

FELICITAS P. CONNOLLY: Application to IHSS Advisory Committee (continued)

List credentials, special certificates, or awards, which made me qualified for the position:

- A college degree with accounting as major from a university in the Philippines.
- Took some graduate studies towards MA, Accounting at Pace University in NY, where all subjects were accredited with exception of Taxation Accounting.
- Member of the UDWA Bargaining Committee, which negotiated with the Riverside County team.
- Member of the Labor Management Committee as provided in by the MOU between Riverside County and UDWA.
- Certificate of Recognition from The Center of Hemet (Therapy for Handi-capable Equestrians)
- Took the Leadership class sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hemet, 2002

Experience:

- With my husband, strongly advocate for my daughter for the last twenty five years in obtaining services she needs from the school system, to SSI to IHSS program.
- Since 1998, I am the caregiver for my daughter, Yvonne, when she qualified for IHSS. I am also her court appointed conservator.
- On my own, I did research on SSI benefits and was able to decipher how SSI benefits are calculated; determined how earned and unearned income affect the amount of benefits received by an individual under the SSI rules.
- Worked as an accountant at Dan's Feed and Seed for several years, where I took care of company books up to preparation of financial statements, trained employees in bookkeeping, cash deposits, payroll input, and bank reconciliation.
- Worked as pension analyst for ITT Corporation in NY for a number of years, where I trained employees on Pension payroll, oversaw government filings, and performed complex pension calculations.

Volunteer work:

- Past volunteer with West Riverside County Special Olympics.
- Past volunteer with THE Center (Therapy for Handicapable Equestrians) in Hemet.
- Worked with Pinacate Middle School Site Council.
- Was active with GSA in Perris for several years.
- Currently. Treasurer and Board member of EEK Fitness Inc, a nonprofit organization serving individuals with disabilities to participate in sports activities and other programs.

Additional Comments:

I have excellent written/oral and interpersonal skills. I have worked with different nationalities in (then known) Saigon, Vietnam, as well when I was with ITT Corporation. I know I could make a difference in the lives of disabled and mentally disadvantaged population.

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