

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Abigail Frierson, Deputy County Manager

Recommendation:

Appoint four qualified individuals to serve as members of the Clark County Family Services Citizen's Advisory Committee for three-year terms ending on January 2, 2029, from the list of the following applicants: New Applicants: Angela Cook (General Public), Tammy Malich (Child Welfare Advocate), Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod (Child Welfare Advocate) and Madyson Weir (Private Provider of Mental Health). (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	CAC Appointments		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Clark County Code 2.07.040, the Board of County Commissioners appoints eleven members to the Clark County Family Services (CCFS) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to offer opinions and recommendations concerning the facilities, services and resources provided by CCFS. The eleven members represent the following groups: court appointed special advocate (1 member); foster and adoptive parent (1 member); local juvenile probation services (1 member); parent advocate (1 member); private provider of mental health care (1 member); Clark County School District (1 member); youth with foster care experience (1 member); general public (2 members); and child welfare advocates (2 members).

The four (4) vacant positions on the CAC are: one (1) general public; two (2) child welfare advocates; and one (1) Private Provider of Mental Health. There are four applicants who are qualified individuals:

Angela Cook – General Public

Angela brings a decade of frontline child welfare legal advocacy as a children's attorney and team chief at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Her extensive experience representing children, coordinating with agencies, educating professionals, and serving in leadership and governance roles enables her to offer informed perspectives on policy, resource coordination, and system improvements to enhance outcomes for children and families served by CCFS.

Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod – Child Welfare Advocate

Shannon offers deep expertise in child welfare policy, systems governance, and community collaboration through her role as Policy and External Affairs Director at The Children's Cabinet. Her experience analyzing legislation, budgets, and outcomes, coupled with a strong commitment to equity and trauma-informed practice, equips her to provide data-informed, community-centered recommendations to strengthen CCFS programs and accountability.

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Tammy Malich – Child Welfare Advocate

With 30 years of leadership in education and youth services, Tammy has dedicated her career to serving at-risk and underserved youth. Her experience overseeing alternative education, working with at-risk, low-income communities, and citywide youth development initiatives provides valuable insight into cross-system coordination, prevention, and supports critical to improving CCFS facilities, services, and resources.

Madyson Wier – Private Provider of Mental Health

Madyson brings over a decade of trauma-informed clinical experience focused on advancing the rights and well-being of children and adolescents. Her expertise in early childhood mental health, foster and adoptive systems, reunification, and kinship care—combined with her leadership of clinicians and commitment to community education—positions her to provide informed, practical recommendations to improve CCFS services and outcomes.

Accordingly, staff recommend the appointment of Angela Cook, Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, Tammy Malich, and Madyson Wier to the Citizens Advisory Committee.