

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: IA

Title:

Presentation of a Recommendation from Mayor Rogina to appoint Cheryl Denz to the 708 Mental Health Board

Presenter:

Mayor Raymond P. Rogina

Meeting: City Council

Date: October 7, 2019

Proposed Cost: \$

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted:

☐**Executive Summary** (*if not budgeted please explain*):

Request favorable consideration to appoint Cheryl Denz to the 708 Mental Health Board.

Attachments (*please list*):

Resume

Recommendation/Suggested Action (*briefly explain*):

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Cheryl Kelm Denz, MA, LCPC

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Saint Charles, IL 60175
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PROFILE

Ms. Denz is a life-long resident of St. Charles who has dedicated her professional career to the mental and emotional health of children and their families. Born and raised in St. Charles, Ms. Denz is a graduate of St. Charles High School and is proud to now be raising her own family in her hometown. In addition to her 20+ years as a clinical counselor, Ms. Denz owns and operates her own private practice, Riverview Counseling Services. Invested in St. Charles, Ms. Denz has purchased the downtown property housing her business and is always looking for opportunities to help the community she loves to grow and thrive.

EXPERIENCE

President and Owner

Riverview Counseling Services, St. Charles, IL 2002-Present

Ms. Denz founded Riverview Counseling Services in 2002 due to a growing need in the tri-cities area for quality developmental, behavioral, and emotional support for children and their families. She started the practice working solely with children birth to 3 within the Early Intervention Program. Evolving into a local expert on child and family issues, Riverview has since expanded to three offices in St. Charles, Batavia, and South Elgin, housing over 35 pediatric and family therapists. In October of 2019, Ms. Denz will be opening a 4th clinical practice in North Aurora. Through Riverview, Ms. Denz provides frequent consultations, presentations, and trainings within the community and local school districts in addition to offering no-cost parenting workshops throughout the year.

Vice-President of Clinical Programs and Services

Community Therapy Services, Geneva, IL 2001-2003

As Director of this pediatric clinic, Ms. Denz oversaw the day-to-day operations of the clinic and served as primary clinical support for all supervisors. In addition to credentialing the Occupational, Speech, Physical, and Developmental therapists with the Early Intervention System, Ms. Denz served as liaison to DayOne Network and managed all Early Intervention requirements. She facilitated the planning and growth of the agency, creating multiple new groups and programs to support new clientele. Ms. Denz also served as a liaison for parents to assure quality services and care were provided at all times.

Director of Intensive Outpatient Services

Streamwood Behavioral Health Center, Streamwood IL 1998-2001

Creating and directing an innovative outpatient program for youth with dual diagnoses, Ms. Denz successfully established protocol for Illinois's first residential home for adolescent girls with developmental delays. This program tripled its enrollment during Ms. Denz's tenure at the facility and the program remains a model still utilized by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Child and Family Therapist***Mooseheart Child City & School, Mooseheart, IL 1997-1998***

Ms. Denz facilitated individual and group counseling for children residing at Mooseheart Child City. She conducted intake interviews and set up behavioral programs and protocol within the residential halls and school. She also founded the annual student art show, showcasing the work of the residents.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

St. Charles Youth Commission, St. Charles, IL 2017-present
Youth Commission Chair 2018-present

DayOne Pact Board Member, Geneva, IL 2017-present
Treasurer 2019-present

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Chicago
Chicago, IL - Masters of Arts, 1997
Summa Cum Laude

Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH - Bachelors of Arts in Art Therapy, 1995
Magna Cum Laude

St. Charles High School
St. Charles, IL - 1991

LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
State of Illinois - 1997 to present