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Charter Review Committee Interest Form - Submission #20374

Date Submitted: 1/19/2023

Last Name\*

Ruffner

First Name\*

Andrew

District # You Live In.\*

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Home Address\*

1135 Hollywood Blvd.

City\*

Hollywood

State\*

FL

Zip Code\*

33019

Home Phone

Cell Phone

513-405-2639

Email Address\*

ruffner.ah@gmail.com

Owner or Renter \*

Owner

Number of years as city resident\*

5

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?

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Yes



Education (highest degree / level)

MA

Occupation\*

Organizational Development Consultant

Work Phone

513-405-2639

Business Name\*

Intersections, LLC

Business Address

City

State

Zip Code

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How many elections have you voted in and when was the last time you voted?\*

6 or 7 since moving to Hollywood. Last: 11/08/22

**How many City Commission or board meetings have you attended in the last 2 years? Please list:\***

Two: Commission--Arts Park 2021; Comm. March 2022

**Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Charter Review Committee?\***

I would like to have a better understanding of how the City works and operates, to be more effective in my contributions to the Hollywood community.

**If appointed, what specific contribution(s) will you bring to the Charter Review Committee?\***

My professional background is in counseling, social work, and public health. I think I can contribute a unique perspective on the human factors that should be considered in how the City communicates the charter provisions to the community.

**Have you had any previous experience with a Charter review process?\***

No.

**Please describe your qualifications as an applicant including your professional and/or volunteer experience or background.\***

I am actively involved in multiple Hollywood organizations, and I have extensive experience in administration for non-profit community organizations in education, social services, and health care.

**Do you currently serve on any City or County boards or committees? Please list.\***

I serve on the HIV Health Services Planning Council, which is a part of the Broward Regional Health Planning Council--from 2018 to present.

**Have you ever served on any City or County advisory boards? Please list.\***

No.

**List community / civic service involvement.\***

Board Member: Hollywood Lakes Civic Association; Hollywood Historical Society; Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (ex-officio) Previous: Friends of Literacy Board, Broward County Library.

**Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)\***

Ruffner Resume Jan 2023.pdf

## **Andrew H. Ruffner**

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### **FUNCTIONAL SUMMARY**

Project Management

Training and Development

Community Engagement

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Director of Education and Programming; World AIDS Museum and Educational Center; Fort Lauderdale, FL. 2019-2022**

Design, develop and deliver educational programs and exhibits in a museum setting as well as community outreach settings to increase awareness and understanding of the impact of HIV/AIDS on individuals and society. Manage internship program with positions for Museum Studies, Public Relations and Marketing, and Public Health. Assist in proposal writing for public and private funding. Supervise volunteer educators. Represent museum in community health planning meetings.

#### **Project Director; Early Intervention Program, University of Cincinnati Department of Emergency Medicine; Cincinnati, Ohio. 2006-2018**

Administrative oversight for a 24/7 public health prevention program offered in an urban, safety net, academic health center Emergency Department; focusing on HIV, Hepatitis C, mental health and substance abuse. Managed multiple grant-funded programs, including preparing funding proposals, on-going grants management, and writing progress reports. Program served over 5,000 patients per year.

*Project Management:* Launched new screening programs and methods through multi-disciplinary collaboration with physician, nursing, and social work staff. Examples of projects included modifications to hospital Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems to automate screening for HIV and Hepatitis; establishing HIV and Hepatitis C screening and testing for regional syringe access program, including implementation of laboratory confirmatory testing; implementing a peer navigator programs to support newly diagnosed patients with HIV or Hepatitis in linking to medical care.

*Research Coordination:* Facilitated design, implementation, and on-going operations for all levels of research studies from small, private grant-funded pilot projects to NIH-sponsored multi-site clinical trials. Assisted in writing research grant proposals, Institutional Review Board protocols, presenting research results at academic conferences, and preparing manuscripts for peer-reviewed journal publications. Co-authored 15 publications.

*Community Engagement:* Represented program in local and state level community planning for public health efforts, including the Cincinnati Regional Advisory Group for HIV prevention planning, the Greater Cincinnati HIV Collaborative (Ryan White Part C Quality Management), Ohio Community Planning Group, Hamilton County Response to the Opioid Epidemic. Established and maintained relationships with community partners agencies to facilitate referrals for medical and social services for program participants.

*Supervision and Mentoring:* Supervised program staff including 7 full-time health services and research coordinators, 8 part-time undergraduate student workers, and 3 field placement students. Responsible for recruitment, selection, and on-going mentoring for program staff pursuing careers in the helping professions.

**President; Outlook Consulting Group, Inc.; Cincinnati, Ohio. 1999-2006**

Founder and president of a private consulting firm providing training and development consultation for organizations in health care, social services, and education sectors of the not-for-profit community; within mental health and social justice frameworks. Provided individual, couple, and family counseling. Organizational clients included: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Family Service of Greater Cincinnati, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Hamilton County Department of Human Services.

**Training Team Lead; Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield; Cincinnati, Ohio. 1998-1999**

Managed implementation of a new utilization review software application for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield across 10 sites in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana for over 300 users. Supervised team of 4 trainers and 1 technical writer to design and deliver user training for software, and provided technical support for software rollout in each site.

**Adjunct Instructor in Sociology, Counseling, and Education. 1995-2018**

Art Academy of Cincinnati, 2012-2018---Sociology  
University of Cincinnati, 1999-2007—Sociology  
Xavier University, 1995-2006—Education and Counseling

**Counselor, Coordinator, Account Executive; TriHealth Corporate Health Services: Cincinnati, Ohio. 1991-1998**

Provided individual, couple, and family counseling services in a hospital-based Employee Assistance Program serving over 35 corporate clients in the Cincinnati area. Developed and delivered workplace training programs to promote mental health and wellness. Represented hospital system in maintaining business relationships with managed care health insurance providers to delivery on non-hospital services including Employee Assistance, Occupational Health, and Workers' Compensation Rehabilitation Services.

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts, Community Counseling**, University of Maryland at College Park, 1990  
**Bachelor of Arts, Health and Society**, University of Rochester, 1987

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Ex-Officio Board Member**, Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce--Leadership Class 45. 2022-Present.

**Board Member**, Hollywood Lakes Civic Association, 2020-present.

**Member**, Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council, Chair, System of Care Committee; Vice Chair, Community Empowerment Committee  
2019-Present

**Board Member**, Broward County Library Friends of Literacy, 2019-Present.

**Tutor, Each One Teach One**, Broward County Library 2018--Present