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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this a letter of interest for the new permanent Guardianship Commission for Nevada. As a parent of a young woman with Down syndrome, the former caregiver of a frail senior father, and the director of an inclusive postsecondary education program for students with intellectual disabilities at UNR, I believe I have the qualifications to represent the family perspective while understanding the challenges faced by professionals supporting people with disabilities and seniors.

Over the past several years, I have presented locally and nationally about Rethinking Guardianship and assisting families to find less restrictive solutions to the support needs of their family members. I also served as a member and vice-chairperson of the Nevada Commission on Services for People with Disabilities from 2011-2015, leaving when my term limits were reached.

My passion to offer my daughter and others with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to lead vital, independent lives in the community led me to develop (and now direct) the Path to Independence program at UNR. I am aware and connected to many community resources that can enrich the lives of people with disabilities and seniors.

My Vita is attached. I have a great passion for this area and would appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

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Honors and Awards

Artistry/Creativity

Most Creative Poster, AUCD. (2009).

Research

Most Informative Poster, AUCD. (2011).

Service, Public

Member, Nevada Special Education Advisory Committee. (2011-present).

Supported Decision Making Alliance. (2017-present).

Vice-Chairperson, Nevada Commission on Services for People with Disabilities. (2011-2015).

Chairperson, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. (2006-2009).

VISTA Site Supervisor of the Year, Corporation for National & Community Service. (2006).

Service, University

UNR College of Education Administrative Faculty of the Year, UNR College of Education. (2017).

Teaching Experience

University of Nevada, Reno

EDU 212, Families and Exceptionality, 2 courses.

Research-Papers Presented

Bryant, M. H., Nevada Transition Conference, "Postsecondary Opportunities for Students with ID in Nevada," Nevada Department of Education. (October 15, 2016).

Bryant, M. H., Nevada Transition Conference, "Postsecondary Opportunities for Students with ID in Nevada," Nevada Department of Education. (October 17, 2015).

Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Rovetti, D. (Presenter Only), Dual Sensory Conference, "Rethinking Guardianship," UNR Dual Sensory Project. (May 12, 2015).

Bryant, M. H., Exploring Diversity & Equity in Higher Education, "Postsecondary Opportunities for Students with ID at UNR," UNR Diversity Committee. (February 27, 2015).

- Bryant, M. H., Mission Possible 2.0, "Postsecondary Opportunities for Students with ID in Nevada," Nevada Aging & Disabilities Services Division. (September 11, 2014).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Sierra Regional Center Presentation, "Path to Independence: Postsecondary education for students with ID," Sierra Regional Center. (September 2, 2014).
- Bryant, M. H., Interim Committee on Seniors, Veterans and People with Disabilities, "Power of Attorney for People with ID," Nevada Legislature. (May 21, 2014).
- Bryant, M. H., Exploring Diversity & Equity in Higher Education, "Postsecondary Opportunities for Students with ID at UNR," UNR Diversity Committee. (March 28, 2014).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Rovetti, D. (Presenter Only), National Conference of QDDPs 2013, "Rethinking Guardianship," National Association of QDDPs. (August 8, 2013).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Rovetti, D. (Presenter Only), Sierra Regional Center Presentation, "Rethinking Guardianship," Sierra Regional Center. (July 2, 2013).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Rovetti, D. (Presenter Only), Dual Sensory Conference, "Rethinking Guardianship," UNR Dual Sensory Project. (May 10, 2013).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Rovetti, D. (Presenter Only), Nevada Disabilities Conference, "Rethinking Guardianship," Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. (March 21, 2013).
- Bryant, M. H., TASH 2012: So Many Answers Left Unquestioned, "Rethinking Guardianship and Conservatorship," TASH. (December 1, 2012).
- Bryant, M. H., 2011 Symposium on Service and Inclusion: Improving the Member Experience Through Intentional Strategies, "Accessing the Segal Education Award," National Service Inclusion Project. (December 9, 2011).
- Bryant, M. H., 2011 Symposium on Service and Inclusion: Improving the Member Experience Through Intentional Strategies, "Supporting Members with Significant Intellectual Disabilities," National Service Inclusion Project. (December 9, 2011).
- Bryant, M. H., 2011 Symposium on Service and Inclusion: Improving the Member Experience Through Intentional Strategies, "Plenary Panel: Building the Foundation For Success," National Service Inclusion Project. (December 8, 2011).
- Bryant, M. H., AUCD Annual Meeting, "CAC Members: Meaningful Involvement Through Administering the Community Partner Fund in Nevada," AUCD. (November 7, 2011).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter & Author), Rovetti, D. (Presenter & Author), Roberts, I. (Presenter & Author), Perez, S. (Presenter Only), Hunter, T. (Presenter Only), Harrington, S. (Presenter Only), AUCD Annual Meeting, "Innovative Funding and Collaboration for Self-Advocacy in Nevada," AUCD. (November 10, 2009).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter & Author), Perez, S. (Presenter & Author), Families First Conference, "History of Self Advocacy & People First of Nevada," Positively Kids. (October 2, 2009).
- Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Mills, T. (Presenter & Author), Nevada Student Leadership Transition Summit, "Self-Advocacy & Self-Determination," Nevada Department of Education. (May 7, 2009).

Bryant, M. H. (Presenter Only), Rovetti, D. (Presenter Only), Nevada Student Leadership Transition Summit, "People First of Nevada," Nevada Department of Education. (April 21, 2008).

Bryant, M. H. (Presenter & Author), Our Lives, Our Choices, "Using National & Community Service to Fund Self-Advocacy Activities," People First of Nevada. (March 7, 2006).

Publications

Book Chapters

Bryant, M. H., Perez, S. (2009). Universal Design for Transition: A Roadmap for Planning and Instruction. *Universal Design for Transition and Community Living*. Baltimore, MD: Brookes Publishing. <http://www.brookespublishing.com/store/books/thoma-69100/index.htm>

Journal Articles

BRYANT, M. H. (2005). Guaranteeing the Promise of Freedom through Redefining Quality and Creative Individual Budgeting. *TASH Connections*, 31(3/4), 35-36.

Other

(2005). *Nevada Access-Cultural Competence & Legislative Issues* (1st ed., vol. 14, pp. 28). Reno, NV: Nevada UCED.

Service

Professional Development

Attended Conference, "State of the Art Conference on PSE for Students with Intellectual Disabilities," Institute for Community Inclusion, DC. (November 12, 2015 - November 13, 2015).

Attended Conference, "Think College Capacity Building Institute," Institute for Community Inclusion, Boston, MA. (June 6, 2015).

Attended Conference, "State of the Art Conference on PSE for Students with Intellectual Disabilities," AUCD & Institute for Community Inclusion, DC. (November 20, 2014 - November 21, 2014).

Workshop, "Think College webinar series," Think College, Reno. (October 10, 2014 - November 20, 2014).

Attended Conference, "Mission Possible 2.0," Nevada Aging & Disability Division, Reno, NV. (September 9, 2014 - September 10, 2014).

Attended Conference, "Exploring Diversity & Equity in Higher Education," UNR Diversity Committee, Reno, NV. (March 28, 2014).

Attended Conference, "Inclusive Higher Education: Moving from Good Ideas to Great Outcomes," AUCD & Institute for Community Inclusion, DC. (November 16, 2013 - November 17, 2013).

Attended Conference, "Nevada Aging & Disability Conference 2013," Nevada Agings & Disability Division, Las Vegas, NV. (September 25, 2013 - September 26, 2013).

Tutorial, "InfoEd SPIN and GENIUS Training," UNR Professional Development & Training, Reno, NV. (September 18, 2013).

Attended Conference, "AUCD Annual Meeting," AUCD, DC. (November 6, 2011 - November 9, 2011).

Attended Conference, "State of the Art Conference on PSE for Students with Intellectual Disabilities," Hellen Keller, Institute, ICI, NIDRR, NDSS, OPE, Fairfax, VA. (November 3, 2011 - November 5, 2011).

Attended Conference, "AUCD Annual Meeting," AUCD, DC. (October 31, 2010 - November 3, 2010).

Workshop, "Think College!," Institute for Community Inclusion, DC. (October 31, 2010).

Attended Conference, "State of the Art Conference on PSE for Students with Intellectual Disabilities," Hellen Keller, Institute, ICI, NIDRR, NDSS, OPE, Fairfax, VA. (October 28, 2010 - October 29, 2010).

Attended Conference, "RRR Conference," Nevada Department of Education, South Lake Tahoe, NV. (October 22, 2010 - October 23, 2010).

Attended Conference, "AUCD Annual Meeting," AUCD, DC. (November 8, 2009 - November 11, 2009).

Seminar, "Think College!," Institute for Community Inclusion, DC. (November 7, 2009).

Attended Conference, "NACDD Annual Meeting," NACDD, DC. (June 6, 2009 - June 9, 2009).

Attended Conference, "Down Syndrome Affiliates in Action," Down Syndrome Network of Kansas City, DC. (April 16, 2009 - April 20, 2009).

Self-Study Program, "Human Research Curriculum," CITI, Reno, NV. (August 20, 2008 - September 12, 2008).

Attended Conference, "International Conference on Self-Determination," Center for Self-Determination, Detroit, MI. (May 27, 2008 - May 29, 2008).

Workshop, "Cayuse Workshop," OSPA, Reno, NV. (May 13, 2008).

Workshop, "2008 Administrative Faculty Performance Criteria Training Session," UNR Professional Development & Training, Reno, NV. (April 21, 2008).

Workshop, "Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing," The Grant Institute, Reno, NV. (January 7, 2008 - January 9, 2008).

Attended Conference, "2006 Annual Conference," National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Pittsburgh, PA. (October 8, 2006 - October 10, 2006).

Attended Conference, "National Service Summit," Corporation for National & Community Service, Reno, NV. (April 11, 2006).

Workshop, "Train-the-Trainer," Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, Reno, NV. (March 28, 2006).

Attended Conference, "Our Lives, Our Choices: People First of Nevada," People First of Nevada, Reno, NV. (March 3, 2006 - March 6, 2006).

Attended Conference, "National Service Inclusion Conference," AmeriCorps, DC. (December 8, 2005 - December 10, 2005).

Attended Conference, "TASH," TASH, Milwaukee, WI. (November 9, 2005 - November 11, 2005).

Attended Conference, "Alliance for Full Participation," Alliance for Full Participation, DC. (September 22, 2005 - September 24, 2005).

Grants

Grant

Bryant, Mary H, "NCED Statewide VISTA project", Sponsored by Corporation for National & Community Service, Federal, \$143956. (October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017).

Bryant, Mary H, "Path to Independence Matley Foundation grant", Sponsored by Matley Foundation, Private Foundation, \$15000. (August 1, 2015 - July 30, 2017).

Bryant, Mary H, "Path to Independence FHN Grant -2nd Year Continuation grant", Sponsored by Nevada DHHS Fund for a Healthy Nevada, State, \$45000. (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017).

Bryant, Mary H, "Path to Independence", Sponsored by Nevada DHHS Fund for a Healthy Nevada, State, \$45000. (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016).

Bryant, Mary H, "Path to Independence McGowan Charitable Fund grant", Sponsored by William McGowan Charitable Fund, Private Foundation, \$25000. (July 2014 - June 2015).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "Path to Independence VISTA grant", Sponsored by Corporation for National & Community Service, University of Nevada, Reno, \$68391. (July 30, 2013 - July 30, 2014).

Other

Bryant, Mary H (Co-Principal), Rovetti, Diana (Co-Principal), "VISTA Youth Transition grant", Sponsored by Family TIES of Nevada, Private Foundation, \$72750.23. (June 6, 2010 - June 18, 2011).

Bryant, Mary H, "Think College Nevada Implementation Mini-Grant", Sponsored by AUCD, Private Foundation, \$50000. (December 31, 2010).

Bryant, Mary H, "Think College Nevada", Sponsored by AUCD, Private Foundation, \$15000. (January 7, 2010 - September 30, 2010).

BRYANT, MARY H (Co-Principal), Rovetti, Diana (Co-Principal), "People First Grant", Sponsored by Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, State, \$43000. (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010).

Bryant, Mary H (Co-Principal), Harrington, Scott (Co-Principal), Rovetti, Diana (Co-Principal), "VISTA Youth Transition grant", Sponsored by Family TIES of Nevada, Private Foundation, \$55326. (May 11, 2009 - May 29, 2010).

Bryant, Mary H, "Microenterprise Project", Sponsored by FHLBank San Francisco, Private Foundation, \$50000. (December 31, 2009).

BRYANT, MARY H (Co-Principal), Rovetti, Diana (Co-Principal), "People First Grant", Sponsored by Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, State, \$43000. (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009).

Bryant, Mary H (Co-Principal), Harrington, Scott (Co-Principal), "VISTA Youth Transition grant", Sponsored by Family TIES of Nevada, Private Foundation, \$55633. (May 11, 2008 - May 29, 2009).

Bryant, Mary H (Co-Principal), Harrington, Scott (Co-Principal), "MIG Grant", Sponsored by Nevada Division of Health Care Finance & Policy, State, \$253522. (October 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "VISTA Transportation Grant FY08", Sponsored by CNCS/NV COMMISSION NATL COM SV, Federal, \$5000. (July 2007 - July 2008).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "People First Self-Advocacy", Sponsored by DHHS-ACF/NV-DHHS-ODS, Federal, \$42875.45. (July 2007 - June 2008).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "National Service Inclusion 06-08 Project", Sponsored by AUCD, Federal, \$40000. (October 1, 2006 - March 30, 2008).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "AmeriCorps 06-07 Disability Inclusion Contract", Sponsored by Nevada Commission on National & Community Service, State, \$5000. (December 18, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "People First 06-07 Grant", Sponsored by Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, State, \$41676. (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "VISTA 06-07 Self-Advocacy Project", Sponsored by Corporation for National & Community Service, Federal, \$99273. (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "AmeriCorps Youth Transition Grant", Sponsored by Nevada Commission on National & Community Service, Other, \$183973.00. (2006).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "VISTA Self-Advocacy Project", Sponsored by Corporation for National & Community Service, Federal, \$92673.00. (December 11, 2005 - December 10, 2006).

BRYANT, MARY H (Principal), "National Service Inclusion Project Mini-grant", Sponsored by National Service Inclusion Project, Other, \$15000.00. (November 1, 2005 - October 31, 2006).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "AmeriCorps Youth Transition Planning Grant", Sponsored by Nevada Commission on National & Community Service, Other, \$15000.00. (November 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "AmeriCorps Disability Inclusion Contract", Sponsored by Nevada Commission on National & Community Service, Other, \$10000.00. (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006).

Bryant, Mary H (Principal), "People First Grant", Sponsored by Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, State, \$32212. (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006).

Other sponsored research

Bryant, Mary H, "Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) Certification", Sponsored by US Department of Education, Federal, \$0. (October 15, 2016 - Present).