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MURIEL BOWSER

MAYOR

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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 212 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.12), which established the Board of Social Work ("Board"), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

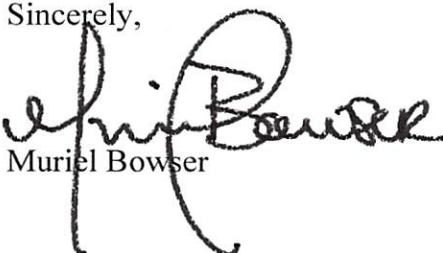
Ms. Danielle Nelson
5000 Call Place SE
Washington, DC 20019
(Ward 7)


for appointment as an independent graduate social worker licensed in the District member of the Board of Social Work, replacing Davida Harper, for a term to end March 3, 2019.

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,


Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,
which was referred to the Committee on _____

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Danielle Nelson to the Board of Social Work.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THAT this resolution may be cited as the "Board of Social Work Danielle Nelson Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Ms. Danielle Nelson
5000 Call Place SE
Washington, DC 20019
(Ward 7)

as an independent graduate social worker licensed in the District member of the Board pursuant to section 212 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.12), replacing Davida Harper, for a term to end March 3, 2019.

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.

Danielle Nelson, LGSW



Social Worker deeply committed to using strength based approach and trauma informed care with 10 years of experience working with vulnerable populations, particularly low-income and homeless families in school and residential settings, and individuals with varied disabilities in Washington D.C.

EDUCATION

Howard University School of Social Work, Washington DC

MSW, May 2007

Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work

Trinity College, Washington DC

BA, Psychology, May 2004

Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology

Phi Beta Kappa Society

EXPERIENCE

The Young Women's Project

Center for Young Adults

3938 Benning Road, NE, Washington, DC 20019

Program Manager

(July 2017- Present)

- Collaborates with Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)-Office of Youth Empowerment for onboarding emancipated youth for aftercare services
- Attend youth transition planning meetings, at CFSA, and help determine if referrals are appropriate for aftercare services
- Communicate and create capacity building and case plans with pre-emancipated youths' social workers, Guardian *Ad Litem*, and other support staff
- Supervise 2 social work coordinators through training, coaching, and evaluation
- Provide in-person client assessment, support, and development directed to make progress on goals and benchmarks to 30-40 emancipated youth
- Develop and oversee training, materials, and community connections for capacity building areas including parenting, housing, and mental health
- Create and update case records and maintain client documents
- Develop systems and manage data collection for client assessment and evaluation
- Oversee individual client support systems and develop infrastructure and systems
- Oversee client assessment and evaluation and ensure that data is confidentially stored and managed
- Contribute report writing and other evaluation functions
- Contribute to administrative functions including client information systems, financial reporting, and the administration of youth support benefits

D.C. Courts

D.C. Superior Court- Probate Division

Guardianship Assistance Program

515 5th Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Social Worker Case Manager

(May 2016- June 2017)

- Conducted weekly site visits in various settings such as psychiatric hospitals, intermediate care facilities, nursing and rehabilitation centers, and day programs
- Facilitated interviews with persons under guardianship, collateral sources, care providers, and court-appointed guardians
- Conducted behavioral observations, reviewed medical records, psychological evaluations, and court dockets to complete assessments and staff visitor reports, which included resources and recommendations
- Attended staff meetings, court hearings, guardianship conferences, and professional development trainings
- Assisted with training and onboarding social workers by providing new employees orientation and training on systems and the Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP)
- Completed special projects as assigned
- Provided assistance, via telephone, to individuals with guardianship cases in probate division

Clean and Sober Streets, Inc

425 2nd Street 2 North NW, Washington, DC 20001

Counselor

(September 2016- September 2017) *Part-time*

- Provide trauma-informed care and substance abuse counseling to women in residential treatment program
- Provide recovery supportive services including random urinalysis testing
- Submit timely documentation in the District Automated Treatment Accounting System database monitored by the Department of Behavioral Health
- Provide case management services to assist in stabilizing mental health and locating housing resources to transition clients into safe and affordable housing

Monument Academy Public Charter School

500 19th Street NE, Washington DC 20002

Well-Being Counselor &

Family Recruitment Coordinator

(September 2015- May 2016)

- Provided individual and group therapy to caseload of 12 students
- Created and implemented Positive Behavioral Intervention Support systems
- Designed lessons and activities that align with social emotional learning curriculum
- Conducted family assessments and home visits to assist with developing case plans
- Provided universal, secondary, and tertiary level interventions to at-risk youth
- Attended Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings, Individualized Educational Program (IEP) meetings, and staff and parent meetings to assess students' progress and needs
- Coordinated services with external service providers as necessary
- Provided on call support and crisis intervention to students who experienced suicidal ideations, actions, and psychotic episodes
- Lead recruitment team in community outreach and family engagement
- Conducted school tours, and coordinated and facilitated orientation meetings for potential families

So Others Might Eat Inc.

60 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
New Employee Trainer, Human Resources (HR)
(June 2014- September 2015)
Employee of the Quarter (2014), SOME Inc

- Facilitated Cultural Diversity training workshops to new employees
- Assisted HR staff develop workshop evaluations
- Discussed new ways to communicate the organization's culture to new employees

So Others Might Eat Inc.

Thea Bowman House
4065 Minnesota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20019
(November 2011- June 2014)

Program Relocation

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building
141 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001
(June 2014-September 2015)
Program Manager, Department of Family Services
Outstanding Achievement Award (2012), SOME Inc. - Department of Family Services

- Provided program oversight and leadership to the transitional housing program for low-income families and processed rent, tax credit, leasing documents, resident move-ins and discharge, work tickets, and evictions
- Managed daily operations of the program and created annual budget
- Supervised case managers and program support staff, completed employee evaluations, provided and coordinated professional development opportunities, provided consultation and training, and promoted a sense of community, safety, and awareness among staff and residents
- Provided supervision and supportive services to 32 homeless families, ages primarily 18-25, referred by Child and Family Services Agency, The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness, and DC Housing Authority
- Developed benchmarks and evaluation systems for staff and for program residents
- Provided therapeutic services, such as individual and group counseling and case management to program residents
- Completed psychosocial assessments and initiated appropriate community-based referrals
- Facilitated housing orientation sessions, intake and screening interviews, and lease signings for potential residents
- Developed and implemented a framework of supportive services for adult and youth programming in the areas of financial literacy, long-term housing, educational, and employment
- Created and maintained community partnerships to assist with programming and donations
- Conducted drug and alcohol screenings to support sobriety, and facilitated relapse prevention plans
- Attended monthly interdisciplinary team meetings, organized and facilitated by District of Columbia Housing Authority, The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness, Department of Human Services, and Department of Behavioral Health

So Others Might Eat Inc.

Barnaby-Chesapeake House
740 Barnaby Street SE, Washington, DC 20032

Family Services Case Manager- Youth Services Coordinator
(November 2010- November 2011)

- Conducted needs assessments and provided family case management to 12 families
- Identified and coordinated resources which focused on education, housing, mental health, parenting, developmental stages, and financial literacy
- Implemented youth afterschool programming
- Maintained case records for caseload of 12 families
- Facilitated professional development trainings which included topics that focused on the impact of poverty on children
- Participated in case conference and co-facilitated resident evaluations with staff
- Conducted home inspections and created housekeeping initiatives
- Partnered with Project Create and developed a teen afterschool art program

Friendship Public Charter Schools

Southeast Elementary Campus

645 Milwaukee Place SE, Washington, DC 20032

Mental Health Counselor

(August 2007- June 2010)

- Provided individual and group therapy to students in Pre-K through 6th grade
- Created and implemented Positive Behavioral Intervention Support systems
- Designed lessons and activities that align with social emotional learning curriculum
- Conducted family assessments and home visits to assist with developing family case plans
- Attended Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings, Individualized Educational Program (IEP) meetings, and staff and parent meetings to assess students' progress and needs and provide recommendations and resources
- Coordinated services with external service providers as necessary
- Facilitated professional development training workshops for teachers and support staff



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Danielle Nelson, LGSW



Danielle Nelson is a licensed graduate social worker in the District.

Ms. Nelson has over 10 years of experience working with vulnerable populations. Throughout her professional and personal experiences, Ms. Nelson has dedicated her work to the residents of Washington, DC, particularly in Wards 7 and 8. She enjoys advocating for low-income families, individuals with mental and physical disabilities and substance abuse disorders. Over the years, Ms. Nelson has provided mental health services to public charter schools and served as a family engagement consultant.

A Ward 7 resident, Ms. Nelson received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Trinity College and a Master of Social Work from Howard University.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: February 8, 2018
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Danielle Nelson and Kimberly Washington to the Board of Social Work

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 me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Cavendish