

Boards and Commissions Interview Outline

NAME: Samuel Kears

- 1). Why would you like to serve on [insert name of Board or Commission]? I deal with the aging commission on the regular basis. I used to work with the Elderly Service Department back in 1989. I know the functions and how valuable they are.
- 2). Have you in the past or are you currently serving on any other B/C? No
- 3). Will you be able to commit to the meeting schedule of the B/C? Yes, not a problem. I can commit
- 4). If selected, are you willing to appear before the Board of Alders Aldermanic Affairs committee to confirm your appointment? Yes
- 5). What problems have you seen with the current B/C you wish to serve on, and if confirmed how would you address that problem? Not familiar with who is on the current Board. Being that I'm an active member of the Dixwell Newhall Center, I want to know if there's any active members seniors on Board and if not why?
- 6). Would you like to be on this B/C long term (term limit is 9 years)? Yes
- 7). If not selected for the pacific B/C would you be interested in any other Board? Yes

Maria Melendez

From: +1 203-415-8336
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Mayors 8200VM
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Good afternoon, Maria this is Sam cares returning your call. I did receive your your voicemail and I. Appreciate it, I will be there at 9:30 on Friday. Friday the 13th Maria. Let's let's remember this now, OK but anyway. Thanks for the call anything in particular that you would like to go out. Ask that I bring to you guys or whatever I just a little bit about myself either way I'll I'll be prepared and I will see you then talk to you soon peace.

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Maria Melendez

From: Maria Melendez
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Migdalia Castro
Cc: Taijah Anderson; Maria Melendez
Subject: RE: Aging Commission Board schedule meetings

Hi Migdalia

Thank you for the additional information. I will also make note that the meeting last 1 ½ hour per our phone conversation.

From: Migdalia Castro <MCastro@newhavenct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Maria Melendez <MMelendez@newhavenct.gov>
Cc: Taijah Anderson <TAnderson@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: RE: Aging Commission Board schedule meetings

Maria and Taijah,

The meetings are held at the Atwater Senior Center Conference room.
This month due to the Chair getting an operation the meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24th 2020.

Thank you always,
Migdalia

Migdalia Castro
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From: Maria Melendez <MMelendez@newhavenct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Migdalia Castro <MCastro@newhavenct.gov>
Cc: Taijah Anderson <TAnderson@newhavenct.gov>
Subject: FW: Aging Commission Board schedule meetings
Importance: High

Hello Migdalia

Thank you for stopping by the Front Office and providing the following Aging Commission Board Schedule.

Hi Taijah per Migdalia the following schedule is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM.

Bethel
African Methodist Episcopal Church

255 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Phone: (203) 865-0514
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Rev. Daylan K. Greer, Sr.
Pastor

July 26, 2007

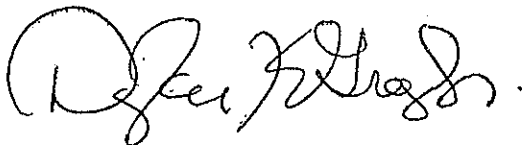
To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of reference on behalf of Samuel Kearse. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Kearse for seven years as a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in New Haven CT. He is an outstanding and spiritual man who pours himself into the life of others.

He has a passion for the love of children, serving as a Church School Teacher, investing in their young lives. No Sunday goes by when the little children fail to light up when he enters his class. Sam also is an avid member of the Layman's Organization which falls under the banner of "teaching and training." He is also a member of the Son's of Allen Men's Ministry of the Church. I can say that Sam Kearse is a man who believes in education whether it is spiritual or academic. I have personally witnessed a spiritual growth in his character and emotional development.

With out any reservation do I extend this personal reference on his behalf. If you have any questions please feel free to contact be at (203)865-0514.

Sincerely,



Rev. Daylan K. Greer, Sr.

Pastor

BIOGRAPHY OF;

Sam Kears is a native New Havener, the second of four children born to Bernice S. and Samuel E. Kears, Sr. of Winston-Salem, N.C. Sam's siblings are the late Brenda E. of Durham, North Carolina and twins Beverly A. of Atlanta, Georgia, and Terry L. Kears of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sam is a lifelong member of Bethel A.M.E. Church where he was a Sunday school student, member of the children and young adult choir, junior usher board and Y.P.D.

Beyond completion of high school, Sam continued his education at both Fisk University and Meharry Medical/Dental College in Nashville, Tenn. Due to the newly instituted Lottery replacing the military draft, Lottery ball #10 Sam was inducted into the U.S. Army (medical corps) stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C. and assigned to the Oliver Dental Clinic. Student personnel later re-directed him to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas Brook Army Medical Center (BAMC) where he was assigned to the School of Allied Health Science through Baylor University. Sam's final military assignment was with the Medical Army Supplies Hospital M*A*S*H. His primary duties were air-evacuation. The transport of injured soldiers from Japan to San Francisco, following the Vietnam conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1975.

His extensive 35 years dental background and vocation continued at the Pentron division of Honeywell Inc. where he worked in the dental X-ray dept.

Sam continued climbing the corporate ladder at the Ney/Barkmeyer division of Johnson & Johnson where he was home office Nationwide Technical Support Representative (research) for the U.S. and Latin America.

In 1984 as a staunch supporter of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential run, Sam, being open, honest, reliable, accountable, innovative, creative, imaginative & **Bold** carried Jesse's message and marched through the 169 cities & towns of Connecticut like Grant marched through Richmond. This action landed Sam a position as a Jesse Jackson presidential candidate advance team person. He requested a leave of absence and was granted one for 10 months.

By 1990, at the age of 40 Sam had enough of the corporate world. He lunged out and found the Mask Dental Enterprise Company LLC in the Science Park @ Yale. Mask is a full-service Dental Equipment & Supplies Co. outlet, fashioned much like the Dental Store at New York University (NYU).

In May 2006, Sam was selected for a Colgate Fellowship. In August 2006 Sam began continuing education Unit (CEU) work at Harvard University School of Dentistry in Cambridge, Mass with a concentration of Pediatric Dentistry, BRIGHT SMILES -- BRIGHT FUTURE program.

To God Be The Glory

Samuel E. Kears

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Objective: To assist and encourage the continuing, constructive cleft-bridging of our dynamic communiversity.

Work History:

- 1999-2000 **U.S. Census Bureau 2000** New Haven, CT
Co-Supervisor
➤ Co-supervised group of 20 field enumerators responsible for securing resident verification
➤ Followed up appointments for those not present
- 1997-1999 **City of New Haven** New Haven, CT
Associate of Fighting Back Initiative
➤ Worked with the creation and implementation of neighborhood-safe night programs for city and area youth
- 1996-Present **Pilot Pen Women's Tennis Association** Science Park at Yale
Hospitality Host New Haven, CT
➤ Marketing for event
➤ Hospitality group tent host for major tournament sponsors
- 1995-Present **USA Track & Field Federation** New Haven, CT
Track Official
➤ Officiate track meets: United States of America Track & Field Federation member of USAT & FF High School/College Division
➤ Special Olympics World Games 1996 official
- 1990-1994 **Mask Dental Enterprise Co., LLC** Science Park at Yale
Principle Founder New Haven, CT
➤ Operated full service Dental Supplies and Equipment company
➤ Created 3 low/moderate income jobs per HUD/SBA requirements
➤ Established "Your Child's First Visit to the Dentist" program with Project Mothercare and the Hospital of St. Raphael
- 1986-1988 **Newhallville Restoration Corporation** New Haven, CT
Board of Directors
- 1976-1980 **J.M. Ney Co. Inc.** (Ney Ceramic Dental Division) East Windsor, CT
Technical Representative
➤ Prepared materials and system units for use in Continuing Dental Educational Symposiums
➤ Nationwide and Latin American home office telephone Technical Troubleshooting Representative

Education:

- 1983-1984 **New Hampshire College** Manchester, NH
Program in Human Services
➤ Performed recruitment work
➤ Left program to assist Jesse Jackson with the New Hampshire Presidential Primary as member of advance campaign team
- 1973-1976 **Baylor University Academy of Allied Health Science** Waco, TX
C.D.T. Dental Technology
- 1968-1973 **Fisk University/ Meharry Dental School** Nashville, TN
Biology and Dental Program, Certificates in Dental Applications

Enrichment:

- University of New Haven** New Haven, CT
Creative Analytical Problem-Solving Course

Military:

- 1973-1976 **United States Army—Honorable Discharge** San Antonio, TX
Burn unit, Medic VAC, M*A*S*H, Air Unit

References available upon request

Donald W. Kohn, DDS
991 State Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Dr. Kohn:

I called your office on Monday and spoke with Jen, as I occasionally did while operating MASK Dental supply in the Science Park. She encouraged me to approach you with my ideas about Yale's focus on children within its dental program.

Enclosed kindly receive a copy of the Y.N.H.H. Community Newsletter. This July edition's feature article places emphasis on the Dental Department, prioritizing Pediatric Dentistry. I also send you my personal view on this topic and my resume.

I would appreciate if you would share your view on pediatric dentistry with me. I am particularly interested in the point at which you believe the earliest intervention and regular pediatric dental visits should begin.

I would like to partner with the Community Health Dental Department through Jim Rawlings at the foundation of this initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Kears

July 1, 2004

James E. Rawlings
Executive Director,
Community Health
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Dear Mr. Rawlings:

I write to apply for a position with the Y.N.H.H. Community Health and Dental Departments, as I believe our views regarding Pediatric Dentistry are of great parallel.

Dentistry begins in the ultrasound fetal stages, as an unborn experiences the stretching and yawning gestures, sucking on the thumb, and the crying and smiling process; together known as the exercising movement. Understanding this beginning informed my thinking about dental-care solutions as I pursued my career in the dental supply industry. It is my view that Pediatric Dentistry cannot start with a child's first dental problem. In order to provide effective care, Pediatric Dentistry must be proactive in reaching beyond the dentist's office and into the community.

I have been working on this issue since 1990, when I first perceived a community dental-health crisis. As principal of Mask Dental Enterprise Co. LLC, as indicated on my resume, I established Your Child's First Visit to the Dentist program with Project Mothercare and the Hospital of Saint Raphael. In this capacity, I have seen firsthand the benefit and value of quality gentle-dental care for our children.

According to a recent Connecticut study (cited in your Community Health newsletter) of HUSKY-A children, "54% reside in our state's urban areas where only 18% of dentists practice." Furthermore, "among Medicaid-covered children in the New Haven area, public health surveys indicate that 33% had not visited a dentist in over a year." An even more profound 50% of covered children had not done so in three years or more. Given these facts, I am pleased to see that Yale-New Haven Hospital has chosen to prioritize Pediatric Dentistry and am enthusiastic about participating in this initiative.

While I recognize that Yale-New Haven Hospital does not have a specific position available at this time, I believe that my experience within the specialized dental and educational crafts, along with my demonstrated record of initiative and community outreach, uniquely qualify me to contribute to your team. I believe deeply that partnerships are fundamental to successful pediatric dentistry in your hospital, and I would look forward to any opportunity to advance that cause.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Samuel Kears

September 27, 2004

Patti Dewitt
Director of Outreach Services
Yale New Haven Hospital
20 York St.
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Ms. Dewitt:

It was a pleasure to meet you on Saturday, September 18, 2004 during the Community Health Fair. I am grateful to both Kathy and Tony Dawson for our introduction.

I am most appreciative for your time and for sharing with me your direction towards the dental department and YNHH's genuine commitment in the pediatric dental initiative. It is a formidable task, yet one that will be accomplished.

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to review my response to the Community Health Newsletter regarding pediatric dentistry as sent to Jim Rawlings on July 1, 2004. As discussed in the letter, I strongly advocate the pro-active position of reaching beyond the dentist office into local schools and the rest of the community.

I surely intend on submitting an application to come under the direction of Outreach Services. The title of the position for which I am applying is Community Health Dental Outreach Supervisor/Coordinator.

I certainly look forward to the opportunity to share in the efforts in partnership with the YNHH Community Health pediatric dentistry initiative.

National Children's Dental Health Month this upcoming February is not that far away. I want to help New Haven contribute to having a more favorable report for pediatric dentistry in the area. Let us hit the ground running towards this target.

I would appreciate the opportunity meet with you at the end of this month. Please contact me to arrange an appointment. I can be reached at samkearse@yahoo.com or (203) 624-5877.

Sincerely,

Sam Kearse