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Mayor Robert Cone & Council Members,

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for the appointment to the Police Commission. I am confident with my 30 + years of working as a Social Worker for the State of New Hampshire with the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), coupled with my dedication to public service will make me an ideal candidate for this position.

As an employee of DCYF, I had a strong working relationship with all the police departments in Coos County, the Sheriff's Department as well as the State Police and I feel that I have a strong understanding of the law. We often worked collaboratively in investigating cases as well as attending court hearings together. In collaborating with the police, I was able to develop excellent communication and people skills with a sometimes difficult population to deal with, that enabled me to effectively collaborate with all stakeholders. I feel that it is important to support the police department to ensure that they have what they need to protect the safety of the community.

I am confident that my skill set, and experience will be an asset to the team. See attached resume. I welcome an opportunity to further discuss my qualifications for this important post with all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Pivin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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## EXPERIENCE

**DEC. 7, 1990, TO APRIL 30, 2021**

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKER IV – RESOURCE & LICENSING, DCYF  
650 MAIN STREET SUITE #200 BERLIN, NH 03570**

Coordinate all services for families involved in the legal system to include all medical, mental health, education and seek out housing and employment. Work closely with law enforcement throughout Coos county to investigate and interface with clients in the communities. Recruit and retain foster homes. Relative Liaison to ensure services are in place to maintain the placement of children with family. Interface with the community to find foster and adoptive homes for the children that need placement. Strong community connections throughout Coos & Grafton Counties. Manage all of the Interstate cases and maintain a family services case load.

**2002 TO PRESENT**

**INSTRUCTOR AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPER – UNIVERSITY OF NH**

Teach Caregiver ongoing training to enable foster parents, relatives and residential providers to maintain licensing certifications.

**2012 TO APRIL 30, 2021**

Division for Children, Youth & Families

Better Together Workshop Facilitator, Local Team Lead.

**JUNE 2018**

Committee Chair for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reunification Event in NH, facilitated by Amy Covino from WMUR at the White Mountain Community College (WMCC) and it aired on WMUR.

Instrumental in getting guests, food and prizes for the event and official greeter.

Recognized for my outstanding work with families in Coos County. This event helped me forge a partnership with WMCC.

In December 2019, I developed "Parent's Night Out" with Ms. Vashaw, the student affairs coordinator. I helped the students at the college develop the evening activities and there were several departments that had projects for the children to cycle through. The event was such a success that it is now a part of the curriculum for the Early Child Development degree. The event will occur in December and April and will be required for the degree.

**2008 TO 2022**

Volunteer on the Crisis Line for RESPONSE to Domestic Violence, Hospital Advocate and LAP certified.

## **SEPTEMBER 2021 TO PRESENT**

Executive Administrator for the Department of Education for HISET for Coos County

## **JUNE 1, 2021, TO PRESENT**

Contracted through the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth & Families to write Adoption Home Studies.

## **EDUCATION**

**ASSOCIATES IN ARTS – DECEMBER 1981 -UNIVERSITY OF NH**

**BACHELORS IN SOCIOLOGY/PSYCHOLOGY – JUNE 1990- UNIVERSITY OF NH**

**MASTERS IN EDUCATION – COUNSELING, CERTIFICATE IN CONFLICT IN FAMILIES  
MAY 2009 – PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY**

## **SKILLS**

- Experience in all areas of Child Protection & Juvenile Services
- CHINS worker for 10 years while in State's employment
- Extensive Knowledge in the legal system applying to Family, Abuse & Neglect and Domestic Violence
- Knowledge of the college Moodle & Canvas platform
- Utilize Microsoft programs!
- Extensive professional connections throughout Coos and Grafton Counties
- Speak, write and read French fluently

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

2022 – Kiwanian of the Year

2020 – Received WMCC Community Partner Award

2018 – Citation from Governor Christopher Sununu for my work with families for the past three decades

2008-2010 – Certified Public Manager

2006-2008 – Certified Public Supervisor

2006 – State recipient of the Champion for Children Award

2006 – Northern Region recipient of the Champion for Children Award

2002 – Gus Rooney Volunteer of the Year Award for the City of Berlin, NH

2001 – Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse & Neglect recipient of the Dr. Roger M. Fossum Award for outstanding dedication and service.

1994 – Social Worker of the Year award recipient from Easter Seals, Manchester, NH

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP**

- Member of the White Mountain Regional At Risk-Team
- Member of the Lancaster Resource Team
- Member of the Working Better Together Grafton County Team

- Member of the Androscoggin Valley Hospital Women's Auxiliary, 2015 to present.
- **Kiwanis Club Member 2020 to present**
  - Currently President elect
  - Past Director
  - Berlin High School Key Club Advisor Liaison for Kiwanis
  - Chairperson of the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee – Berlin & Gorham
  - Chairperson of the Bike Safety Rodeo – Berlin, Gorham and Stark
  - Committee Member for Special Olympics Christmas Party and Spring Track and Field Games
  - Co-Chair fundraising Committee
  - Committee Member for Kiwanis Capers
  - Committee Member of Adopt – A - Highway
  - Committee Member of the Read Around the World Program
  - Committee Member for the Golf Tournament
  - Lead Cook at Camp Sawyer

## **PAST AFFILIATIONS**

- Parent Information Center (PIC) President of the Board of Trustees. 2003-2005
- Berlin Board of Education Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson, Secretary 1996-2006, 2009-2011
- Co-Chair of the Infant Mental Health Team, Lancaster/Groveton 2002-2012
- Member Infant mental Health Team, Berlin/Gorham 2005-2012
- Member of the Wrap Around Team NHS - Berlin 2005-2012
- Member of the Wrap Around Team NHS - Littleton 2005-2012
- Appointed by Mayor & Council to the Cooperative School Committee 1994-1997
- Odyssey of the Mind/Destination Imagination Coach 1993-1998, 2010-2012
- Religious Education Teacher CCD 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1980-1982; 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class 1990-1993
- President/Treasurer & Fundraiser Chair Berlin Schools PTO 1990-2019
- Volunteered with the local girl scouts 1993-1995
- Cub scout leader 1989-1995