



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

June 15, 2023

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 4603 of the Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001, (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 4-1371.03), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

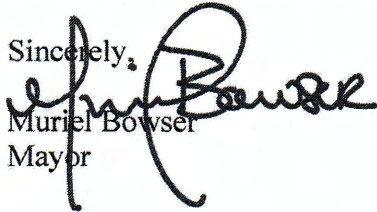
Dr. Cheryl Williams  
19th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
(Ward 6)

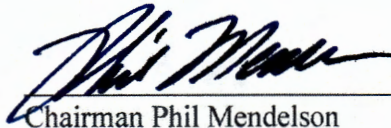
for reappointment as a community member of the Child Fatality Review Committee, for a term to end April 20, 2024.

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  
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Dr. Cheryl Williams to the Child Fatality Review Committee.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Child Fatality Review Committee Dr. Cheryl Williams Confirmation Resolution of 2023".

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

Dr. Cheryl Williams  
19th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
(Ward 6)

as a community member of the Child Fatality Review Committee, and pursuant to section 4603 of the Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001, (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 4-1371.01), for a term to end April 20, 2024.

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.

## Cheryl R. Williams, MD

### EDUCATION

Akron Children's Hospital, 1979 - 1981  
Akron, Ohio  
Pediatrics  
*Resident*

Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, Ohio, 1978 - 1979  
Akron, Ohio  
Pediatrics  
*Intern*

College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, 1978  
Cleveland, Ohio  
*Doctor of Medicine*

Howard University, 1974  
Washington, DC  
*Bachelor of Science, Zoology*  
*Member, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society*

### LICENSURE AND BOARDS

*Doctor of Medicine*  
District of Columbia, License Number MD 15433  
State of Maryland, License Number D0032760

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Owner and Medical Director, Herban Medical Options*  
*Practicing Pediatrician, Washington, DC, Maryland, 2012 - 2015*

*Deputy Director, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA),*  
*2009 - 2012*

*Medical Director, CFSA, Office of Clinical Practice, 2003 - 2009*  
*Program Administrator, CFSA, 2003 - 2009*

- Provided executive leadership, strategic planning, organizational development in administrative and clinical oversight in all matters related to well-being of children (including physical and mental health and ancillary services) in out-of-home foster placement and children remaining at home under the protective supervision of CFSA
- Managed a staff of 69 (including registered nurses, licensed clinical social workers, nurse practitioners, and medical assistants) with a 35 million-dollar annual operating budget
- Provided direct consultation to CFSA director, executive team, administrators and social worker/attorney staff on medical and public health-related issues
- Developed Nurse Care Manager Program utilizing Targeted Case Management (TCM) Medicaid Guidelines
- Participated in the development of the State Plan Amendment (SPA) with the DC Department of Health Care Finance for the CFSA Nurse Care Manager (NCM) Program
- Obtained certificate-of-need from the DC Department of Health for CFSA medical clinic
- Created the CFSA, on-site Medicaid-reimbursable medical clinic (staffed with nurse practitioners) for children entering, re-entering, and experiencing a re-placement while in foster care
- Provided hands-on medical care to children in CFSA custody
- Provided training and consultation to nurse practitioners regarding medically related issues for children in CFSA custody
- Participated in the development of the Regulatory Review required by the Department of Health Care Finance and the DC Government Administrative Services Organization for both the Clinic Option and the NCM/TCM
- Developed policies for CFSA social workers, contract social work agencies, and foster parents related to health care requirements for children in foster care



Cheryl R. Williams, MD

- Maintained a close liaison with key officials of DC agencies: Department of Mental Health, Department of Health, Department of Health Care Finance, Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services, and Department of Developmental Disabilities, DC Public Schools
- Maintained relationships with area hospital physicians and allied personnel (related to the care of children in foster care)

*Supervisory Medical Officer*, District of Columbia Community and School Health Program, DC General Hospital/ Public Benefit Corporation, 1991 - 2001

*Medical Officer*, Pediatrics, District of Columbia Community and School Health Program, DC General Hospital/Public Benefit Corporation, 1987-2001

- Provided administrative and clinical leadership as the Supervisory Medical Officer (formerly Center Chief) in a four-physician, multidisciplinary public health clinic; led through hands-on involvement in professional/support staff administration, service planning, patient care, quality improvement, peer review and community outreach; facilitated strategic planning process to improve efficiency of operations, staff professionalism, and quality of care through problem recognition, solution identification
- Provided comprehensive, primary care evaluations, screenings, diagnoses, treatments, referrals, and consultations for pediatric patients from birth through twenty-one years of age (including homeless children and children in foster care, mentally and physically challenged children); provided health care to District residents in Wards 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8; well-versed in Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment guidelines, Medicaid, Social Security Disability Insurance and Medicaid managed care programs

*Pediatric Specialist*, Children's National Medical Center, 1986 -1987

#### **ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

- DC Child Fatality Review Committee, 2008 – 2012
- DC Board of Medicine, 2005 - 2011
- Member, Mayor's Health Policy Council, 1996-2003
- President, Doctors Council of the District of Columbia, 1996-2000
- Chairperson, Correctional Medicine Section, Mayor's Health Policy Council 1996 - 1998
- Chairperson, Task Force on Collective Bargaining, Medical Society of DC, 1997-1998
- DC Office of Maternal and Child Health, 1996
- Medicaid Managed Care Video, Physician Consultant and Spokesperson
- DC Office of Maternal and Child Health, 1995-1997
- DC Systems Development Initiative
- Vice President, Doctors Council of the District of Columbia, 1993-1996
- Health Services for Children with Special Needs Strategic Planning Committee, 1992 – 1995

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Society of Cannabis Clinicians
- The American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians
- Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association
- DC Primary Care Association
- American Public Health Association

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Woodridge Civic Association (DC)
- Kingman Park Civic Association (DC)



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### Dr. Cheryl Williams, MD



Dr. Cheryl R. Williams is a retired pediatrician and a current member of the District of Columbia Child Fatality Review Committee, and also a former Mayoral appointee to the District of Columbia Board of Medicine, which she served on for over 6 years.

Dr. Williams served the citizens of the District of Columbia for more than 23 years as a physician in its public health system. She was a Supervisory Medical Officer for the District of Columbia Community and School Health Program. Prior to her retirement in 2012, she was the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) Deputy Director for the Office of Clinical Practice. There, she oversaw all medical matters related to the well-being of foster children in the District of Columbia. Her vision led to the creation of CFSA's on-site Medicaid reimbursable medical clinic where nurse practitioners evaluated children upon both their entering and exiting the foster care umbrella, and each child of special needs was assigned a dedicated registered nurse. This combination of a nurse and CFSA social work team, ensured the administration of appropriate specialized care of a child throughout their CFSA tenure.

In 2017, Dr. Williams opened Herban Medical Options--a practice dedicated to the proper medical administration of cannabis.

Dr. Williams is a genuine public health physician who has lived in the Historic DC Kingman Park neighborhood for over 37 years. Her concern for the good health of DC's families and children has not waned.

A Ward 6 resident, Dr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Howard University and a Doctor of Medicine from Case Western Reserve University College of Medicine.





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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Tommy Wells, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** April 5, 2023  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Dr. Jacqueline Francis, Dr. Cheryl Williams and Kristen Constantine as community representative members of the Child Fatality Review Committee

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolution and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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

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Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish