



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2023-0146: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of Natasha M. Pietrocola, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services in the Department of Health and Human Services, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. DISCUSSION/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (“OPBA”), representing approximately six hundred one (601) employees in the classification of Correction Officer in the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department for the period 1/1/2023-12/31/2025.

- b) Pending or imminent litigation

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0146

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services	A Resolution confirming the appointment of Natasha M. Pietrocola, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services in the Department of Health and Human Services; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 8.01 of the Charter provides that the Council shall provide by ordinance for such deputies and assistants to the Director of Health and Human Services as shall be conducive to the efficient performance of the duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. O2022-0001, dated April 26, 2022, this Council amended Section 202.10 of the County Code to require the confirmation of certain directors within the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.03(2) of the Charter provides for the appointment of County directors by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said Charter Sections 2.03(2) and 8.01, and Section 202.10.E of the County Code, the County Executive has nominated Natasha M. Pietrocola for appointment to the position of Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services in the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Natasha M. Pietrocola to the position of Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services in the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.



Cuyahoga County

Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Executive

May 16, 2023

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 E.9th, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga County Director of Senior and Adult Services*

Dear Council President Jones,

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.01 of the Cuyahoga County Charter and Section 202.10(E) of the Cuyahoga County Code, it is my pleasure to nominate Natasha Pietrocola as Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services in the Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, Ms. Pietrocola will lead an agency that strives to empower seniors and adults with disabilities to age successfully by providing resources and support that preserve their independence.

Ms. Pietrocola has almost twenty years in social services and during that time has worked in long-term care, investigating elder abuse and neglect, and led efforts in social advocacy. In her time at Senior and Adult Services, Ms. Pietrocola has served as a deputy administrator of programs and services and, prior to that role, served as a supervisor overseeing first the Grandparent/Kinship program and later the adult protective services program. Ms. Pietrocola has served as Interim Director of Senior and Adult Services since April of 2022. As part of her nomination, I have included documentation regarding her background and experience.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Roche in my office at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne".

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

NATASHA M. PIETROCOLA MEd, MBA



CAREER OBJECTIVE: Seeking an opportunity to obtain a senior leadership role which allows me to utilize my education, clinical background, and over 15 years of managerial experience to enrich and develop the organization I am a member of.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Interim Administrator

04/2022 to present

Division of Senior & Adult Services

- Responsible for oversight of the agency's \$24 million operating budget
- Encourage collaboration between budget management teams and executive leadership to develop financial plans to support strategic initiatives and programs
- Manage up to 175 full time employees and provide support, guidance, and direction for staff
- Successfully launched the Age Friendly /Livable Cuyahoga initiative and instrumental in the current planning phase
- Maintain program integrity and foster community engagement through productive relationship building
- Represent the agency to outside partners and stakeholders
- Foster new programs, ideas, and initiatives that are mission critical

Deputy Administrator of Programs and Services

10/2015 to present

Cuyahoga County Division of Senior & Adult Services

- Responsible for the oversight of Cuyahoga County's Adult Protective Services
- Responsible for the oversight of the Information Outreach Unit / Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Responsible for the oversight of the agency intake unit that fields all community concerns, questions and linkage to DSAS programs
- Facilitate the Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services Collaborative with over 180 members (Multi-disciplinary Team) to address needs of older adults experiencing abuse
- Second Vice Board Chair for Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services (OCAPS) and the Consortium Against Adult Abuse (C3A)
- Agency Chair for the Community Based Committee of the DSAS Advisory Board
- Speak and train on a local, state, and national level on best practices for serving older adults and APS specific matters

Social Services Supervisor / (APS) 1/2010 to 10/2015
Cuyahoga County Division of Senior & Adult Services Cleveland, OH

- Supervise Adult Protective Social Service Workers by providing guidance, assistance, training and oversight involving clients served
- Responsible for completing employee evaluations, making sure training needs are met and corrective action is initiated if necessary
- Ensure the APS mandate is met (ORC 5101.62)
- Assist Social Service Workers with court related matters, difficult cases and provide direction on best case practices
- Instrumental with County and Agency Stat
- Attend various committees outside of the Agency that deal with senior issues and actively participate in the County wide APS Interdisciplinary Team
- Coordinate services with all local Hospitals, Mental Health agencies, the Veteran's Administration, Home Health Care agencies, Passport, Adult Guardianship Services, etc. to ensure continuity of care for clients
- Assist in creating, revising, and implementing new program policies
- Prepare monthly stats for unit, court reports (Protective Service Orders, Guardianship Applications and Court Summaries) and track cases being kept current in the APS database

Social Services Supervisor / (GKP) 6/2004 to 1/2010
Cuyahoga County Department of Senior & Adult Services Cleveland, OH

- Managed the Grandparent/Kinship Care Program with an annual operating budget of 5 million dollars
- Supervised a team of Social Service Workers and oversaw all aspects of the Program
- Developed training protocols for agency staff and community partners on Program policies
- Responsible for outcome-based quality assurance and client satisfaction surveys
- Advocated for grandparent, relative caregivers, and child/family rights locally and statewide
- Facilitated workshops and trainings both for professionals and relative caregivers
- Conducted public speaking engagements and orchestrated community outreach initiatives
- Served as a liaison to a variety of social service committees throughout Cuyahoga County
- Responsible for writing Requests for Proposals released to community vendors
- Monitored contracts and funds allocated for various providers, as well as the reconciliation of expenditures made by these providers

- Researched and wrote grants for alternative funding sources

Mental Health Case Manager 1/2001 to 5/2004
Bridgeway Cleveland, OH

- Provided crisis intervention and stabilization services to individuals diagnosed as severely mentally ill
- Developed treatment plans
- Reviewed, monitored, and documented progress in achieving treatment goals; compliant with state, county, ODMH and other regulatory bodies standards
- Coordinated the delivery of interdisciplinary evaluations (i.e., psychiatric, medical, vocational) and assessments in order to identify each client's needs
- Networked with state and county agencies for continuance of client care through benefits entitlement
- Successfully passed compliance audit of charts with 98% accuracy
- Served as the HIPPA compliance facilitator
- Surpassed billable time requirements involving client interaction (108% average over 12-month period)

Intern (MBA Program) 5/2003 to 12/2003
Alzheimer's Association Cleveland, OH

- Developed a business plan exploring alternative revenue stream for a not-for-profit organization
- Assisted in planning and preparation for the Association's annual Memory Walk fundraiser in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lorain Counties
- Researched and implemented office downsizing project
- Engaged in various accounting projects in the finance department
- Networked with area businesses to ensure support with the Association's funding
- Worked on streamlining various programs in the services/education department

Partial Hospitalization Lead Therapist and Director 8/2000 to 1/2001
Parmadale Catholic Charities Parma, OH

- Responsible for writing treatment plans for emotionally disturbed adolescents
- Facilitated psychotherapy and psycho-educational groups
- Developed Partial Hospitalization curriculums approved by JCAHO and ODMH

- Insured all counseling services met requirements of governmental agencies responsible for funding and reimbursements

Clinical Therapist 3/1997 to 8/2000
Parmadale Catholic Charities Parma, OH

- Conducted individual and family psychotherapy sessions
- Assessed client needs and developed individualized treatment plans
- Completed Diagnostic Assessments and intake interviews
- Implemented and led the treatment team on executing treatment strategies for clients requiring behavioral management programs
- Supervised childcare workers to ensure agency standards and practices were met
- Chaired peer reviews and utilization reviews

Partial Hospitalization Coordinator 11/1996 to 3/1997
Parmadale Catholic Charities Parma, OH

- Prepared schedules for counseling routines and assessed counseling needs of clients
- Co-facilitated sex offender therapy groups
- Designed therapeutic groups on anger management, interpersonal communication, empathy, and feelings sharing through creative expressions and art therapy
- Trained childcare staff on clinical practices
- Headed quality assurance board and records reconciliation meetings

EDUCATION:

Master of Business Administration, Magna cum laude, 2004
 Cleveland State University

Master of Education, Community and Agency Counseling, Magna cum laude, 1996
 University of Toledo

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1994
 University of Toledo