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February 25, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Ellen O'Shea to serve on the New Hampshire Victims' Assistance Commission. Ms. O'Shea's term will be for three years, from April 20, 2019 to April 20, 2022, upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

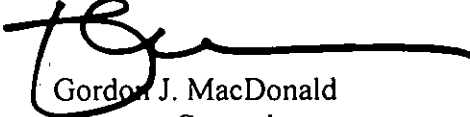
EXPLANATION

NH RSA 21-M:8-g authorizes the Attorney General to nominate, for approval by the Governor and Executive Council, members to serve on the New Hampshire Victims' Assistance Commission. This Commission reviews claims for financial reimbursement of expenses submitted by innocent victims of violent crimes. This program has been in effect since 1990.

Ms. O'Shea has a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology, and is an accomplished mental health therapist with over 25 years of experience. Ms. O'Shea's knowledge and expertise in the mental health field will continue to be valuable to the Victims' Assistance Commission in evaluating claims to ensure the victims receive the care that they need.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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Ellen O'Shea, LCMHC



Education

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| Antioch University, Keene, NH
<i>Master of Arts, Counseling psychology</i> | 1991 |
| Keene State College, Keene NH
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, magna cum laude | 1989 |
| Keene State College, Keene NH
Associate of Arts in Safety/Chemical Dependency Studies, magna cum laude | 1989 |

Experience

Southern New Hampshire Medical Center 1997- present
Nashua, New Hampshire

ACCESS Team Clinician

- Behavioral health/crisis intervention assessments in a hospital emergency department setting
- Preliminary diagnosing, treatment/discharge planning and documentation; facilitation of access to appropriate levels of care
- Coordination of hospital admissions or transfers
- Managed care precertification
- Legal coordination/documentation of NH mental health involuntary admissions
- Telephone crisis response
- Assistance with training and supervision of new colleagues

Ellen O'Shea, Counseling and Consultation 1991-1997
Keene and Wilton, NH

Psychotherapist/Trainer/Consultant

- Individual and group counseling services on an outpatient basis
- Chemical Dependency Evaluations
- Peer Leadership Training for Adolescents
- Curriculum Development and Workshop Presentations
- Contracted with: New Hampshire Teen Institute, Concord, NH
Vermont Academy, Saxton's River, VT
New England Consortium for Families and Youth, Boxboro, MA
Birchwood Counseling, Nashua, NH

Nashua Youth Council
Nashua, NH

1991-1996

Psychotherapist

- Provision of direct counseling services to children and families
- Extensive individual and group work with adolescents and adults on issues related to trauma recovery, addictions, parenting, and general family relationships.
- Provision of assessments, treatment reports, testimony and liaison services for Nashua District Court and Hillsborough County Superior Court
- Group facilitation at the NH Correctional Facility for Women
- Supervised graduate level interns
- Comprehensive training on the diagnosis and treatment of trauma

Marathon House
Dublin, NH

1991

Case Coordinator

- Individual, group and family Substance Abuse Counseling
- Organization, development and presentation of the Family Program
- Documentation, treatment and aftercare planning for adults and adolescents
- As education coordinator, facilitated learning/GED testing for residents

Monadnock Regional Substance Abuse Services
Keene, NH

1989-1991

Chemical Dependency Counselor/Group Facilitator/Evaluator

- Provision of educational and group therapy services, with self-referred and court mandated clients
- Conducted chemical dependency assessment and referral services

Beech Hill Hospital
Dublin, NH

1986-1990

Court Referral Program, Trainer/Group Facilitator

- Group facilitation and seminar presentation for this chemical dependency education and intervention program
- Chemical dependency assessment and referral

VT Dept of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Project CRASH
Springfield, VT

1981-1986

Group Leader and Lecturer

- Facilitation of alcohol/drug education groups for court mandated populations
- Individual closing interviews focused on group termination, chemical dependency assessment, and recidivism prevention.

Internships/Volunteer Experiences

- Keene State College Counseling Services, Graduate Internship, 1990-91
- Beech Hill Hospital, Graduate Internship, 1989-90
- Nashua Outright
- NH Teen Institute

Professional Certifications/Affiliations/Awards

- NH Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor, No 193
- NH Business and Professional Women's Award