in Radio and Television from George Washington University and her Master of Arts in Community Counseling from Trinity College.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: April 9, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Rhonda Pope Brown as a member of the Board of Professional Counseling

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolution and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Erika Satterlee, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish