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Meet the PCA Workforce Council

What is the PCA Workforce Council?

The Council was established in 2012 to represent the interests of the state and PCA employers. The Council, and Office of Policy & Management's Office of Labor Relations, negotiates and administers the PCA collective bargaining agreement with the union that represents PCAs, 1199 SEIU-NE. Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor, the Commissioners of the Departments of Social Services and Developmental Services, the State Healthcare Advocate, and leaders in the Connecticut General Assembly (legislature). The PCA Workforce Council receives administrative support from the Office of Policy & Management.

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PCA Workforce Council Members

Susan Weisselberg, Chair, Office of Policy & Management

Sue serves as Chair of the PCA Workforce Council and is appointed by the Governor. She is currently the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management (the state budget office). Prior to joining OPM as Deputy Secretary, she served as Chief of Wraparound Services for New Haven Public Schools, Chief Legal Counsel to the House Democrats at the Connecticut General Assembly, and Coordinator of New Haven's \$1.5+ billion School Construction Program.

Mary Caruso, Advocate & Parent of PCA Employers

Mary is a single mom of two young adults who live their life with Friedreich's ataxia, a progressive neurological condition. She carries a unique perspective of important disability issues that relate to her family. She was appointed to the PCA Workforce Council in an effort to support the rights of employers. Mary has a background in the field of art and has extensive volunteer experience at both local and state levels.

Greg McMahon, Department of Developmental Services

Greg McMahon is appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). He has worked as a Director of Self-Determination in the DDS South Region for the past 15 years. His responsibilities include management and administration of services for those individuals and families who self-direct their support. Greg provides support to DDS' Self-Advocate Coordinators (Individuals with disabilities who are hired by DDS to support self-advocacy initiatives). Prior to his time at DDS he served as Executive Director at the Arc of New London County.



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Sheila Mulvey, Advocate & PCA Employer

Sheila S. Mulvey of Plantsville is appointed by the Connecticut Healthcare Advocate. She is an employer in the federal waiver program representing a family member who receives services from the Department of Developmental Services. Sheila served as Chair of the Board of the former Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities and is a former chair of the Department of Developmental Services Advisory Council. For the past 45 years she has worked professionally and voluntarily to support the needs of persons with disabilities.

Carl W. Noll, Advocate & PCA Employer

Carl is 74 years old and married to Noreen Noll for 52 years. He is the father of three challenged children. Eric, the oldest, is 51 years old and is autistic. He lives with Carl and Noreen. Carl and Noreen have been advocates since the beginning. Eric has been served by DMR (now DDS) and DSS since he was selected for the Self-Determination Pilot Program in the mid 1990's. Their son Robert is blind, and has lived at Oak Hill (Connecticut Institute for the Blind) since he was 5 years old. He is now 47 years old. Daryl, their youngest, has a secondary learning disability, is married, and lives a relatively normal life. Carl was appointed by Senator Fasano.

Kathy Bruni, Community Options Unit, Department of Social Services

Kathy is appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. She is co-lead of the Department's Community Options Unit.

Kathleen Flaherty, Executive Director of the Connecticut Legal Rights Project

Kathy Flaherty is appointed to the PCA Workforce Council by the Governor. She is a person living in recovery from a mental health diagnosis and is the Executive Director of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, a nonprofit legal services agency providing representation to low-income people with mental health conditions. She is also a member of the steering committee of the Connecticut Cross Disability Lifespan Alliance and vice chair of the Keep the Promise Coalition.

Therese A. Nadeau, Advocate & PCA Employer

Therese is was appointed by Governor Malloy in 2015 as a member of an organization representing people with physical disabilities. Therese will be co-presenting fellow Council member Sharon Denson this afternoon. Please see the presenter bios for more information about Therese.

Rev. Joshua Pawelek, Parish Minister, Unitarian Universalist Society

Rev. Pawelek was appointed by Governor Malloy in 2016 as a member of an organization representing the interests of elderly consumers.

Sharon Denson, Attorney, Executive Director of the Connecticut Business Leadership Network and President of Aldot Training



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Sharon was appointed by the Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff representing the interests of persons with physical disabilities. Sharon will be co-presenting fellow Council member Therese Nadeau this afternoon. Please see the presenter bios for more information about Sharon.

PCA Workforce Council Staff & Fiscal Intermediary Staff

Melissa Morton, Planning Analyst, Office of Policy & Management

Melissa is a Planning Analyst for the Office of Policy & Management and helps staff the PCA Workforce Council. Among other duties, Melissa assists individuals who contact the Council through the PCA Workforce phone line and e-mail. She is the contact for the union with respect to the implementation of certain terms in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (contract) including PCA training and orientation.

Jennifer Putetti, Policy and Communications Association, Office of Policy & Management

Jennifer is an attorney and Policy and Communications Associate for the Office of Policy & Management (OPM) and helps staff the PCA Workforce Council. In addition to her policy and legislative work for OPM, she provides research and legal support to the Council and helps implement certain terms in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Eric Gervais, Director of Financial Services, Allied Community Resources

Eric Gervais is the Director of Financial Services for Allied Community Resources. Eric has been with Allied for over 10 years and currently oversees the payment processing, accounting and Medicaid billing departments.

Valerie Giannelli, Manager of Provider Service, Allied Community Resources

Valerie is the Manager of the Provider Service department at Allied Community Resources. She has been with Allied for nearly 12 years and oversees the processing of employment applications, provider directory applications, provider credentialing and service approval activities.

Carina LeBlanc-Reno, Customer Service Supervisor, Allied Community Resources

Carina is the Customer Service Supervisor for Allied Community Resources. Carina currently oversees the Customer Service department.

Laura Wells, Director of FI Services, Sunset Shores of Milford

Laura is the Director of FI Services for Sunset Shores. Laura has worked in FI services for over 17 years and is responsible for the overall management of the FI program. She has worked in the field of ID/DD for over 27 years as direct care staff, teacher, program director, clinical director/QMRP in residential, school, day and self-directed settings in CA, NY, and CT. Laura supports her 50 year-old sister-in-law with intellectual disabilities and raised her now 24 year-old daughter.