

DATE: 9-2-08

TO: City Clerk

FROM: City Representative Beto O'Rourke

ADDRESS 10th Floor TELEPHONE 541-4123

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT X REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of September 9, 2008

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Mary Castillo to the City Accessibility Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term as requested by City Representative Beto O'Rourke, District #8.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: CITY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOMINATED BY: City Representative Beto O'Rourke DISTRICT: 8

NAME OF APPOINTEE Mary Castillo
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Rebecca E. Baca

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 2/6/2009

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: _____
RESIGNED _____
REMOVED X

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 9/9/08

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 2/6/09

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: _____
2nd TERM: _____
UNEXPIRED TERM: X

Mary Castillo

Objective

To obtain employment that will allow me the opportunity to practice and refine my knowledge, skills, and values as a professional Social Worker. Employment to allow the exchange of information and enhance Social Work knowledge, promoting health, growth and well being in a professional setting.

Experience

2007-Present Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services El Paso, Texas
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

- Work with individuals with disabilities and impediments to employment enter the workforce
- Provide Counseling and Guidance to individuals with disabilities
- Network with community partners provide education on work tax incentives in hiring people with disabilities and establish referral sources.
- Serve as a VR Mobility specialist for vehicle modifications, wheelchairs and adaptive/assistive technology.
- Advocate for ADA rights of people with disabilities.

2005-2007 Upper Rio Grande @ Work El Paso, Texas
Program Coordinator

- Supervised a pilot program, Customized Employment for people with disabilities.
- Worked to integrate Customized Employment into the Upper Rio Grande One Stop Career Center.
- Produced procedures manual for Customized Employment Program.
- Involved with Upper Rio Grande at Work Board taskforce implementing systems change for city of El Paso.
- Managed monthly Consortium meeting with area agency partners for Customized Employment collaboration
- Attend monthly Upper Rio Grande Workforce Board meetings
- Member of Upper Rio Grande Workforce Disabilities Subcommittee.

2000-2002 Texas Department of Health El Paso, Texas
Program Specialist II

- Recruited Social Workers and Nurses for case management in regions 9&10.
- Performed case management for children with special healthcare needs.
- Provided quality assistance to Social Workers and Nurses in regions 9 &10.
- Involved in children's with disabilities monthly meetings and yearly Symposium.

1998-1999 IHS of El Paso El Paso, Texas

Assistant Social Work Director

- Performed administrative duties for Social Work Department.
- Recruited area doctors for patient placement for Nursing Home.
- Managed patient caseload of 80-100 with quarterly assessments.
- Provide patient and family counseling regarding death and dying issues.

1994-1998 East -West Institute El Paso, Texas

Director/Administrator for Social Work Department

- Developed Social Work Department of local area doctors.
- Extensive knowledge and work with Workers' Compensation Law.
- Profound success in appealing denial claims in Workers' Compensation.
- Counseled and assisted patients experiencing disabling hardships.

Education

1987-1992 New Mexico State University Las Cruces, N.M.

- Bachelors of Social Work with Honors.
- Graduated Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society.
- Crimson Scholar Honors NMSU
- Deans National Honor Society List

Community Interests

Board Member of Sun Metro CAC Board

Member of Social Work Academy

Member of Area Network for Disabilities and Aging

Member of Upper Rio Grande Workforce Solutions Disability Subcommittee

Member of Upper Rio Grande Workforce Solutions Consortium on Disabilities

Tips

I am a Licensed Social Worker.