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Public Ethics Commission Application

Contact Information

Name	Derrick Wright
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Phone	[Redacted]
Evening Phone	[Redacted]
Email	[Redacted]

Please answer the following questions

Are you an Oakland resident?	Yes
Years of residency in Oakland	1
Your City Council District	District 1
List any City of Oakland Boards or Commissions (including this Commission) on which you currently or have previously served:	None
Have you attended a Public Ethics Commission meeting?	No
Are you currently employed by the City of Oakland or do you have any direct and substantial financial interest in any work, business, or official action by the City?	No
Are you currently or are you planning to run for elective office in Oakland?	No
Are you currently or are you planning to endorse, support or oppose an Oakland candidate or ballot measure?	No

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Are you currently or are you planning to work on behalf of an Oakland candidate or ballot measure? No

Are you a registered Oakland lobbyist? No

Are you required to register as a lobbyist? No

Do you receive compensation from an Oakland lobbyist? No

Do you receive gifts from an Oakland lobbyist? No

List any languages other than English that you speak fluently. None

How did you hear about this vacancy? Google

Supplemental Questions

1. Why do you want to serve on the Public Ethics Commission?

I want to serve on the Public Ethics Commission because I think its important to give back and try to improve the communities in which we live. I don't just want to merely be critical of city officials and employees and complain about how they perform or do their jobs. I want to be useful, participate and join a team where I can use my time and skill to ensure they are successful and held accountable by ethics law.

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2. What skills and experience will you bring to the Commission? (Include any governmental experience, activities with civic and business organizations, neighborhood groups, or any other experience that would contribute to your effectiveness as a Commissioner.)

I am a US Marine Combat Veteran, I served in the US Marine Corps as a military policeman during Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Kuwait. I have experience with enforcing military and civilian rules and regulations.

Currently, I am a Substance Use Disorder Social Worker with HUD-VASH/Homeless Programs at the Oakland VA Behavioral Health Clinic. I provide fellow Veteran's with housing assistance and other services, specifically regarding substance use. As a masters degree level social worker, I understand policy but I also understand empathy, compassion and walking a mile in someone else's shoes.

Prior to becoming a social worker, I was a small business owner. From 2002-2012 I operated a small business in Southern California. So I understand the pride and dignity of "pulling yourself up by your bootstraps." I also understand the feeling of not having any straps to pull on because you cant afford boots. This experience gave me strength and taught me how to be creative, resourceful, and resilient but most of all, just do the right thing.

3. What issues, projects, or goals would you like to pursue while serving on the Commission?

While serving on the commission I would like to pursue getting to know the city better, building rapport with colleagues and improving improving ethical practices and transparency in government. I also believe the city can do a better job of managing resources responsibly to improve policing, reduce homelessness and poverty and make the city clean.

4. What do you think are the City's most pressing ethics, campaign finance, or transparency challenges?

I believe that the cities most pressing challenge is to deliver services openly and be completely transparent. This is the only way for it can be effective and efficient. City officials must do better at replying to city residents honestly and in a timely fashion. The City of Oakland also has to be more fiscally responsible with its resources. It must create and maintain concrete financial planning and implement it consistently.

5. What else would you like the subcommittee to know as your application is considered?

Nothing more at this time

Please provide two references

Reference 1

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Name John Cheng

Address



Phone

Email

Reference 2

Name Eugene Wease

Address



Phone

Email

Submit your resume

Upload your resume



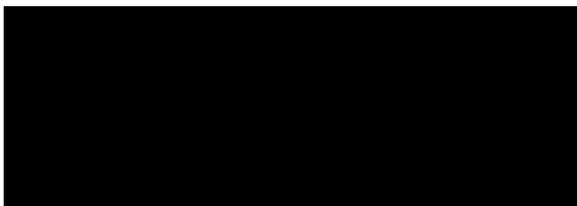
Sign and submit application

Signature



Date/Time

Feb 18, 2021

MR. Derrick Anthony Wright**Work Experience:****Oakland VA Behavioral Health Clinic****11/2020 - Present**

Salary: 77,796.00 USD Bi-weekly

Hours per week: 40

HUD-VASH Substance Use Disorder Specialist**Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:**

- * Provide extra support to the HUD-VASH Supervisor and the Homeless Program Coordinator by ensuring programming, including groups, are consistent and responsive to the Veterans' needs.

- *Provide clinical guidance and direction for new staff, HUD-VASH case managers, registered nurses, peer supports, interns, and other positions as applicable.

- *Administrative responsibility for clinical program development and accountable for clinical program effectiveness and modification of service patterns.

- *Collaborate with the other members of the treatment team in the provision of comprehensive health care services to Veterans, ensures equity of access, service, and benefits to this population, ensures the care provided is of the highest quality.

- *Provide leadership, direction, orientation, coaching, in-service training, staff development, and continuing education programs for assigned social work staff.

- *Serve on committees, work groups, and task forces at the facility, VISN and national level, or in the community as deemed appropriate by the supervisor, Social Work Executive or Chief of Social Work Services.

- Complete comprehensive clinical assessments with Veterans and their family members/significant others to fully understand a Veteran's needs and identify treatment goals.

- *Use advanced clinical training, insight, and experience to interpret data and to identify viable treatment options.

- * Utilize available resources and the initial assessment of the veteran's likelihood to accept differing types of assistance, makes initial and continuing decisions regarding use of VA services and referrals.

- *Evaluate practice on an on-going basis through participation in professional peer/quality reviews and discussions, case conferences in Mental Health, and any other organized means as indicated.

- *Initiate and effects changes in methods and interventions to promote efficient practice and improve treatment outcomes.

- *Consult with other specialists in planning treatment for Veterans and with co-morbidities.

*Receives and completes requests for services (consults) from interdisciplinary team members, clinics, and from other professionals on complex, difficult cases, using advanced practice skills and expertise.

Supervisor: Seth Siegle ((510)318 1289)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes

Step Up On Second

03/2020 - 10/2020

Salary: 53,000.00 USD Per Year

Hours per week: 40

VASH Service Coordinator II

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- *Complete HMIS homeless survey tool to determine severity of need
- *Perform eligibility assessments to verify eligibility for VA health care services and VASH housing voucher
- *Evaluate for immediate needs such as crisis intervention, medical attention, showers, clothing, food, emergency shelter, etc. Complete assessments, diagnosis, goal plan
- *Assist with housing process from applications, search, move-in.
- * Make appropriate referrals or assist with access.
- *Utilize a Housing First approach to work with Veterans to ensure rapid housing placement and stabilization
- * Identify opportunities for collaborative ventures with local apartment complexes, rental agencies, and owners of rental houses to begin the process of finding local affordable housing for the Veterans.
- *Face-to-Face mental health and clinical interventions/therapy with veterans (1-5 times a week, 2 times a month, etc.) to ensure they are engage in treatment and remain housed.
- *Establish and maintain an intensive therapeutic relationship with the veteran, family, staff, and community programs/agencies, and formulate case-management treatment goals and plans that address identified needs, stressors and problems.
- *Develop appropriate life skills plan, interventions and linkage with Veteran and VA providers.
- *Coordinate interventions with Veterans Administration medical and mental health programs, to ensure services are delivered which will promote housing retention and community integration.
- *Support Veteran once housed to ensure successful transition from the streets to permanent housing.
- *Develop collaborative partnerships with the Los Angeles VAMC, Housing Authorities for the City and the County of Los Angeles, local behavioral health organizations as well as any pertinent referral sources for the Veteran.
- *Collect and track relevant outcomes data of all tenants through the Veterans Admissions forms.
- *Document all clinical case management and psychosocial services and overall effectiveness of services provided, including crisis intervention and progress in VA Electronic Health Record.

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*Ensure compliance with contract requirements..

Supervisor: Rebecca Ricci ((213) 200-1089)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Contact me first

SISGI Group


08/2018 - Present

Salary: 0.00 USD Without Compensation

Hours per week: 20

Social Work Intern

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

*The social work Internship at SISGI Group, provided me with a unique opportunity to gain practical social work experience and leadership skills.

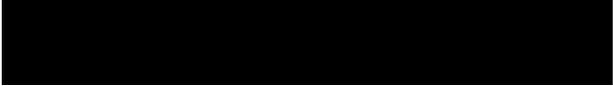
* I had the opportunity to create programs and projects around social problems such as Homelessness, PTSD, Sexual Assault and other social issues that I want to address in my career as a social worker.

*I had the opportunity to network with other interns and program alums, we worked together to create the change we want in our communities and across the globe.

*I was able to participate in management rotations that allowed me to learn general management skills, and focus on research issues and topics that interest me such as development & fundraising, cause marketing, and training & presentation.

Supervisor: Thenera Bailey (201-898-0157)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes

U.S. VETS Initiative


01/2018 - 05/2018

Salary: 0.00 USD Without Compensation

Hours per week: 16

Social Work Intern

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

*As a social work intern at U.S.VETS, I was given the opportunity to utilize and practice basic micro and macro social work skills.

*Reviewed, proofread, compiled, and edited various grant applications and proposals.

*Responsible for collecting, entering, reviewing and interpreting data from various sources.

*Managed corrective action plans, operation reports and site budgets.

*Attended Los Angeles City and County public hearings on homelessness initiatives and provided support to the Vice President of Operations and Compliance and other headquarters staff as required.

Supervisor: Jessica Rohac (702-423-9283)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes

Providence Tarzana Medical Center


08/2014 - 08/2015

Salary: 58,000.00 USD Per Year

Hours per week: 40

Supervisor On Site Access

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

*Supervised access care services on-site operations with focus on accurate registrations.

*Provided superior customer service, high employee satisfaction and maximized reimbursement.

*Ensure that the department was adequately staffed at all times to facilitate patient care, including providing 24/7 on-call support to resolve staffing or emergent department issues.

*Track key performance indicator metrics and take action on outcomes including data accuracy, patient satisfaction, compliance measures/requirements.

*Improved point of service collections and patient wait times to maximize performance, and ensure revenue cycle goals are met or exceeded.

*Responsible for the operations of all departmental budgets; including budget development, monitoring, cost approval, reconciliation of expenditures and discrepancies.

*Ensured compliance with federal, state, local laws, hospital standards and agency regulations.

*Represent access care services and revenue cycle at facility-based meetings.

*Support the integration of access care and revenue functions with facility processes to optimize outcomes and the patient experience.

*Primary responsibility for department disaster and contingency planning; develop and mentor coordinators and staff.

Supervisor: Maria (8188810800)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes

Planned Parenthood Pasadena & San Gabriel Valley

10/2013 - 02/2014

Salary: 24.00 USD Per Hour

Hours per week: 40

Assitant Clinic Manager

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

*Effectively coordinated with the Health Center Manager in all aspects of health center functions and patient care.

*Ensured all OSHA, Title X, UHPP, and PPFA guidelines and protocols are followed regarding all services; Including but not limited to personnel, fiscal, risk management, safety, pharmacy and quality assurance.

*Provided training and supervision of volunteers and staff as indicated.

*Prepare and submit, when requested, necessary reports.

- *Responsible for the inventory and ordering of all clinic supplies.
 - *Ensured appropriate scheduling of patients, and provided consultation, problem solving and monitoring of performances and evaluations.
 - *Participated in the selection of personnel (volunteer and staff) for the clinic.
 - *Recommended and implemented training needs, employee corrective actions and retraining plans.
 - *Coordinated, with the health center manager to schedule all health center staff personnel leave.
 - *Participated in a team approach to patient care, being cognizant of and responsive to the needs of patients and all health center personnel, including clinicians, in the clinic setting.
 - *Participated in and ensure training of new employees.
 - *Participated in conferences, health fairs and workshops as requested.
 - *Manage the health center efficiently and effectively; being aware of agency and budget, profit, loss, staffing needs, mission, goals and direction.
 - *Attained annual health center fiscal goals in revenue, expenses, and contribution margin.
 - *Monitored training for any and all duties that could be assigned to center's HCA I, II or III.
 - *Assured appropriate maintenance of the clinic and facility.
 - *Participated in periodic management meetings at the affiliate-wide level.
 - *Assured appropriate steps in order to ensure staff safety.
 - *Perform all other duties as assigned by the Health Center Manager, VP for Operations and/or the Chief Executive Officer.
- Supervisor:** Cheryl Pogue (6267980706)
Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes
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Wrights Kung Fu



11/2002 - 12/2017

Salary: 0.00 USD Fee Basis

Hours per week: 20

Chief Instructor

Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:

- *Established, created, operated and managed all aspects of a small business.
- *Created and implemented martial art, health & fitness, and safety programs for children, adults, families and seniors.
- *Interview, hire, train, coach, and evaluate instructors, and program coordinators.
- *Responsible for creating and managing monthly, and annual events.

*Responsible for creating sales & marketing programs to increase client recruitment, retention and gain referrals.

*Established daily, weekly and monthly enrollment and budgetary goals.

Conducted payroll functions in concert with the contracted accountant as well as accounts account payable.

*Managed account receivables with client payment processing agencies and past due accounts with collection agencies.

*Managed and maintained equipment and supply inventory , rapport building with local YMCA locations, elementary & middle schools, and after school programs to provide child safety, bully prevention and basic martial arts training to the community.

Supervisor: Self Employed (3238755449)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Contact me first

Education:

University of Southern California Los Angeles , CA United States

Master's Degree 4 /2019

GPA: 3.67 of a maximum 4.00

Credits Earned: 60 Semester Hours

Major: Social Work **Minor:** Military and Veterans

Relevant Coursework, Licenses and Certifications:

Focus on military, veterans and social change

California State university Dominguez Hills Carson, CA United States

Bachelor's Degree 8 /2012

GPA: 3.35 of a maximum 4.00

Credits Earned: 136 Semester Hours

Major: Behavior Science **Minor:** Psychology

Relevant Coursework, Licenses and Certifications:

Social Organizations, Comparative Cultures, Language and Culture, Developmental Psychology, Seminar in Behavior Science, Public Opinion & Propaganda, Anthropological Theories of Psychology Women Class & Race, Social Change in Modern Latin America, Perspective in American Culture, Cultural Pluralism, Human Struggle, Introduction to Philosophy Ethnic-Minority Relations, Anthropology-Psychology, Public Speaking, Logical Critical Thinking, Personal and Social Development

Santa Monica College Santa Monica, CA United States

Associate's Degree 8 /1997

GPA: 2.5 of a maximum 4.00

Credits Earned: 60 Semester Hours

Major: Liberal Arts

Central High School Cape Girardeau, MO United States

High School or equivalent 6 /1987

GPA: 2.5 of a maximum 4.00

Major: General Education

Relevant Coursework, Licenses and Certifications:

Basic Education

Job Related Training:

Motivational Interviewing 05/2019

Cognitive Behavior Therapy 05/2019

Problem Solving Therapy 05/2019

Art Therapy 05/2019
 Crucial Conversations 03/2008
 Criticism and Discipline Skills for Managers 11/2002
 Medical Legal Aspects of Health Information 11/1999
 EMTALA Seminar 12/2001

Affiliations:

National Association of Social Workers - Social Worker

References:

Name	Employer	Title	Phone	Email
Matthew Overholser	Unknown	Bookkeeper		
John Cheng (*)	South Coast Medical Group	Physician		
Solomon Smith (*)	Seven Stars Martial Arts	Martial Arts Teacher		
Thenera Bailey (*)	SISGI Group	President/CEO		
Ileana Naranjo	SISGI Group	APYD Team Lead		
Jessica Rohac Bazy (*)	United States Veterans Initiative	Vice President of Operations and Compliance		

(*) Indicates professional reference
