

George Werner: Unqualified for Minister of Health

At a time when Liberia's health system has been decimated by the Ebola Virus Disease, and the management has shown inept and incompetent, the President of Liberia, has chosen to name a person totally unqualified to lead in the building of the healthcare system.

Liberians have quickly forgotten, that just a few months ago, our President was begging the world for help or the country would die. The international community has rushed in, and seeing the need to make a change at the Ministry of Health, the President appointed George Werner as the new Minister of Health.

The problem is Mr. Werner has no background in healthcare, zero, nada, zip, nothing! He has taken to embellishment of his work in a Philadelphia Group Home (6 years and 9 months) and referred to his title as a "Clinical Therapist." Much of the information which follows was garnered directly from Mr. Werner's LinkedIn page, and further research into the institutions he lists.

Sadly neither the Government of Liberia, nor the Liberian newspapers even took the time to research and validate any of the claims made by Mr. Werner. They have all simply parroted Mr. Werner's statements and wished him well.

According to Mr. Werner's LinkedIn page:

June 2003 – March 2010

Therapist

Pennsylvania Clinical Schools

[Pennsylvania Clinical Schools](#) was a residential treatment facility (a group home) run by the State of Pennsylvania for wayward youth. The facility was closed in 2010.

Because the facility was closed, there is no way to verify, what Mr. Werner actually did at the facility other than being a group home aid. There are however, several studied deductions we can make which support the fact that Mr. Werner was not, repeat was not a "Clinical Therapist."

To be a Clinical Therapist, in most US states, requires a state occupation license. The State of Pennsylvania is one of those states. Fortunately Pennsylvania publishes the license of every practitioner. Pennsylvania also grants licenses by reciprocity with other states, and those licenses acquired in other states are documented in the database.

The Pennsylvania License Database show NO RECORD of GEORGE KRONNISANYON WERNER ever having a license as anything, in Pennsylvania or any other state, let alone a "group/clinical" therapist.

In a 2005 piece written for the Perspective, entitled "[Perceptions and Beliefs about Interpersonal Violence](#)" Mr. Werner was already brandishing his 2 years as a group home aid (he began working at PCS in June 2003), and referring to himself as a "*clinician*."

Mr. Werner wrote:

“As a clinician, one hopes to help ameliorate the effects of interpersonal violence on society’s most vulnerable and to be a part of discovering the causes of interpersonal violence. However one evaluates interpersonal violence, there are grim consequences for victim, perpetrator, and the wider society. Individuals who commit acts of violence against others, like my father, are human beings in need of some degree of rehabilitation.”

This leaves me wondering why Mr. Werner did not channel his expertise to the rehabilitation of ex-combatants in Liberia?

March 2010 – September 2010

Clinical Coordinator

Resources for Human Development, Inc.

[Resources for Human Development, Inc.](http://www.rhd.org/RHDCareers/JobListings.aspx) is an organization which among other things, provides staffing and management of group home workers. A search of employment opportunities from their website (<http://www.rhd.org/RHDCareers/JobListings.aspx>), the job of a Care Coordinator is described here: www.fahnbulleh.net/docs/CareCoordinator_RHD.pdf

“The Care Coordinator is responsible for providing supportive services to individuals with mental illness living independently in the community. The Care Coordinator assists the program participant to identify and connect with community resources, monitors the progress of each participant toward obtaining goals, and provides ongoing coaching to support participant’s wellness.”

This was the last job Mr. Werner held in the United States, for 7 months. Can any person read the job description and try to make the case that this job provides the requisite experience to be Minister of Health of Liberia?

Civil Service Agency:

2013 – Present

Mr. Werner as served for 14 months as the Director General of the CSA. Somehow after 14 months at CSA, with his other experience shown above, we are to accept that he is qualified to be Minister of Health.

I would challenge Mr. Werner to go beyond phrases like “I was admitted into the prestigious program.” Being admitted to a program means nothing. Why did he not say “I completed..”

None of what Mr. Werner has presented of his background and experience qualifies him to be Minister of Health.

There are far more qualified Liberians, IN LIBERIA and Internationally whose leadership, experience, and domain knowledge far exceed the group home knowledge of Mr. Werner, who are qualified for the job.

President Sirleaf needs to take the lives of the Liberian people and her job much more seriously.



George Werner

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Previous Resources for Human Development, Inc., Pennsylvania Clinical Schools

Education St. Joseph's University

Connect

Send George InMail

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connections



www.linkedin.com/pub/george-werner/18/bb8/946

Background



Experience

Clinical Coordinator

Resources for Human Development, Inc.

March 2010 – September 2010 (7 months)

Therapist

Pennsylvania Clinical Schools

June 2003 – March 2010 (6 years 10 months)



Education

St. Joseph's University

Medical Ethics

2011 – 2013



University of Pennsylvania

MSW, Social Policy

2006 – 2009



Position Detail

RHD's Iowa RIST (Residential Intensive Support Team) program, located in the Cedar Rapids area, is seeking a Care Coordinator. RHD RIST provides holistic services and supports to participants diagnosed with serious mental illness in their homes. This job carries with it an obligation to respect the dignity, to recognize the potential for growth and recovery of every participant who receives services and supports, to advocate for the rights of people we support to pursue their own vision, and to be responsible stewards of our human and financial resources in order to create an environment committed to quality. A commitment to RHD values should be demonstrated as job duties are performed.

The RIST program is based on RHD's common belief that by responding to the basic good and strength in people, we create our best opportunity for maximizing positive individual commitment and responsibility. This approach applies to staff, consumers, and families alike. RIST provides the holistic services needed to maintain independent living with community integration for individuals experiencing homelessness, chemical dependence, and mental illness.

The Care Coordinator is responsible for providing supportive services to individuals with mental illness living independently in the community. The Care Coordinator assists the program participant to identify and connect with community resources, monitors the progress of each participant toward obtaining goals, and provides ongoing coaching to support participants wellness.

***Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Determine resources needed to meet the individualized needs of identified in the assessment process and coordinate community support activities.
2. Take all necessary actions in assuring the implementation of comprehensive service plan (treatment plan) including serving as an advocate for the consumer to enable him/her to receive needed services; identification of program needs, service gaps, and recommending strategies
3. Support the ongoing coordination of services and supportive systems to insure continuity of intervention.
4. Support the maintenance of the consumer records, review and update consumer evaluations, complete reports of services provided, services needed and all other clinical and administrative records deemed necessary and appropriate.
5. Perform home visits, meet with families, staffs of various agencies and programs and develop strategies for maintaining the consumer in his/her community setting.
6. Maintain records of aftercare and follow-up progress
7. Attend delegated pre-discharge and discharge meetings
8. Document all fire drills with consumer in home or staff in office.
9. Document initial environmental safety checklist and update monthly.
10. Document all interactions with consumer.
11. Document daily progress.
12. Instruct life skills seminars as assigned.
13. Attend Clinical Case Consultation, Treatment Plan Update meetings, and clinical supervision as scheduled.
14. Provide crisis intervention services to consumers.
15. Assist in consumer aftercare planning and follow-up.
16. Evaluate consumer's progress and report to funders/referral sources as requested.
17. Prepare case presentation for assigned consumers at Clinical Case Consultation Treatment Plan

Update meeting for input.

18. Read and sign-off on daily logs.
19. Responsible for mobile phone coverage as assigned.
20. Other duties as assigned by Director to insure community of care and foster a supportive nurturing environment for growth.
21. Provide 24/7 on-call coverage for emergency coverage and consultation.

***Job Requirements/Minimum Qualifications:**

1. Possess bachelor s degree in psychology, social work, or related field.
2. Excellent Communication skills (written and oral) including interpersonal skills
3. Possess valid IA driver s license
4. Ability to speak effectively before groups of individuals and communicate professionally with outside agencies.
5. Ability to manage multiple tasks or projects

Other Information

Salary: 31,000-36,000

Minimum Degree Required: 4 Year Degree

Minimum Years Experience Required: 3

Program: Iowa RIST
Cedar Rapids, IA

Job Type: Full-Time