

Application Form

Profile

Gigi _____ R _____ Crowder _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt _____
 Home Address

_____ CA _____
 City State Postal Code

_____ Primary Phone

_____ Email Address

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 3

NAMI Contra Costa _____ Executive Director _____
 Employer Job Title

Length of Employment

6 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

All

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

21 years

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Racial Justice Oversight Body: Submitted

Seat Name

Gigi Crowder

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

22

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

University of California, Berkeley

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA Psychology

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I have been a home owner and tax payer in Contra Costa County since May 2002 and have a vested interest in ensuring the funds raised from this sales tax are allocated in a manner consistent with reimagining public safety and improving health outcomes for all. I have a keen understanding of how appropriately utilizing these new financial resources, through cost effective methods with community input can result in a better quality of life that could allow for more economic opportunities for all residents. I understand that when services and programs are not made available where they are most needed it results in greater cost down the line for all. I think we have an obligation to wisely use these additional dollars to address long standing inequities that put a drain on our system. I want to work with individuals who love this county as much as I do to create a county that meets the needs of all by prioritizing and redefining safety while promoting community and belonging for all citizens. I want to share my ideas around key resources and community defined practices we can use to promote and utilize to promote equity and reduce the glaring disparities we see in the criminal justice system. My over 30 years in the mental health field equips me with the skills and knowledge needed to approach challenges using an appreciative inquiry, strength based, and solutions focused application. I am great at looking at root causes and applying compassionate approaches that allow for positive outcomes.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

I have over 30 years in social services, specifically mental health managerial positions. I am therefore well informed about the fact too often individuals living with mental illnesses are criminalized and incarcerated when they have unaddressed trauma and live with untreated mental health diagnosis. I served as the Ethnic Services Manager for Alameda County Behavioral Health Services and worked alongside Nationally Recognized Subject Matter Experts exploring racial biases that lead to disparities and misdiagnosis etc for those most harmed due to systemic racism. I'm hopeful my background as a Champion for Change as an Advocate can be used to improve outcomes as it has across the State by serving in a Clergy, Family member and Professional role utilizing my lived experience to train others and promote community defined strategies that produce promising outcomes.

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Yes No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

Measure X CAB

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

Measure X CAB

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

I served as the Chair of the Social Justice Advisory Committee for the California Behavioral Health Directors of California for 4 years. 2012 to 2016 I have several volunteering obligations that I have committed to in an effort to improve safety in this county. I volunteer and utilize my own resources by supporting work lifesaving work in faith based and non profits campaigns to end homelessness and support those living with mental illness. I volunteer more than 8 hours a week feeding those who are living with a mental illness and unsheltered in Antioch. I am the current Chair of the Statewide Mental Health and Spirituality Initiative. 2014- present I was the Founding Chair of the Alameda County African American Health and Wellness Committee that manages 2 million dollars annually to reduce behavioral health disparities in Alameda County. 2013 -2016. Co- Chair of the Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Care Partnership. I have served on numerous non profit boards as Treasurer, Secretary and President. I am currently supporting the Miles Hall Foundation based in Walnut Creek as a Volunteer Consultant. I train Prison Chaplains and other Faith and Spiritual Leaders about mental illness and the importance of understanding how they can best support and advocate for those impacted.

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

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 relationships?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

I am the Executive Director of NAMI Contra Costa County and responsible for administering deliverables through a contract with the Behavioral Health Department. I have no personal contract with the county.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

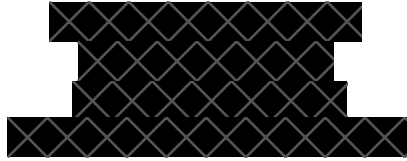
I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and undersand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

Gigi R. Crowder, L. E.



CAREER OBJECTIVE:

My desire is to continue to serve as a highly qualified Executive Director using my vast leadership skills to offer development support, technical assistance, strategic planning and capacity building to a non-profit agency, or other grass root entities that promote culturally responsive community identified practices to improve outcomes for those impacted by mental illness. I hope to use my skills and knowledge to embrace wellness and recovery models to transform systems and support the empowerment of all people seeking to improve the quality of their lives.

EDUCATION:

June 1985 University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Psychology

September 1990 American College of Sports Medicine, Certification, Personal Fitness Training

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

January 2017- Present

Executive Director - National Alliance of Mental Illness Contra Costa, NAMI CC Pleasant Hill CA. Lead Executive managing day to day operations with a core of Volunteers and Board Members. Duties include managing the budget, fund development and representing NAMI CC as its primary leader.

September 2015 – March 2017

Fund Developer/ Grant Writer – National Alliance of Mental Illness Contra Costa, NAMI CC Pleasant Hill CA. Responsible for identifying private and public funding opportunities and developing successful proposals to receive funds for a non- profit advocacy agency committed to reduce mental health and reentry stigma and supporting those the live with mental health challenges and their families.

January 2010 – Present

Master Trainer and Co- Creator of Mental Health Friendly Communities a comprehensive faith-based stigma reduction curriculum designed for advancing efforts to address and eliminate health disparities for all ethnic and cultural communities. Successfully implemented in eight California counties to

specifically improve outcomes in the African American Community through a contract with CalMHSA's Each Mind Matters Campaign.

July 2009 - Present

Principle- GRC Consulting, Antioch, CA

Offering support and technical assistance to non-profit agencies, faith centers and other grass roots organizations. Work with Leadership to build their infrastructure and capacity to work with governmental agencies while carrying forward their identified vision and values needed to achieve their mission and goals. Organizational development coaching to support the building of effective, proactive boards, design and creation of strategic plans. Fund development support to position entities to respond successfully to public, private and governmental procurement processes and funding opportunities.

May 2007- September 2016

Ethnic Services Manager – Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Oakland CA.

Responsible for insuring services delivery is culturally effective and responsive. Work includes working collaboratively with historically unserved /underserved communities, inappropriately served communities, families, and consumers to promote inclusion and reduce disparities. Core responsibility is focusing on reducing health disparities for unserved, underserved and inappropriately served communities by identifying community defined approaches that best meets their needs.

January 2003 - 2007

Program Specialist - Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Oakland CA. Responsible for monitoring contracts with both mental health and alcohol and other drugs service providers, in the role of a liaison, provide support to management for special projects, provide ancillary resources for SACPA providers, provide supervision and support to Medicare Part D resource staff, provide technical assistance to consumer operated programs.

September 1999 - December 2002

Founding Director of Employment Program – Bay Area Community Services, Oakland CA.

Supervised a staff of 12; which included Job Developers and Job Coaches for an employment program that provided employment supports to individuals with severe psychiatric disabilities throughout Alameda County. Responsibilities included monitoring a contract with the State Dept. of Rehabilitation, hiring staff, training staff, facilitating employment groups working with other CBOs, benefits counseling, fund development, managing the program's budget, preparing program for CARF accreditation.

June 1992 – September 1999

Transitional Employment Program Coordinator – Bay Area Community Services, Oakland CA.

Provided employment and other daily living skills services to adults with severe psychiatric disabilities in a full day psycho-social rehabilitation program. Duties included development of meaningful work in the community for program participants, assisting consumers with removing barriers to employment,

working with employers to develop supportive work environments, job coaching, facilitating of job seeking groups, providing vocational training in food service, clerical, janitorial and landscaping. Responsibilities included Medi-Cal charting and billing. Participated in utilization reviews and other requirements of Alameda County BHCS.

August 1990 – June 1992

Job Developer / Volunteer Coordinator – Catholic Charities of San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Served in the role of an employment counselor and volunteer coordinator for a transitional residential program for homeless youth. Responsibilities included identifying and removing barriers to employment, assisting with development of appropriate employment opportunities. Provided support to individuals and groups of volunteers who connected with the residents to help them reach their goals.

May 1988 – February 1990

Job Developer – Rubicon Programs Inc., Richmond CA. Primarily responsible for development of employment opportunities for adults with various barriers to employment for a rehabilitative program. Facilitated weekly job readiness classes, identified, and removed barriers to employment, worked closely with State Department of Rehabilitation Counselors, provided benefit counseling, served as a consumer and family member advocate.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Certified as a foster parent in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Coordinator of a faith based mentoring program for adolescent at risk girls.

Service on the Board of Director for several non-profit agencies.

Served as lead researcher and coordinator for a utilization study addressing the mental health disparity that exist for the African American Community in Alameda County.

Cultural Competency Trainer/CBMCS and other tools.

Honors/Positions

Inducted into the Alameda County Women Hall of Fame, 2002

Recipient of the 2016 NAMI CA Cultural Competency Community Leader Award

Current Chair of the California Mental Health and Spirituality Initiative.

References provided upon request.