

Application for Committee, Board, or Commission

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Planning District Council District 8 City Council Ward 1

Preferred mailing address Same as Above
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Occupation Civic Engagement Coordinator

Place of employment Community Action

Employment address 450 Syndicate St. St. Paul, MN

Committee(s) applied for HREEO

What skills/training or experience do you possess for the committee(s) for which you seek appointment?

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Damon Drake

SKILLS

Public Relations/Media Relations ▪ Conflict Resolution ▪ Interpersonal Communications ▪ Group and One-On-One Presentations ▪ Counseling and Advising ▪ Resource Assistance ▪ Program Development
Liaison Communications ▪ Supervision and Training ▪ Mentoring ▪ Creative Problem Solving

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties

Civic Engagement Coordinator

- Facilitate 16 session leadership devolvement group, in addition to civic engagement traing classes
- Engage community around issues of poverty, voter registion and inform them of available services

The Community Ambassadors Program 2012-2014

St. Paul, Minnesota

Program Coordinator

- Designed program and coordinated city-wide youth outreach
- Recruited, trained, and supervised staff
- Served as liaison for stakeholders including City of St. Paul, St. Paul Police Department, nonprofits, and residents

District Council Collaborative

2012-2013

St. Paul, Minnesota

Community Connector

- Connected community with resources and employment opportunities along the Green Line corridor
- Served as liaison working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders and workforce providers
- Utilized community engagement tools to spotlight gaps in services and make recommendations

Ujamaa Place

2011-2013

St. Paul, Minnesota

Career Developer/ Coach

- Assisted African American Men age 18-30 with employment search and workforce connections
- Coached men toward personal growth, development, and community involvement

St. Paul Youth Services

2009-2010

St. Paul, Minnesota

Community Connections Manager

- Developed and implemented activities that engaged St. Paul Youth Services in the community and invited community participation in the agency
- Coordinated Community Response Team, which worked with residents and youth to deescalate conflict

Aurora/St.Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation

Crime Prevention Coordinator

2007-2009

St. Paul, Minnesota

- Coordinated Guardian Project educating youth to maneuver through systems
- Implemented Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (Community Coach Project)
- Organized community members around youth and crime issues

Ramsey County Workforce Solutions 2004 – 2007 North St. Paul, Minnesota

Employment Guidance Counselor Aide

- Developed and coordinated the Guardian Project educating at-risk youth on best practice methods in maneuvering through systems, agencies, and institutions.
- Participated in development of the GAME project designed for assisting at-risk youth in gaining employment

HIRED, INC. 2002 – 2004 St. Paul, Minnesota

Building Lives Counselor

- Guided at-risk youth to build a life plan leading to success including career assistance, educational assistance, and access to resources for life improvement
- Managed a caseload of 51 youth ranging in age from 16-24
- Worked closely with probation officers, correctional facilities, and court system

Bevans and Associates 2002 – 2002 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Life Skills Trainer/Mentor

- Assisted at-risk teens with anger management and family skills, and provided them with the resources necessary to adapt to society; developed care management plans
- Communicated with other for-profit / non-profit community-based organizations, chemical dependency agencies, the court system, local businesses, families, schools, and social workers

Ramsey County – Boys Totem Town 1997 – 2001 St. Paul, Minnesota

Community Corrections Aide

- Counseled teen boys both one-on-one and in a group setting on anger management, mental health, and chemical dependency issues

Mall Of America 1998-1998 Bloomington, Minnesota

Youth Liaison

- Served as liaison between security and youth patrons of the Mall resolving conflicts
- Identified at-risk youth and worked with agencies/organizations to provide them with assistance
- Supervised the "Dedicated Dads" and "Mighty Moms" parental escort program on weekends

Volunteer Experience

In Equality (2014 – Present)

Ramsey County Volunteer in Corrections (1997 – Present)

Islamic Advisor for Rush City and Oak Park Heights Correctional Facilities (2000-Present)

Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Committee Member (2009 – 2012)

Ramsey County Disproportionate Minority Confinement Committee Member (2011-2012)

Project Homeless Connect steering committee member (2006)

Former Member of Mayor Kelly's Cultural Advisory Committee

Education and Training

Military U.S. Army (1985-1989); held the role of Unit Armorer (1987 –1989)

Received black belt from International Yoshinkan Aikido Federation in MN; 2008

Completed International Martial Arts Council of America Defensive Tactics Instructors Course

Attended Metropolitan State University to pursue a Political Science degree

Diploma - **Private Security & Investigation, Professional Career Center of Chicago;** 1990

Introduction to Law Enforcement, **South Suburban College, South Holland, IL;** 1988

Conflict Resolution Center, Mediation Certification, Minneapolis, MN 2015

Mini MBA Non-profit Operations, **St. Thomas University, Mpls, MN.** 2015

What skills/ Training or experience do you possess for the committee for which you seek appointment?

I am a Father, a veteran with a service connected disability. Over the past 20 years I have advocated for youth, those who are or have been incarcerated, communities of color, those experiencing poverty and unemployment, and the Muslim community. During that time I have organized, coordinated, facilitated and taught these same communities how to engage, influence and maneuver through governmental systems. I also have mediation certification and have a background in private and personal safety and security.

Reasons for your interest in this particular committee?

I am concerned about the treatment of those who feel that they are not heard or understood.