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Subject: Eri Kim Advisory Committee Application Board of Health - Public Seat
Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025 12:57:13 PM

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What District do you reside in? District 1

Are you currently serving on a board or committee in Chatham County? No

If yes, which ones?

Please select from the current vacancies on which you are willing to serve: Board of Health - Public Seat

Why do you wish to serve in this capacity? Please see attached cover letter and resume

Education/Experience: Please see attached cover letter and resume

Name of Employer: Self Employed

Address of Employer:

Position: Clinical Social Worker, Psychotherapist

Work Phone: 917-294-0631

Civic Involvement: n/a

Gender: Female

Ethnic Origin/Race: Asian_or_Pacific_Islander

Year of Birth: 1971

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Chatham County Board of Health as a community member. I am a licensed clinical social worker and in addition to my work as a trauma-therapist in private practice, I am also the founder of EJ Wellness Consulting, a group practice that is committed to offering therapeutic services to clients who come from traditionally marginalized communities.

Since moving from New York City to North Carolina in the summer of 2022, I have been looking for opportunities to connect to the larger local community and participate in activities that enhance the wellbeing of others. In the last two years, I have engaged in and supported local activism and outreach, including participating in county commissioner meetings and working with neighbors on local community issues.

As a social worker, I am aware of the impact larger societal systems impact individual lives and how policies can help or harm communities. Prior to starting my own practice, I was the Senior Clinical Director of Anti-Trafficking Program, Community Programs and Hotlines at Safe Horizon, the nation's largest crime victims' services provider. Survivors of interpersonal crime and abuse often experience a multitude of barriers on their journey toward a safe, healthy and fulfilling life due to lack of access to resources whether it's mental health services, medical treatment, safe and affordable housing and childcare to name a few. In my professional roles, I have collaborated with city council members, law enforcement, policy makers and stakeholders to advocate for the needs of survivors. I have served on committees that were successful in developing streamlined connection to trauma-informed health services for women, expanding access for LGBTQ survivors in our domestic violence shelters and use of technology to broaden our reach to young survivors and advocating for the change in the emergency housing application process through the New York City Housing Authority. My work also included ensuring the care for our clients through regular collaboration with medical professionals, child protective services, the police and family or criminal courts. The programs at Safe Horizon support a diverse group of clients from different geographic, racial, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and understanding how interventions are understood and interpreted based on clients' cultural norms have been integral to the success of the programs. In addition to my work at Safe Horizon, I was also an adjunct associate professor at New York University's Silver School of Social Work where I have taught courses on systemic oppression, trauma and interpersonal violence, and delivering services to vulnerable families at the masters and bachelors levels. I have provided training to schools, non-profit and for-profit organizations on mental health, trauma and anti-oppressive practices in the workplace. I have also spoken on these topics at national conferences and panels.

The core values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity and competence that are the foundation of the social work code of ethics guide the work I do. I believe my professional background and education would serve me well as a member of the Board of Health.

I've attached my resume for your review. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eri Kim', written in a cursive style.

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Related Work Experience

Co-Founder, EJWellness Consulting, New York, NY; Chapel Hill, NC

Founder and clinical supervisor of EJ Wellness Consulting, a group practice dedicated to delivering trauma treatment to individuals, couples and families from traditionally marginalized communities. Supervise LCSWs on staff, coordinate intake and training requests. (2022-present).

Psychotherapist in Private Practice, New York, NY; Chapel Hill, NC

Provide evidence-based interventions to individuals, couples and families presenting a wide range of conditions, including complex trauma, grief and loss and issues pertaining to assimilation and acculturation. Provide mental health, diversity, and related consultation to public and private organizations. (2017 – present).

Adjunct Associate Professor, New York University Silver School of Social Work

Taught required and electives courses at the undergraduate and masters' levels, including Diversity, Racism, Oppression, & Privilege, Modern Families, and Family Violence. Engage in classroom facilitation, curriculum development, and student assessment. (2011- 2022).

Senior Clinical Director, Safe Horizon Anti-Trafficking Program, Community Programs & Hotlines, New York, NY

Directed and managed service delivery across three program areas in accordance with agency mission statement, city, state, and federal policy, and funding goals. Analyzed client data and led quality improvement initiatives, including developing, facilitating, and managing trainings for staff. Supervised social work managers on client practices for in-person and telephonic interactions, and staff supervision. Provided case consultation and interventions on high risk, high profile and complex cases. Conducted vicarious trauma training for staff across the agency. Collaborated with Vice President on re-structuring and re-designing of programs. (January 2016 – February 2019).

Clinical Director, Safe Horizon Community Programs, New York, NY

Oversaw the implementation of trauma-informed framework Risking Connection and standardization of services across programs. Responsible for training and staff development utilizing concepts including trauma and critical-race theory and anti-oppressive practice. Coordinated launch of telephonic intake line. Made recommendations for service delivery enhancements. (July 2011 – December 2015)

Trauma Therapist, Safe Horizon Counseling Center, New York, NY

Deliver evidence-based and anti-oppressive trauma treatment to children and adult survivors of crime and abuse. (August 2013- February 2019).

Director, Safe Horizon Manhattan Community Program, New York, NY

Managed the day-to-day operations and service delivery to all crime victims including survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, robbery etc. in accordance with agency, City, State regulation and funder requirements. Provided supervision and training to case managers and MSW interns. Established and fostered relationships with community resources, provided training and workshops on the effects of victimization to community partners. (September 2008 – July 2011).

Supervising Social Worker, Safe Horizon Willow House, Bronx, NY

Provided clinical, task and group supervision to case managers, childcare workers and MSW intern. Met with domestic violence as well as human trafficking survivors for individual and family counseling on an as need basis. Developed a children's activity group on family violence and trauma. (November 2006 – July 2007; November 2007 – September 2008).

Acting Director, *Safe Horizon Willow House*, Bronx, NY

Managed the operations of the domestic violence shelter in accordance with agency, City and State policy and regulations. Executed decisions around client intake, discharge and interventions. (July 2007 – November 2007).

Family Advocate, *Asian Taskforce Against Domestic Violence*, Boston, MA

Created comprehensive, culturally sensitive children's program including groups for children and parent-child play sessions tailored to each family's needs. Provided educational, medical and legal advocacy for domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking victims. Supervised MSW and bachelor's level interns and volunteers (August 2005-November 2006).

Intern, *Astor Child Guidance Center*, Bronx, NY

Managed a caseload of six individual clients ages 5-11. Presenting problems ranged from post-traumatic stress to developmental- and adjustment disorders. Developed and co-lead short-term processing group for foster children. (September 2004 – May 2005).

Intern, *Court Appointed Special Advocates*, New York, NY

Provided advocacy in the Brooklyn Family Court through case management, supportive counseling with families and working with child welfare workers, attorneys and judges. Created training program on domestic violence. (September 2003 – April 2004).

Selected Presentations

Fordham University: "Engaging Victims of Crime with Complex Trauma Histories." (March 2018).

Fordham University: "Understanding the Impact of Race and Racism in Clinical Interactions." (May 2017).

Minnesota Tri-County Community Action: Poverty, Renewing a Spirit of Hope Symposium. (April 2017).

New York University Silver School of Social Work: "Where do Asians Belong? Unpacking the Asian Pacific Islander Experience." (April 2017).

New York University Silver School of Social Work: "Exploring Cultural Identity: The Asian/Asian American Experience." (April 2016).

New York University: Keynote Speaker Phi Alpha Honors Society Induction Ceremony. (October 2015).

Office of Victim Services Conference 2015: Engaging Victims of Crime with Complex Trauma Histories. (October, 2015).

New York University Silver School of Social Work and the Chinese Student Support Group "Voices of Young Asians and American Asians in the U.S. (April 2015).

Freedom Network Conference 2010: Exploring Housing Options for Various Survivors of Trafficking. (March, 2010).

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, National Conference: Best Practices in Providing Shelter for Survivors of International Human Trafficking. (August 2008).^[1]_{SEP}

New York University Silver School of Social Work: "What Keeps our Clients Poor? Assessing Poverty in Practice." (September 2007).

Publications

Hawkins, R. L., & **Kim, E. J.** (2010). The Socio-economic Empowerment Assessment: Addressing poverty and economic distress in clients. *Clinical Social Work Journal*.

Other Experience

Interviewer and Community Ethnographer; Social Capital, Race, and Poverty in the Lives of Hurricane Katrina Survivors, New Orleans, LA. (July 2006 – September 2008)

Researcher, *ProSieben*, New York, NY. (May 2002-July 2003).

Senior Writer, *Fashion Wire Daily*, New York, NY (July 1999-April 2002)

Associate Editor, *Weekly ASCII*, Tokyo, Japan. (March 1997-June 1998)

Research Assistant, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, Tokyo, Japan. (June 1996-March 1997)

Interpreter, Tokyo, Japan. (June 1994 – April 1996)

Education

Silver School of Social Work, New York University, New York, NY

Master of Social Work, May 2005

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York NY

Master of Science, May 1999

International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

BA in Communication, June 1994

Certifications and Skills

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in New York State

EMDR trained

Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy

TF-CBT

Risking Connection

Attachment, Regulation and Competency (ARC)

SIFI Certification 2007

Native speaking ability in Japanese and German