



# Community Mental Health Services of Livingston County

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November 9, 2022

**Commissioner Wes Nakagiri– Chair**  
**Commissioner Jay Gross-Chair of the Personnel Committee**  
**Livingston County Board of Commissioners**  
304 E. Grand River  
Howell MI 48843

**RE: REQUEST FOR RE-APPOINTMENT TO  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD**

Dear Commissioner Gross and Commissioner Nakagiri :

This letter is to serve as written notification of our recommendation to re-appoint the following Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board Members upon the expiration of their present term of office, on 12/31/2022:

- 1.) Lisa Berry-Bobovski, Livingston Community Mental Health Authority Board Member since 3/20/2000. Recipient Rights Committee Chair.
- 2.) Patrick Bridge, Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board Member since 11/23/2020. Member of the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHSPM)-Regional Board.
- 3.) Joanne Pfeffer, Secretary, Livingston County Community Mental Health Board Member since 11/7/2005.
- 4.) Mary Serio, Vice-Chair, Livingston County Community Mental Health Board Member since 5/28/2019. Ways and Means Committee Member Chair. Member of the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHSPM)-Regional Board.

All of the Board members listed above have been invaluable to our CMH Board and agency operations based on their vast experience, expertise and commitment to the mission of our agency. As you can see, some of the Board members (Lisa Berry-Bobovski and Joanne Pfeffer) have demonstrated a strong commitment to our Board for 15- 20 years.



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Mary Serio and Patrick Bridge are newer to our Board and have been a great asset during some difficult times and bring various expertise and experience. Both of them are also currently serving on our regional board. I am also attaching letters from each of the Board Members requesting re-appointment with some additional information that demonstrates their commitment to our agency.

It has been an honor to serve as the Executive Director with such great leadership by these board members and the other members of our CMH Board. I would like to recommend the re-appointment of all of these board members as they are invaluable to our agency operations and the residents of our county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Constance Conklin**

Executive Director of Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority

November 28, 2022

Dear Livingston County Commissioners,

I am requesting the Board re-appoint me to the Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board of Directors. I have served on the LCCMHA Board since my initial appointment in 2000. During these 22 years I have learned a great deal about the programs, operations, finance, community involvement, regional structure, recipient rights and policies of community mental health in general and LCCMHA in particular.

I have gained a tremendous appreciation for the critical services LCCMHA provides to residents of Livingston County. I have served in various board officer and committee chair roles, as well as being a Regional representative. I also served on the Executive Director search committee when Mac Miller retired and we were so very fortunate to recruit and hire Connie Conklin. I have served during lean financial times as well as flush; during challenging board interactions and during the stress of providing governance during the Covid-19 pandemic. I believe I have become a seasoned, stable, contributing member and wish to continue serving Livingston County as a member of the LCCMHA Board.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,



Lisa Berry-Bobovski

November 29, 2022

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

Dear Livingston County Board of Commissioners,

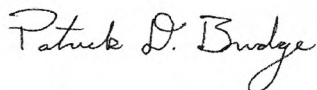
It has come to my attention that my LCCMHA Board appointment will expire on 12/31/2022. I continue to have interest in extending my appointment for another term.

I have been part of the Brighton community for the past four years, after raising my family in Plymouth/Canton. I have 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, with a focus on medical student education. I retired from WSU as an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences and an Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education in the School of Medicine.

As a member of the LCCMHA Board for the past couple of years, I have learned from those around me and hope I have also contributed to the continued success of the LCCMHA. I was recently appointed to the Regional Board and look forward to learning more about the mental health programs in other counties.

Sincerely,

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Patrick D. Bridge, PhD

11/29/2022

To: Livingston County Commissioners

From: Joanne Pfeffer

Regarding: Intent of continuation of my CMH Board Membership

At your request I am writing to express my continued commitment and availability to serve the Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority as a board member.

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November 29, 2022

To: Livingston County Commissioners

I, Mary Serio, have served on the Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board since June, 2019. It has been an honor to learn about all the work being done in Livingston County to help those in need of mental health services. Connie Conklin and her staff went above and beyond any expectations I could have imagined during the Covid-19 crisis. Their dedication during these times reflects their commitment to help not only consumers but each other. Serving on the board has widen my concern and dedication to help those in need.

Prior to joining the board, the only background I had in mental health is in my volunteering over the past 12 years with Ashley's Friends. This is a grief support program for children. Our philosophy is based on "No child should grieve alone." I also have some teaching experience with children of all ages but mostly 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

During my time with LCCMHA, I have been asked to serve on the Regional Board and to be on a couple of committees at the state level. I love learning and my eyes have been opened to the needs of those with Mental Health challenges and those who care and work with them.

I am asking for your approval to be reappointed to the LCCMHA Board for another 3-year term.

Thank you,

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Mary Serio