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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 4 of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-752.01), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

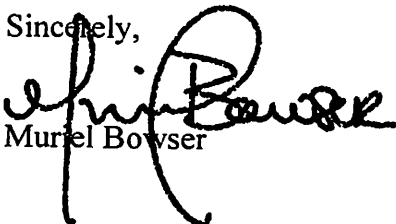
Mr. Jorge Membreno  
25 Adams Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(Ward 5)

for appointment as a representative of organizations that are providing services within the Continuum of Care member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, replacing John Van Zandt, for a term to end June 12, 2020.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

To confirm the appointment of Jorge Membreno to the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Interagency Council on Homelessness Jorge Membrano Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Mr. Jorge Membreno  
25 Adams Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(Ward 5)

as a representative of organizations that are providing services within the Continuum of Care member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, pursuant to section 4 of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-752.01), replacing John Van Zandt, for a term to end June 12, 2020.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Jorge Membreño, LICSW

## EXPERIENCE

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### **SMYAL**

*Director of Youth Housing*

Washington, D.C.  
03/2018 – Present

- Manage Youth Housing Team (Case Manager and Program Assistant).
- Monitor and assess resident success through three-tiered individual service plans.
- Meet regularly with Youth House residents for clinical support, case management, and policy evaluation.
- Provide clinical supervision to Case Manager in order to monitor the progress of residents and explore mental and behavioral health issues.
- Develop workshops and training for residents and staff as it relates to conflict resolution, de-escalation, behavior modification, stress and anxiety, and mental health.
- Attend and participate in CAHP (Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement) meetings to provide LGBTQ specific service guidance.
- Collaborate with D.C. community youth agencies for strategic partnerships in order to provide robust services and referrals.
- Manage IMPACT DMV grant and employees for HIV/AIDs Prevention/Intervention.
- Attend and participate in ICH Youth Committee Meetings to increase the efficacy of services and collaboration with service providers.
- Work closely with DHS as it relates to Youth House budget, monthly reports, and general support.

### **API Associates, Inc.**

*Clinical Therapist*

Washington, D.C.  
10/2017 – Present

- Provide weekly individual and family counseling to small caseload using appropriate therapeutic models.
- Complete treatment plans, session notes, and billing requirements.
- Coordinate with family members and other agencies for collaborative treatment and support.

### **Family Matters of Greater Washington**

*Clinical Supervisor*

Washington, D.C.  
3/2017 – 3/2018

- Met regularly with assigned therapists, community support workers, and graduate interns for clinical supervision and case review; supported staff in managing their caseload, tracking the progress of clients, reviewing appropriate documentation, and assisting staff in responding to the unique clinical and legal requirements of their cases.
- Delivered services by interviewing, diagnosing, developing treatment plans and evaluating the services provided.
- Served as a qualified practitioner on a multi-disciplinary mental health treatment team.
- Reviewed all clinical notes in Credible and billing documents while also providing backup therapeutic support when staff members are on leave.
- Collaborated regularly with Clinical Director to address mental health program needs such as coordination and division of program management responsibilities, staff productivity development and monitoring, billing and other financial issues, program objectives, personnel issues, quality improvement processes, and external partner issues.
- Created an Excel based tracking system for each therapist and community service worker to easily monitor client Treatment Plans, CAFAS, LOCUS, and Diagnostic Assessment.
- Designed and implemented a communications and marketing strategy for increased brand awareness through social media and website posts.
- Managed CBI and TST through supervision, fidelity reviews, and case assignments.

**Maya Angelou Public Charter School, Young Adult Learning Center**  
*Social Worker*

Washington, D.C.  
8/2016 – 3/2017

- Provided case management and mental health counseling to students facing issues of homelessness, grief, trauma, depression, stress, and anxiety using various treatment modalities.
- Managed Student Support Team in student enrollment, retention, case management, and therapeutic counseling/crisis intervention.
- Developed and instituted a prevention/intervention model for student referrals regarding social/emotional, behavioral, and attendance issues.
- Created and provided Staff Professional Development focused on best practices for supporting our students.
- Instituted the Student Discussion Roundtable and lead weekly meetings for collaboration between teachers, counselors, and administrators to increase student support.
- Provided individual counseling and wrote goals for students with IEP Behavioral Support Services.
- Worked with probation officers and outside agencies to identify and provide support for at-risk clients through resource allocation, housing, or therapeutic counseling using a needs based model.
- Served as the McKinney-Vento QuickBase data manager.

**Brookline Department of Public Health**  
*Social Worker*

Brookline, MA  
2014 – 2016

- Provided individual and group counseling for students facing substance abuse, depression, anxiety, stress, and/or other mental health issues.
- Facilitated groups for students on various issues including, but not limited to, racial identity, gender identity, dating violence, and healthy decision making.
- Taught Peer Leadership course for students who want to engage peers in social action (teen dating violence, substance abuse, social/cultural dynamics).
- Worked with school faculty and clinicians to identify and provide support for at-risk students.
- Taught Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction to students.
- Provided counseling and support to LGBTQ identifying students who are struggling with identity or are in the process of transitioning.
- Collaborated with families to provide best possible support to students or identify outside providers.
- Worked with all Spanish speaking families who required therapeutic support.
- Participated in the IEP process for students requiring social/emotional goals.
- Supervised Public Health Graduate Intern.

**Brookline High School, Winthrop House Therapeutic School**  
*Clinical Social Work Intern*

Brookline, MA  
2013 – 2014

- Provided clinical counseling to individual clients using appropriate therapeutic models.
- Worked in the milieu with all clients using a relational model to build therapeutic relationships for counseling.
- Participated and engaged in meetings with all collaterals (IEP, Parent Meetings).
- Provided crisis intervention and referrals for outside services as needed.

**The Home for Little Wanderers**  
*Direct Care Counselor*

Roslindale, MA  
6/2012 – 9/2012, 7/2013 – 9/2013

- Provided mentoring, counseling, and therapeutic guidance to children ages 8-15.
- Collaborated with clinical psychologist, clinical director, and other direct care counselors to plan activities, groups, and trips for clients.
- Worked in the milieu with our youth using a relational model while aiding in treatment goals of all clients.

- Worked with drop-in group for substance abuse prevention and behavior/mental health counseling.
- Therapeutic counseling with mandated individual clients on substance abuse prevention strategies and behavior/mental health counseling.
- Developed and taught a substance abuse prevention media/social media campaign strategies course to Peer Leaders and organized student led events for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students (SADD).

**EDUCATION**

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**Boston University** Boston, MA  
*Master of Social Work, Clinical Social Work* May 2014  
Group Work Certificate  
President of Boston University School of Social Work Student Organization

**Christopher Newport University** Newport News, VA  
*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology* December 2007

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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**CBI Therapist** 5/10/2017  
**CBI Supervisor** 3/15/2017  
**Trauma Systems Therapy (TST)** 5/23/2017  
**Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction**  
8/01/2015

**LICENSURE**

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**Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, District of Columbia**  
*License #: LC50081143*



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## Jorge Membreño



Jorge Membreño, LICSW is the Director of Youth Housing at SMYAL (Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders) and a Clinical Therapist at API Associates.

Mr. Membreño manages a 12-bed transitional living program for LGBTQ identifying youth who are experiencing homelessness. He has actively worked with other providers and committees, government-based agencies, and program youth to increase quality and availability of services in the District. Mr. Membreño strives for equitable services for District youth who are experiencing homelessness.

A Ward 5 resident, Mr. Membreño received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Christopher Newport University and a Master of Social Work from Boston University.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** October 11, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating members to the Interagency Council on Homelessness

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**This is to Certify that** this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish