



# Community Mental Health Services *of Livingston County*

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October 22, 2020

Commissioner Carol Griffith  
Livingston County Board of Commissioners  
304 E. Grand River Ave.  
Howell, Michigan 48843

Subject: Request for appointment to Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board: Patrick Bridge

Dear Commissioner Griffith:

This letter is to request appointment of Patrick Bridge to the Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board. As you can see from the attached letter he brings a depth of knowledge and expertise that will be an asset to our Board. Mr. Bridge will be replacing Ms. Jan Aubry. She vacated her position after 26 years of service on December 31, 2019.

We ask for his three-year appointment to begin January 1, 2021 and end December 31, 2023. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Constance Conklin  
Executive Director

Livingston County Board of Commissioners  
304 E. Grand River Ave, Suite 201  
Howell, Michigan 48843

October 19, 2020

Dear Livingston County Board of Commissioners,

My wife and I moved into the county in July of 2018, after 22 years in Plymouth/Canton. We have spent the last 2 1/2 years getting to know the area and I am now ready to become more involved in my new community. This letter is to indicate my interest in being appointed to the Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board of Directors.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Eastern Michigan University, a Master of Science in Security Administration from the University of Detroit, and a PhD in Theoretical Evaluation and Research with a Minor in Community Medicine from Wayne State University. I believe my educational background allows me to bring a unique perspective to the Board, one firmly grounded in research methods and statistics and a deep understanding of the literature that underlies best clinical practices.

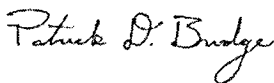
I currently work at the University of Michigan Medical School (UMMS) as the Director of Evaluation, Assessment, and Quality Improvement. As part of my work at UMMS, I serve on several committees, including the Accreditation Steering Committee, Curriculum Policy Committee, and the Competency Assessment Committee to name a few. Prior to working at the UMMS, I worked at Wayne State University (WSU) for 19 years, starting as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and retiring from WSU as an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education in the School of Medicine.

Working at state universities, receiving grants from both the federal government and state of Michigan, I am aware of the importance of using tax dollars wisely. Maintaining a balance between providing clinically proven services by experienced staff while keeping spending within bounds is a constant challenge. The importance of excellent mental health services cannot be overstated. Helping those who struggle with mental illness, assisting families, working with law enforcement and the court system, as well as integrating mental health and physical health services where feasible are all critically important components of a sound mental health system. Livingston County is fortunate to have one of the best Community Mental Health programs in the state. There are many factors that contribute to this success, but clearly having Connie Conklin as Director is critical. I have met with Ms. Conklin and we discussed the role of an effective board member, her vision for continued mental health services in Livingston County, how an effective Board can contribute to reaching that vision, and how I could contribute.

Finally, I will mention that I have seen family members struggle with addiction and mental illness and the positive impact that treatment services can provide, further contributing to my desire to serve on the LCCMHA Board.

In advance, thanks for the opportunity and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have or if you would like professional or personal references.

Sincerely,



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