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Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
Development Committee

Good Afternoon,

Please accept my resume and letter to be considered as a member of Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council. I started my career in direct practice and through hard work, perseverance and passion grown to be a part of the leadership team in the largest behavioral health organization in the Midwest. I believe my strengths are being a skilled communicator, advocate and speaker. I have shown an unwavering dedication to Janet Wattles/Rosecrance mission for the past 27 years and will show the same dedication to IMHPAC mission. I am a dependable individual and have found great joy in serving others.

The following is my past membership/board experience:

- Executive Board Member Rock River Homeless Coalition 2015-2017; local Continuum of Care (CoC) a community commitment with the goal of ending homelessness, with access to community resources and effective utilization of mainstream/community programs with the goal to optimize self-sufficiency of individuals and families.
- Served on National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) committee for Mental Illness Awareness Week 2012
- Member of National Association of Social Worker's (NASW) Illinois Board of Directors 2008-2011.

In my current role as the Administrator for Adult Behavioral Health for Rosecrance, I find great pride in offering a full array of services as a community mental health provider. I am a dedicated community servant in providing the necessary services to instill hope and assist others on their journey to recovery. I owe much of my commitment to the mental health field to my mentor Frank Ware. He would often reference Dorthea Dix who was an educator and social reformer whose devotion to the welfare of the mentally ill led to widespread international reforms. I contribute much of my success to the teachings that Frank instilled in me. He painted a picture of hope and recovery for individuals with serious mental illness. This framework/ideology gave me a deep understanding and attitude which has helped me succeed in the field of social work and fuel my passion. It is because of this unwavering dedication and passion that I believe I could be an asset and make a positive contribution to IMHPAC.

Thank you in advance for IMHPAC utmost consideration.

Respectfully,

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