

George Latimer County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Asian American Advisory Board, due to the newly created Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Dr. Bhavana A. Pahwa, 1 Deer Run, Rye Brook, New York as a member of the Westchester County Asian American Advisory Board, for the term January 8, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of January, 2021.

George Vatimer County Executive

Office of the County Executive

Email: CE@westchestergov.com Telephone: (914)995-2900



George Latimer County Executive

January 8, 2021

Dr. Bhavana A. Pahwa 1 Deer Run Rye Brook, NY 10573

Dear Dr. Pahwa,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Asian American Advisory Board, effective today Friday, January 8, 2021, pursuant to Executive Order Number 7 of 2019. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Asian American Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Asian American Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form will be mailed to you under separate cover.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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BHAVANA A. PAHWA - MA, LCSW- R, PhD 1 Deer Run, Rye Brook, NY 10573 914-934-8455/ 914-420-9959 bpahwa@hotmail.com

Education

Ph.D. (Social Work), University of Texas at Arlington, Texas (May, 2005)
M.S.S.W. (Social Work), University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
M. A. (Communications), Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
B. Com., (Business Management), University of Bombay, India

Scholarships: Rotary International Scholar: 1983-'84.

Professional Experience

July 2015 - Present DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU, White Plains,

New York.

Responsibilities: Supervise staff. Develop and maintain Youth Bureau budget. Grant writing. Program Evaluation, Marketing & PR. Develop programs consistent with Youth Bureau goals. Liaison with City and community organizations. **Accomplishments:** Successfully sustained various programs at the Youth Bureau by securing funding and implement fund-raising initiatives. Applied for and secured more than 10 million dollars in grants. Developed the first and only bi-lingual health & wellness magazine in Westchester – LIVING WELLNESS.

October 2004-July 2015

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU, White Plains, New York.

Responsibilities: Develop prevention initiatives and programs consistent with the goals of the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS). Prepare and manage program budgets. Supervise licensed clinical staff and prevention/ fitness specialists. Grant writing. Provide program evaluation assistance to Youth Bureau Departments. Write speeches for special events and press conferences as requested for the Mayor of White Plains. Prepare press releases for special events. Coalition Director and Evaluator for the White Plains Cares Coalition. Liaison with federal, state, and local organizations on grant related matters. Supervise the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program and the White Plains Youth Court. Supervised the delivery of prevention services for the Westchester County Collocation Program. Program provided intensive services to high-risk youth and families with substance abuse issues who are involved with probation or CPS. Responsible for developing prevention education and training programs for contracted service providers, coordinating prevention services, needs assessment, and working closely with County and State agencies for developing targeted services in the communities where program is being implemented.

Accomplishments: Developed the "Institute for Health & Wellness" for youth, which serves youth ages 6-21 yrs. with comprehensive youth development programs aimed at promoting health & wellness. Conceptualized and developed the Real G.I.R.L.S. Academy. Supervise the overall operation of several after-school programs for youth. Provide clinical supervision for prevention counseling and parenting programs. Successfully formed and maintained partnerships with community organizations. Planned and implemented a comprehensive resource utilization and community mapping project. Developed the strategic and

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sustainability plan for the White Plains Cares Coalition. Written funded grants worth over \$1,500,000. Supervised the development and implementation of the first White Plains Community Youth Court.

April 1993 – Present

CONSULTANT/ EVALUATOR - SAPVC.ORG, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas; Drug Free Communities Program, White Plains Youth Bureau; SCHOOL AGE PARENT PROGRAM, A.I.S.D., Arlington, Texas

Serve as a consultant for the development of the sapvc.org (substance abuse prevention virtual community). Design and evaluate the effectiveness of the substance abuse prevention online prevention program. Partner in writing related articles for publication in peer reviewed journals.

Conduct comprehensive evaluation of the White Plains Cares Coalition programs and activities. Prepare data for quarterly and annual reports. Prepare reports based on the bi-annual youth survey. Provided comprehensive services for needs assessment, planning services, and program evaluation.

December, 1997- **PREVENTION & INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, ARLINGTON I.S.D., Texas.** June 2003 **Responsibilities:** Planning and implementing the delivery of prevention

Responsibilities: Planning and implementing the delivery of prevention and intervention programs in schools in the Arlington Independent School District. Schools ranged from Pre-school to High School. Provided individual and group counseling to high-risk youth. Delivered violence and drug prevention programs. *Accomplishments*: Served as liaison and coordinator between administrators, counselors, and teachers at 14 schools. Provided individual, group, and crisis counseling. Case management. Administered and interpreted the SASSI (Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory) and other assessment instruments as needed. Designed/ provided in-services/ trainings for faculty and administrators. Designed computerized accountability system for program. Played key role in developing program from inception to its current state. Designed various marketing and administrative tools such as the program brochure, web site, referral forms, monthly data collections tools.

September, 1994-August, 1997 August, 1997 August, 1997 August, 1997 August, 1997 August, 1997 August, 1997 August undergraduate and graduate courses. Developed and taught the Masters course on Social Work Practice in Schools. Other subject areas: Social Work Direct Practice and Technology Use in Social Work.

August, 1993-May, 1994 STUDENT ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST, Arlington I.S.D., Texas Responsibilities included intake, assessment, evaluation and documentation, case-management, crisis counseling, individual and group counseling. Provided faculty training and parent education programs.

Professional Volunteer Experience

June 2018-	MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, "AWAKE" (ASIAN WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
Present	FOR KINSHIP & EQUALITY) FOUNDATION, WESTCHESTER, NY

March 2010-MEMBER OF REVIEW PANEL FOR EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS, NEWPresentYORK STATE OFFICE OF ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

May 2009 -GRANT REVIEWER FOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS (SAMHSA,PresentMARCH OF DIMES)

Sept. 2007 -MEMBER, EXEC. CMT. EXCHANGE CLUB OF WHITE PLAINS, White Plains,Dec. 2009New York

January 2007-	MEMBER, MARCH OF DIMES COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY
Present	COMMITTEE, Westchester County, New York
October 2004 –	MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHITE PLAINS COMMUNITY THAT
Present	CARES COALITION. White Plains, New York
October 2004 –	MEMBER, POW'R AGAINST TOBACCO COALITION,
Present	Westchester County, New York
March 2002 -	MEMBER, COMMUNITY IMPACT COUNCIL, UNITED WAY,
June 2003	Tarrant County, Texas
Sept., 2000 -	MEMBER, ARLINGTON HUMAN SERVICE PLANNERS
June 2003	COORDINATING COMMITTEE, UNITED WAY, Arlington, Texas
Sept., 1999 -	MEMBER, TARRANT COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
June 2003	ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Ft. Worth, Texas
Aug., 1999 -	MEMBER, YOUTH CHALLENGE 2000 TASK FORCE, ARLINGTON
Aug., 2000	HUMAN SERVICE PLANNERS, Arlington, Texas
May, 1998 - June 2003	MEMBER NORTH SECTOR PLANNING LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE & PARTNERSHIP FOR NORTH ARLINGTON, City Of Arlington, Texas
1996 - 1999	CHAIR, NASW/TEXAS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE,
Aug., 1997 -	MEMBER, TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION IMPLEMENTATION TASK
May, 1998	FORCE, Arlington Human Service Planners, Arlington, Texas
Aug., 1996-	COMMUNITY MEMBER, SITE BASED DECISION MAKING TEAM,
Aug., 1998	VENTURE SCHOOL, A.I.S.D., Arlington, Texas.
Feb., 1997-	CO-CHAIR, A.I.S.D. TASK FORCE ON UNDERAGE DRINKING -
Nov., 1998	COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE, Arlington, Texas.

Conferences/ Seminars

Publications	Presented at several national and state conferences. Details available on request.
2007	Pahwa, B. & Schoech, R. (2007). Online Prevention: Overview and Evaluation of an Online Anger Management Exercise. <u>Journal of Technology in Human</u> Services (accepted for publication).
2003	Pahwa, B. Technology assisted evaluation of school social work services. Journal of Technology in <u>Human Services: 21(1/2):</u> Haworth Press.
2003	Pahwa, B. (Editor). Technology Assisted School Based Mental Health Services: Defining School Social Work for the 21 st Century. Haworth Press. Also published as a special issue of the Journal of Technology in Human Services: 21(1/2): Haworth Press.
2003	Pahwa, B. (2000). Team up to save lives: Software Review . <u>Technology in</u> <u>Human Services: 21(3)</u> . Accepted for Publication.

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Pahwa, B., & Williams, M. (1996). <u>Instruction Manual: Technology Use in</u> <u>Social Work Practice</u>. UTA School of Social Work Center for Research & Technology.

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Other Experience

August, 1983-
June, 1984**PROJECT DIRECTOR, DESIGN DATA INC., Dallas, Texas.**
Primary responsibilities were data processing for market research applications,
business development, and supervision of data processing staff.

May, 1978-July, 1981 ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, OGILVY & MATHER ADVERTISING, Mumbai, India. Developed and implemented creative strategies and advertising plans consistent with marketing objectives.

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions		
STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss.:		
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)		
I, <u>BHAVANA PAHWA</u> do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support (Print or Type Name)		
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will		
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISEL in and for the		
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability. Date: //2.12021		
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 th day of <u>fanuar</u> , <u>Zuz</u> , <u>Manu</u> <u>(Signature)</u> <u>Cloria</u> <u>Cusano</u> (Print or Type Name) <u>Notay</u> <u>public</u> (Title of Official Administering Oath)		

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.

GLORIA CUSANO NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK NO. 01CU6048052 QUALIFIED IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 09-18-20_22