

PHILIP LEAF

Nominee for Appointment Baltimore City Trauma-Informed Care Task Force



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MAYOR'S REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONFIRMATION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICER

Pursuant to Article IV, §§6(a) and (b) of the Baltimore City Charter 1996 Edition, Mayor Brandon M. Scott hereby requests the City Council of Baltimore City to confirm the appointment of **Philip Leaf** to serve as a municipal officer on the **Baltimore City Trauma-Informed Care Task Force**. In support of this request, information concerning the mayoral appointee is provided below and in the attached resume.

The information set forth in both the document and the attached resume have been distributed to authorized persons for use in the City Council confirmation process.

Name: **Philip Leaf**

Appointed to: **Baltimore City Trauma Informed Care Task Force**

Succeeds: **Nneka Nnamdi**

Term Expiration Date: **December 5, 2028**

Previous Terms Served (if none, write N/A): **Feb 2021-Jan 2025**

Party Affiliation: **Democratic**

Specific Position Requirements: **“§ 22-17. Trauma-Informed Care Task Force – Composition.**

In general. The Task Force comprises 37 members, 30 of whom are appointed by the Mayor under Article IV, § 6 of the City Charter and 7 of whom are ex-officio members. Of the 30 members appointed by the Mayor: 2 shall be representatives of an organization with an explicit focus on racial equity in its organizational mission

Council District: **6th**

Current Occupation: **Professor Emeritus Johns Hopkins University**

Current Employer: **Retired**

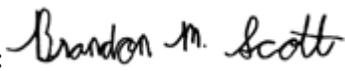
Employer's Address: **NA**

Other Relevant Employment: **See resume**

Undergraduate Institution: **SUNY Buffalo, BS**

Graduate Institution: **University of Wisconsin, Madison MS, Ph.D.**

Civic and Professional Affiliations: **See resume**

Signature: 

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Professional Profile:

Dr. Leaf, known locally as Dr. Phil, is a Professor Emeritus from Johns Hopkins University who had appointments in the Schools of Public Health, Medicine, Nursing, Education, and Arts and Sciences. For more than 45 years he has directed a number of federally funded research centers, training programs, and research programs, and has collaborated with and continues to collaborate with many community and faith groups and city, state, and federal agencies. He has served as an officer in several community-based programs including the “We Our Us Movement” (Secretary), Healing Cities Inc. (Interim Treasurer/Incoming Chair), and My Brothers Keeper – Baltimore (Secretary), and he continues to serve on a number of city and state collaborations and taskforces. His activities have included working with individuals with health, mental health, substance abuse challenges; parents, families, schools, service providers, peer support groups, early childhood programs, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, and elders. He was a Mayoral Appointee to the first Baltimore City Trauma Taskforce and served as the Co-Chair of the Public Awareness Committee of State Trauma Informed Commission. He has been recognized for his community collaborations with the JHU Martin Luther King Jr., Community Service Award, first Baltimorephosis Award for Advocacy for Baltimore’s Youth from the Baltimore City Mayor and Health Commissioner, Agus-Shehan Interfaith Leadership Award from the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council, and the Crenson- Herz Award for Community-Based Learning and Participatory Research. He twice served as the chair of the Mental Health Section of the American Public Health Association. He is the author of over 210 peer reviewed publications. He has been a proud resident of Baltimore City since joining Johns Hopkins University in 1991.

Education:

PhD/1978 University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, Sociology

MS/1974 University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, Sociology.

BA/1971 State Univ. of New York at Buffalo, NY, Sociology.

Postdoctoral Fellow

1977-1979 Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT, Mental Health Services Research

Employment:

Professor, Professor Emeritus (1991-present), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with Joint Appointments with the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Education, and Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.

Developed multiple services aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of populations including the promotion of positive social and economic opportunities, reducing violence, improving the outcomes for individuals with mental health needs, reducing experiences of trauma and creating trauma informed and trauma responsive systems of services, including programing and supports for employees and community leaders.

Developed pre-and postdoctoral training programs and training, coaching, and

mentoring opportunities for faith and other community leaders, service providers, children, youth, and families. Developed a number of messaging initiatives including collaborations with local radio and television stations. Taught courses on creating trauma informed and trauma responsive systems of care, Health and Wellbeing in Baltimore, and grant writing.

Examples of opportunities created:

- PI and Exec. Director, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, East Baltimore Community Trauma Response. Helped Johns Hopkins Hospital become more trauma-informed/trauma responsive institution and provided trauma training and support to residents in East Baltimore and organizations and agencies serving those residents, 2018-2022.
- Co-PI, Aspen Institute, Backbone for Baltimore City Opportunity Youth Collaborative. Facilitated development and implementation of the Citywide Strategy and monitoring of the outcomes achieved, 2014-2017.
- Co-Director & Director, CDC-funded Center for Adolescent Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Helped integrate mental health promotion into a neighborhood employment and training program serving out-of-school youth, 2011-2019.
- PI US Department of Education, Double Check: A Cultural proficiency and Student Engagement Model building on school-wide PBIS that documented opportunities to improve outcomes for urban students, 2011-2014.
- PI; CDC-funded, Center for the Prevention Of Youth Violence. Collaborated with community groups to reduce youth violence in Baltimore and to increase understanding of the causes and consequences of youth violence. Provided the funds to Park Heights Renaissance to create a Safe Streets site, 2005-2016.
- PI, ACYF Head Start/University Partnership. Created community and school partnerships to support young children and their parents, 1995- 1998.
- PI, NIMH-funded, Maryland Mental Health UNOCCAP Study. Established prevalence and incidence of mental disorders for persons ages 18 and older, 1995-1999.
- PI NIMH Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Research Center. Identified opportunities for increasing mental health services for children and adolescents and improved systems of care. 1992-1997. 9/30/92-9/29/97
- Director, NIMH Training Program for Child Mental Health Services and Service System Research. Trained pre- and postdoctoral fellows to conduct research and to collaborate with community groups to improve outcomes from mental health services in the community and in schools, 1991-2017.

Research Associate, Assistant Professor, Sr. Research Associate, Associate Professor, Yale University (1978-1991)

Developed multiple epidemiologic studies of the prevalence of mental disorders and research and programing aimed at decreasing the risk for mental disorders, their duration, and increasing recovery. Also oversaw pre- and postdoctoral training programs and learning opportunities for community agencies and community leaders. Developed and evaluated services for children, adolescents, youth, and adults, including homeless and incarcerated individuals. Created a 24-hour a day homeless shelter for persons with substance abuse problems in collaboration with a local health

care provider.

Examples of opportunities created:

- PI and Co-PI, NIDA Research on Services for Homeless Substance Abusers. Collaborated with community groups to establish a 24-hr. residential program for homeless individuals so they would not have to be on the street from 8am-6pm when shelters in New Haven closed and reopened, 1990-1993.
- PI on multiple research grants from NIH, NIMH on the provision of adult and pediatric mental health services. Documented the need for services and opportunities for improving mental health and other outcomes, 1981-1992.
- Program Coordinator and PI NIMH T32 Training Program in Mental Health Service Systems Research, 1979-1992.
- Project Director, Co-PI, and PI, NIMH funded Epidemiologic Catchment Area Program. Established the prevalence of mental disorder in Greater New Haven and nationally for persons ages 18 and older, 1977-1992.

Publications: More than 210 peer reviewed.