



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 16, 2021

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **MICHAEL MELLO** of 452 W. Clinton Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts to the **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**. Mr. Mello will be replacing Carol F. Walsh, whose term has expired. This term will expire in February 2024.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Michael Mello
Human Relations Board



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Personnel Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) Human Relations Commission

Name: Michael Mello Email:

Home Telephone: Work Telephone:

Residence Address: 452 W. Clinton St., New Bedford Zip: 02740

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Retired

Educational Background: M.Ed counseling University of Hartford BBA University Of Mass Amherst

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

Board of Tifereth Israel Congregation, First Vice President of Board of New Bedford Jewish
Convalescent Home

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

None

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

My almost 40 year career in social work has given me insight into human rights problems.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

Child welfare problems.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Human and child welfare rights.

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: 1975

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Personnel Department, 133 William St., Room 212, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant: Date:

MICHAEL J. MELLO, M.ED, LCSW

452 WEST CLINTON STREET, NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

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EDUCATION | **UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD, WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**
M ED/COUNSELING
09/1974-12/1975

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS
B.B.A./PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
09/1966-05/1970

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSITY, NORTH DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS
ASSORTED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL COURSES
09/1970-08/1974

EXPERIENCE

TRAINER
JUSTICE RESOURCE INSITUTE
01/2014-PRESENT

LED MAPP CLASSES PROVIDED VARIOUS TRAININGS FOR FOSTER PARENTS

CONSULTANT
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES
09/2014-PRESENT

CONDUCTED PRE-ADOPTIVE LICENSE STUDIES INTERVIEWED POTENTIAL PRE-ADOPTIVE PARENTS REVIEWED REFERNCEES. COLLATED INFORMATION IN ORDER TO APPROVE OR DENY APPLICANTS.

SUPERVISOR, FAMILY RESOURCE UNIT, NEW BEDFORD OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
04/1999-01/2014

SUPERVISED 5-6 FAMILY RESOUC WORKERS, APPROVED LICENSE STUDIES AND RE-EVALUATIONS, APPROVED CORI WAIVERS, LED MAPP CLASSES TWICE ANNUALLY, ASSIGNED STUDIES TO STAFF, ATTENDED REGIONAL CLINICAL REVIEWS AND FAIR HEARINGS AS NEEDED, COMPLETED EPRS CONCERNING EACH WORKER, AND PROVIDED WEEKLY SUPERVISION. LED FAMILY GROUP CONFERNES ON AT LEAST A MONTHLY BASIS.

CLINICIAN
HIGHPOINT
09/2004-07/2006

DEVELOPED TREATMENT PLANS AND PROVIDES TREATMENT TO SIX CLIENTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS RECORDED MAINTENACE AND MADE PSYCHIAITC REFEREALS MONTHLY SUPERVISION

SUPERVISOR, ONGOING UNIT, PARK STREET OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
04/1997-04/1999

SUPERVISED 5 ONGIONG SOCIAL WORKERS, PROVIDED WEEKLY SUPERVISION AND CAS DIRECTION, ASSISTED IN ALL ASPECTS OF FILING CARE & PROTECTION PETITIONS AND PLACEMENTS AFTER CONSULTING WITH LEGAL AND MANAGEMENT STAFF, COMPLETED EPRS CONCERNING EACH WORKER, ATTENDED ALL NECESSARY CLINCIAL AND REVIEW MEETINGS.

CASE REVIEWER, FOSTER CARE UNIT, CENTRAL OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
02/1997-04/1997
05/1986-09/1995

CONDUCTED FOSTER CARE REVIEWS AT 13 VARIOUS STATE AND CONTRACTED AGENCIES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETT AREA, CHAIRED THREE- MEMBER FOSTER CARE REVIEW PANEL, REVIEWED CASE FILES AND ENSURED ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION DURING THE REVIEW PROCESS, IDENTIFIED VARIOUS OBSTACLES AND DEVELOPED STRATEGIES TO EXPEDITE TROBLESOME CASES, MEDIATED REVIEW PANEL DISCUSSIONS TO ENSURE CONFLICTS WERE RESOLVED AND QUALITY DECISIONS WERE MADE CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL FOSTER CARE CASES.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES
KENNEDY DONOVAN CENTER
09/1995-01/1997

OVERALL SUPERVISED AND MANAGED PROVIDED SERVICES, MAINTAINED PROGRAM COMPLIANCE STANDARDS, SUPERVISED 12 STAFF, COMPLETED CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAM BUDGET PREPARATION AND MONITORED FISCAL STATUS, MAINTAINED COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STATE FUNDING SOURCES.

SOCIAL WORKER
MATTAPOISETT NURSING HOME
07/1987-07/1992

PROVIDED RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DIRECT SERVICES, ASSESSED AND DEVELOPED TREATMENT PLANS AND MADE APPROPRIATE REFERRALS, QUARTERLY DOCUMENTATION, CONDUCTED SEMI-ANNUAL INSERVICE TRAINING FOR STAFF.

CURRICULUM COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM
BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
09/1979-05/1989

INTERVIEWED AND ACCEPTED STUDENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, DEVELOPED CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTED STUDENTS DOING THEIR FIELD PLACEMENT IN SOCIAL SERVICES, SUPERVISED THEIR FIELD PLACEMENTS, ASSISTED IN HIRING STAFF, CHAIRED SEMI-ANNUAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS AND RECRUITED FIELD PLACEMENTS.

SOCIAL WORKER III, FALL RIVER AREA OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
11/1985-05/1986

PROVIDED CLIENTS INCLUDING PORTUGUESE -SPEAKING CLIENTS WITH DIRECT SERVICES, INCLUDING CASEWORK, GROUPWORK, OR OTHER RELEVANT THERAPEUTIC MODELS, MANAGED A CASELOAD AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENTS, REFERRALS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PROTECTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNITY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES, USING INDEPENDENT JUDGEMENT AND STRONG DECISION MAKING SKILLS.

REFERENCES | SUPPLIED UPON REQUEST

SKILLS & ABILITIES | BILINGUAL IN PORTUGUESE