

# Paris Bienert, LMSW

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## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE**

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### **46<sup>th</sup> District Chair, Democratic State Central Committee** **July 2018 – June 2022**

- Popularly elected to the DSCC in 2018 then nominated by colleagues to lead the Committee
- Organized GOTV efforts in 2018 that increased the number of Democratic votes cast by 64%
- Leading voter engagement and Democratic activities in District 46

### **President, Fells Prospect Community Association** **September 2020 – December 2021**

- Ran the neighborhood association and advocated for the community's interests; served as Vice President from October 2017 – August 2020
- Liaised between elected officials, government agencies, local businesses, and neighbors
- Planned and ran community activities such as clean-ups, public safety walks, and social events

### **Candidate, Baltimore City Council in District 1** **January 2019 – June 2020**

- Ran in the 2020 Democratic Primary, earning more than 3,000 votes and coming in second place
- Knocked on more than 25,000 doors and attended many community meetings across Southeast Baltimore, building a coalition of support through business and grassroots organizations
- Raised over \$170,000 with more than 80% of dollars coming from the Baltimore area
- Focused campaign platform on improving City services, expanding economic opportunities for women, tackling the opioid epidemic, and addressing public safety through a public health lens

## **SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **THE RESOURCE GROUP**

#### **Director of Operations**

**Towson, MD**

**May 2022 - present**

- Overseeing all day-to-day operations of company's therapy, psychiatry, and substance use programs, including management of the Admissions, Human Resources, Marketing, and Support Services departments
- Developing and implementing company-wide policies and procedures to improve the quality of care clients' received and the experiences
- Establishing quantitative and qualitative metrics, guidelines, and standards by which the company's efficiency and effectiveness can be evaluated. Reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating business procedures. Developing and implementing new company-wide procedures as needed
- Handling discipline and termination of employees as needed
- Ensuring company compliance with COMAR, HIPAA, CARF, and professional ethical standards
- Acting as HIPAA Security Officer

#### **Resource Connect Associate Program Director**

**January 2021 – May 2022**

- Supported the Program Director in administering and directing all aspects of the substance use disorder treatment program
- Conducted intake evaluations, diagnosing clients, and recommending appropriate levels of care
- Ran 2-3 IOP groups per week; providing case management and therapy to individual caseload

### **COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER**

#### **Psychotherapist**

**Baltimore, MD**

**August 2020 – January 2021**

- Worked for outpatient mental health clinic, serviced clients residing in a supportive housing facility
- Provided individual and group psychotherapy from a cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) approach, focusing on substance abuse recovery, life stabilization, and coping skills
- Collaborated with psychiatric rehabilitation program (PRP) staff to ensure clients' needs were met

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### ***CAROLINE CENTER, ST. AGNES***

**Baltimore, MD**

#### **Social Work & Counseling Intern**

**September 2018 - April 2019**

- Supported social work and counseling services for Baltimore City women participating in a workforce development training program
- Provided counseling and psychotherapy to clients, primarily utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy
- Offered clinical case management to address clients' needs, including: affordable housing, childcare services, expungement, food resources, and legal representation

### **JOHNS HOPKINS BROADWAY CENTER FOR ADDICTION**

**Baltimore, MD**

#### **Social Work Student Intern**

**September 2017 - April 2018**

- Provided individual and group psychotherapy services to adults with severe substance use disorders
- Collaborated with treatment team of clinical social workers, psychiatrists, and rehabilitation counselors to develop individualized treatment plans for patients
- Co-facilitated group therapy sessions using multi-modal approaches, including: cognitive behavioral therapy, psychoeducation, and interpersonal process groups

## **EDUCATION**

### ***UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, School of Social Work***

*Masters in Social Work, clinical-macro specialization in Behavioral Health*

May 2019

- GPA: 4.21 / 4.0, summa cum laude honors.
- *UMB School of Social Work Exemplary Macro Field Student of the Year*, May 2019. Awarded for making a significant contribution to the Johns Hopkins Broadway Center for Addiction and its client population, demonstrating effective advocacy and leadership skills.
- *Muriel Gray Scholarship*, 2019 Tuerk Conference on Mental Health and Addiction Treatment.
- Licensure: LMSW, State of Maryland, June 2020. License # 25927.

### ***THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Elliott School of International Affairs***

*Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Women's Studies; Minor in German*

December 2014

- GPA: 3.57 / 4.0, cum laude honors.
- *GW Excellence in Student Life Award: 2014 Greek Woman of the Year*. Awarded for being actively involved within the Greek community and the university community at large, and for promoting Greek life in a positive manner through leadership, scholarship, and character.
- *Delta Phi Alpha inductee*, National German Honor Society
- *Order of Omega inductee*, National Greek Honor Society

### ***HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN***

*IES Abroad Berlin, German Language and Area Studies Program*

Berlin, Germany

August – December 2012