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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

OCT 19 2018

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 4 of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-752.01), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

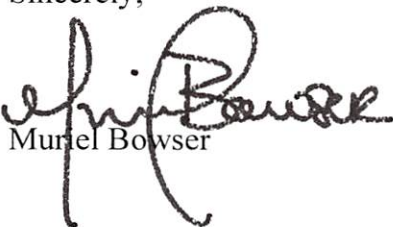
Ms. Amanda Chesney  
7223 15th Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

for appointment as a representative of organizations that are providing services within the Continuum of Care member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, replacing Jill Carmichael, for a term to end May 1, 2020.

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

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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 appointment of Amanda Chesney to the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Interagency Council on Homelessness Amanda Chesney Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Ms. Amanda Chesney  
7223 15th Avenue  
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as a representative of organizations that are providing services within the Continuum of Care member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, pursuant to section 4 of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-752.01), replacing Jill Carmichael, for a term to end May 1, 2020.

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.

# **Amanda S. Chesney, LCSW, LICSW-C**

## **WORK HISTORY**

### **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington**

Executive Director of Homeless and Housing Services 06/2016-Present (Washington, DC)

- Lead the vision, strategic planning, program design and operations of more than 25 distinct housing and homeless programs in the District of Columbia and in the state of Maryland
- Oversee nearly 300 employees; including direct supervision of a Deputy Director and 6 Directors of Housing Departments
- Oversee and approve disciplinary actions and performance improvement plans for all staff
- Work closely with government agency leadership and other funding partners in DC and Maryland
- Actively participate in Continuum of Care councils and subcommittees in District of Columbia, Montgomery, Prince George's, Southern Maryland counties in Maryland.
- Serve as Co-Chair of DC ICH Shelter Conditions Workgroup
- Facilitates staff and community trainings
- Creates and oversee budget planning and implementation for programs totaling \$14M
- Work closely with internal finance, grants, professional development, HR, development and communications teams to meet the needs of the division
- Guide, facilitate and coordinate necessary training and professional development across the division

### **Community of Hope**

Senior Director of Housing 12/2011-05/2016 (Washington, DC) Full time

- Oversee program development, contract compliance and policy creation and implementation. Coordination and monitoring of program budgets and funding source reports. Conduct internal evaluations on program and agency strategic plan goals, client documentation, social work licensing and staff performance.
- Supervise service delivery, program and crisis management for 3 housing programs including 3 Director level staff and a service team of more than 35 case managers and support staff; serving more than 250 families throughout DC and with in our Family Emergency Shelter and Substance Abuse Recovery Transitional Housing Program.
- Direct the city-wide Family Housing Needs assessment team
- Collaborate regularly with DC Department of Human Services leadership and The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness on city-wide policy and program development and implementation.
- Coordinate services across the department; create and facilitate trainings for staff on various topics including Domestic Violence, Employment Services, Suicide Prevention, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Management and more.
- Collaboration, consultation, supervision and resource sharing with agency's Medical and Behavioral Health services as needed.
- Hire and orient new staff, manage performance and terminate staff as needed.
- Provide weekly clinical supervision for social work licensed staff. Consultation and supervision with all direct service and program management staff.
- 12/2011-02/2013-served as Clinical Director of Housing Programs. Provided supervision and oversight to multiple housing programs throughout the city serving homeless and previously homeless families. Provided consultation and general supervision and training to over 35 direct service providers; including program managers and MSW's and family case managers. Developed and facilitated staff training, conducted regular chart reviews of all programs; collaborate with Director of Housing Programs and Program Managers regarding program protocols and building community partnerships with other providers.

**District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health** Mental Health Clinician-School Mental Health Program 10/2008- 11/2011 (Washington, DC) Full time

- Utilized a public health model for integrating behavioral health services within public and charter school communities serving youth age 3yrs -24yrs old.
- Conducted staff and community workshops on various mental health and behavior management topics in schools and the community including Positive Parenting, Stress

- management, Abuse Prevention, Signs of Suicide, Child and Adolescent Development etc.
- Provide teacher and administration consultations regarding student behavior, staff interventions and necessary training.
- Provided prevention services; including workshops and psychoeducation groups, early or targeted intervention for classrooms and family, individual and group treatment services
- Provided crisis intervention and community debriefing services post school or community crisis.
- Conduct diagnostic and psychosocial assessments. Monitor and assess treatment effectiveness using various evidence-based tools and create individualized treatment plans.
- Maintain documentation for Medicaid and private insurance billing for reimbursement and reauthorization for continued services.
- Provided direct supervision of MSW candidate from UPENN completing clinical field experience with the Department of Behavioral Health.

### **Chicago Lakeshore Hospital**

Hospital/Community Liaison 09/2007- 09/2008 (Chicago, IL) Full time

- Assist with child and adolescent discharge planning and community reintegration post an inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.
- Collaborate with school and community service providers, organize and facilitate hospital CEU lecture series, facilitate groups for parents, students and teachers in community.
- Some marketing and development responsibilities throughout the community regarding hospital programming

### **Ada S. McKinley Community Services** 07/2005-08/2007 (Chicago, IL) All Positions-Full time

#### **Training and Utilization Review Coordinator**

Trained clinical staff within the Intervention Division on agency, state and federal policies and procedures, use of assessment instruments and strategies for engaging parents and clients. Reviewed and conducted mental health assessments and psychiatric crisis assessments, Co-facilitate weekly clinical meetings regarding treatment issues and mental health research. Participate in agency training committee; aid in creating training curriculum for all staff across the agency. Kept a working knowledge of local, state and federal resources for referrals purposes. Advise clinical staff on specific cases or treatment alternatives.

#### **Coordinator of the Individual Care Grant Program**

Provided long term intensive case coordination and support to families and severely mentally ill youth recipients of the Individual Care Grant. Collaborated with schools, psychiatric hospitals, IL Department of Mental Health and other community mental health providers. Supervised program assistants. Completed annual reports, performed regular site visits to each of the active residential in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Texas. Maintained knowledge of annual budget and responsible achieving budgetary goals. Participate in ICG advisory council meetings with state's ICG coordinators and the administrative staff of the Illinois Department of Human Services Individual Care Grant program.

#### **Screening Assessment and Supportive Services (SASS) Clinician**

Provide short-term crisis stabilization services to severely mentally ill children, adolescents and their families. Services include mostly home-based individual and family therapy, case-management, advocacy, referral and linkage services, completion of Mental Health Assessments, and Treatment plans for a caseload of 20-30 clients. Participate in hospital treatment and discharge meetings regarding client's psychiatric hospitalizations.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Master of Social Work (2005)**

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL. Concentration: Mental Health and Families

### **Bachelor of Science in Social Work (2004)**

Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL. Social Work with Families and Communities

### **Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker-District of Columbia**

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### **Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Disorders Certificate**

DC Department of Mental Health 2013

### **CPR/First Aid Certified**

2017-2019

### **◆ MSW Field Placement Supervisor**

2007 Dominican University (Illinois)

2011 University of Pennsylvania (District of Columbia)

2017 Salisbury University (Maryland)



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## Amanda Chesney



Amanda Chesney is the Executive Director of Homeless and Housing Services for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Ms. Chesney has been an active participant with the Interagency Council on Homelessness since 2013. She also co-chairs the ICH Shelter Conditions workgroup. Since joining Catholic Charities in June 2016, Ms. Chesney has implemented a number of changes to focus her programs towards current best practices to achieve better outcomes for those served by Catholic Charities. She actively seeks to increase collaboration among regional partners to better serve the families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Ms. Chesney has expertise as a clinical social worker, with an emphasis on housing best practices, behavioral health, and non-profit management.

Ms. Chesney received a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Olivet Nazarene University and a Master of Social Work from Loyola 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:** October 11, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating members to the Interagency Council on Homelessness

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Elizabeth Cavendish