

Application Form

Profile

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Affordable Housing Finance Committee: Submitted

Homeless: Behavioral Health

Seat Name (if applicable)

This application is used for all boards and commissions

Merry

First Name

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Middle Initial

Walernsa

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

El Cerrito

City

CA

State

94530

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Contra Costa County

Employer

Coordinator of Family Services

Job Title

Providing services through the
Wraparound Program

Occupation

Do you, or a business in which you have a financial interest, have a contract with Contra Costa Co.?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a member of your family (or step-family) employed by Contra Costa Co.?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Education History

Select the highest level of education you have received:

☒ Other

Masters Degree /rehab Counseling

If "Other" was Selected Give Highest Grade or
Educational Level Achieved

College/ University A

NIU

Name of College Attended

Rehabilitation Counseling

Course of Study / Major

Units Completed

Type of Units Completed

None Selected

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Masters of Arts

Degree Type

May 2007

Date Degree Awarded

College/ University B

Southern California U

Name of College Attended

Family Counseling

Course of Study / Major

finished my program

Units Completed

Type of Units Completed

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Degree Type

Date Degree Awarded

College/ University C

JFK College

Name of College Attended

Pharmaceutical

Course of Study / Major

6 credits

Units Completed

Type of Units Completed

☒ Semester

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Degree Type

Date Degree Awarded

Other schools / training completed:

School of the Art Institute

Course Studied

6 years

Hours Completed

Certificate Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Work History

Please provide information on your last three positions, including your current one if you are working.

1st (Most Recent)

11-1-17 to present

Dates (Month, Day, Year) From - To

40 hours

Hours per Week Worked?

Volunteer Work?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Coordinator for Family Services

Position Title

Employer's Name and Address

Merry Frances Walensa 5523 Zara Ave El Cerrito, Ca 94530

Duties Performed

I provide services to our Family Partners staff who are going out into the field to work with families who have a child that requires more health, safety and better Living Experience, in order to grow and complete education. I hire and fire and train the Family Partners. I gather resources and attend many meetings that involve our work here. So I do go to many Health Services meetings all week. I follow and lead the Family Partners. I am ready to meet with anyone who needs my services or experiences.

2nd

9-1-2010 -10-31-17

Dates (Month, Day, Year) From - To

40

Hours per Week Worked?

Volunteer Work?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Analyst Counselor for Vocational
Services Mental Health

Position Title

Employer's Name and Address

Merry Frances Walensa 5523 Zara Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530

Duties Performed

As an Analyst for Contra Costa County Vocational Services, I performed intake, counseling, referral and resources for the consumers. I also represented the consumer with his doctor or therapist, and with partners. I also referred and represented our consumers to our contracted partner, the Department of Rehabilitation of California for 7 years.

3rd

9-1-2007 - 8-21-2010

Dates (Month, Day, Year) From - To

40

Hours per Week Worked?

Volunteer Work?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Senior Rehabilitation Counselor

Position Title

Employer's Name and Address

My primary client was the high schools and I worked within the Transition Program. I helped the schools' counseling team to move students from the IDEA program, where they aged out of services, into the Adult Program at Department of Rehabilitation. Our goals were to train, educate, employ, help and guide students through their years following high school experiences. The students were transitioning into the California Adult Services for people with disabilities under the ADA. '

Duties Performed

I collaborated with school officials, teachers, counselors to help students to move through the system without being left behind. I began working with some students at the age of seventeen, so they could transition into Services at the Department of Rehabilitation, I did intake notes, wrote Plans for Education or Employment. I stayed with the student as they moved through the system to gain the skills and ability to be independent as they could become. I helped them build their own ideas of what they could possibly do for a job, while educating them about the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), the guide to most jobs in the United States. By providing the information to the student from resources such as OOH, we were able to guide the students into the "best fit" occupational training, and job development. We used California and Federal dollars to provide them with what they needed to become successfully employed, or as independent as possible in their life style. We closed cases successfully while following the client, reviewing their goals and their ability to follow through. Also, I went out into the community and gave training, information and contact information to community services and our partners.

Final Questions

How did you learn about this vacancy?

☒ Contra Costa County Homepage

If "Other" was selected please explain

. Do you have a Familial or Financial Relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relations?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:
