PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT: Favorable 4-0: Council Members Harrison, Dernoga, Franklin, and Medlock.

Absent: Streeter

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee convened on September 15, 2022, to consider appointments to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities for Prince George's County of Mr. Kafi B. Agboola, Mr. William R. Brownlee, Ms. Phyllis A. Holton, Ms. Doris L. Jones, Mr. Frederick J.M. Kamara, Mr. James E. McDowell, Jr., Ms. Natalie G. Mitchell, and reappointing Ms. Veronica Davila-Steele, Ms. Tiffany Harkless, Mr. Raymond Raysor, and Ms. Marja Reed.

The Commission works with stakeholders to jointly address and promote the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities. This Commission has 20 volunteer members that serve a two-year term and has existed since 1986.

Mr. Kafi B. Agboola, a resident of Bowie, is a Medication Therapy Management Pharmacist with Aspen RxHealth, where he consults with patients to collect their comprehensive medication history. In addition, he educates patients on disease state management and medication therapy to ensure the best health outcomes.

Mr. Agboola received his Bachelor of Science degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and his Master of Science degree from Xavier University (OH). He will serve as an Agency/Provider member.

Mr. William R. Brownlee, a resident of Bowie, is a Business Services Representative/Staffing.

Specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education – Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS). As a well-versed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Network Trainer, he provides

education and training to employers in understanding the complexity of hiring individuals with disabilities and advises employers accordingly. He will serve as an Agency/Provider member.

Ms. Veronica Davila-Steele, a resident of Oxon Hill, has served on the Commission since 2018 as a general member.

Ms. Tiffany Harkless, a resident of Accokeek, has served on the Commission since 2019 as a consumer member.

Ms. Phyllis A. Holton, a resident of District Heights, is Deputy Director for Operations with Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities. She oversees the organization's finance, human resources, development, special projects, and outreach functions. She possesses over thirty (30) years of experience working with and supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She will serve as an Agency/Provider member.

Ms. Doris L. Jones, a resident of Suitland, is a long-time Prince Georgian. She is currently a Professional Trainer with Graduate School USA after retiring from a federal government career spanning nearly two (2) decades. Ms. Jones has benefited from Maryland Relay services after being diagnosed with Spasmodic Dysphonia, a voice disorder. She understands firsthand how individuals with disabilities cope and public perception. Ms. Jones will serve as a Consumer member.

Mr. Frederick J.M. Kamara, a resident of Bowie, has more than four (4) decades of experience in social policy, planning, administration, management, teaching, and disabilities. He previously served as Chairman and Chief Commissioner of the National Commission for Persons with Disability (NCPD) in Sierra Leone and implemented provisions of the Persons with Disability Act. Mr. Kamara also served as a Special Education Teacher and Case Manager with the District of Columbia Public Schools. He will serve as a consumer member.

Mr. James E. McDowell, Jr., a resident of Adelphi, is a long-time educator and is currently an

Alternative I Teacher, Counselor, and Substitute with Montgomery County Public Schools. He works with students, families, teachers, and community stakeholders to de-escalate and stabilize student behaviors in grades 6th through 8th. Mr. McDowell brings instructional and operational leadership and will serve as a general member.

Ms. Natalie G. Mitchell, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is a Program Manager I with the Division of Rehabilitation Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services. She plans, coordinates, supervises and evaluates staff in four offices in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Mr. Mitchell has over 30 years of experience working with people with differing abilities and will serve as a general member.

Mr. Raymond Raysor, a resident of Greenbelt, has served on the Commission since 2014 as a consumer member.

Ms. Marja Reed, a resident of Upper Marlboro, has served as a provider member since 2018.

After discussion, The Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee voted the appointments to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities out favorably, 4-0.