



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Prachi Striker

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

Licensed physician who is a psychiatrist or has experience in serving behavioral health patients

Executive Board of Direct Care and Treatment

Effective: January 1, 2025

Expires: January 4, 2027

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed December 20, 2024.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE



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New seat

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Application for the position Licensed Physician who is a Psychiatrist or has Experience in Serving Behavioral Health Patients Application Date: 8/22/2024 1:43:12 PM

Note: If your application needs to be amended, including updates to any uploaded documents, contact open.appointments@state.mn.us. Please provide your name, board, position you've applied to, and any other documentation you'd like included in your application along with a brief summary of your request.

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Executive Board of Direct Care and Treatment

Position: Licensed Physician who is a Psychiatrist or has Experience in Serving Behavioral Health Patients
Seat: Not specified

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Dr Prachi Agarwala Striker

Phone: (612) 644-8943

Mailing Address: 3424 Highcrest Road NE St. Anthony 55418

Email: agar0024@gmail.com

County: Hennepin

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Mn House District: 39B

US House District: 5

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
Letter of Recommendation	pj striker.docx

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Race and Natural Origin: No Answer (Default)

Political Party: No Answer (Default)

Gender: Female

Disability: No

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Veteran: No Answer

Heard about vacancy from: No Answer

Age when applied: No Answer

Part V: Signature

Signature: Prachi Agarwala Striker

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FOR THE MOST AMAZING PEOPLE ON EARTH.

August 20, 2024

Re: Dr. Prachi Agarwala Striker

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happily writing a letter in strong support for Dr. Prachi Agarwala Striker for consideration as a licensed physician on the Executive Board for Direct Care and Treatment fulfilling the role of psychiatrist serving Behavioral Health Patients <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/Agency/Details/362>.

For the purposes of context, I am the VP Chief of General Pediatrics overseeing operations, clinical care and strategy for Behavioral and Mental Health Services at Children's Minnesota. I have worked with Dr. Striker for the past two years. She serves in the role as Medical Director of Inpatient Psychiatry at Children's Minnesota.

I have had daily contact with Dr. Striker for the past two years so can say without any hesitation that she will be a great asset to this Board for the State of Minnesota. Dr. Striker's strengths are numerous. She is a critical and logical thinker. In addition, she is organized, efficient, and dependable. As I have witnessed at Children's Minnesota, she will reliably contribute to the group and attend meetings. Importantly, she is a clinical leader in the field of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She has worked in various health systems in our community and provided care in all settings: outpatient care, partial hospitalization day-treatment care, and inpatient care. Thus, she has a wide perspective and can help create solutions for change that incorporate that level of thinking and collaboration. Additionally, she is an educator, training the next generation of therapists and psychiatrists, so has significant insights into what the future will bring from a workforce standpoint. She has worked in for-profit and non-profit sectors, free-standing mental health facilities, and within health systems. Her breadth and understanding of the psychiatric landscape in Minnesota is unparalleled.

Her personal attributes should also be noted. She is curious, intuitive, open-minded, strategic, optimistic, and a bright light. She is the type of person that people want to work alongside.

In summary, Dr. Prachi Agarwala Striker's personal and professional skills, knowledge-base, and attributes will be a tremendous asset for the Executive Board for Direct Care and Treatment.

Please contact me with any questions at 651-220-6700.

Sincerely,

Pamela Gigi Chawla, MD, MHA
Pediatrician
VP Chief of General Pediatrics, Mental Health, Rehabilitation Services
Professional Staff Chief of Medicine
Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

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EXPERIENCE

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Childrens MN, St. Paul, MN: 09/2024 - ongoing
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Prairie Care, Brooklyn Park, MN: PHP 01/2022 - 11/2022 and
contracted to Childrens MN 11/2022 - 09/2024
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Innovatel, Children's Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI: 10/2020 – 1/2022
Psychiatrist for Hennepin County Corrections, Centurion, Plymouth, MN: 06/2020 – 10/2020
Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Natalis Counseling and Psychology Solutions, Saint Paul, MN:
12/2017 – 06/2020
Hospitalist, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Fairview Health Systems, Minneapolis, MN: 08/2011 –
10/8/2017
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN: 07/2012 -
present

EDUCATION

B.A. Psychology and Physiology (cum laude), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
09/1998 – 06/2002
M.D., Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO
08/2002 – 05/2006
Psychiatry Internship and Residency, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
06/2006 – 06/2009
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
07/2009 – 06/2011

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Psychiatry: since 09/2011
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: since 11/2012

MEDICAL LICENSURE

Minnesota, since 2011, # 54329
Wisconsin, since 2020, #73967-20

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ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

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Secretary of Minnesota Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists. 05/2024 - present
Description: serve on the Executive Board of MSCAP, plan events with goals to engage child and
adolescent psychiatrists, learn about services within the state of MN, determine path for advocacy.

Member, American Academy of Emergency Psychiatry, Child/Adolescent Committee. 02/2024 - present
Description: connection with psychiatrists and emergency physicians around the country on issues affecting children/adolescents in emergency room settings, including boarding, lack of placement, assessment and develop guidelines for care of these vulnerable patients.

Psychiatric Director, Centurion, Hennepin County Corrections, Plymouth MN. 06/2020 – 10/2020
Description: manage issues relating to patient care, hiring and providing supervision of the psychiatry team, liaison with management, reviewing documentation and utilization of services/medication, troubleshooting, etc

Medical Director, Natalis Counseling and Psychology Solutions, St. Paul, MN. 1/1/2018 – 06/2020
Description: manage issues related to patient care by the psychiatry team, hiring and providing supervision of the psychiatry team, liaison with management, reviewing documentation and utilization of services/medication troubleshooting, etc

Senior Medical Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of MN Health System, Minneapolis, MN. 2014 – 08/2017
Description: manage issues related to inpatient and day treatment units, liaison with management, patient placement and level of care determination, review of documentation and service utilization, troubleshooting, adverse events, etc

Medical Director of Child/Adolescent Intensive Treatment Center Unit, Psychiatry, University of MN Health. 2014 – 08/2017
Description: ensure patient flow, patient experience, etc on the unit, work to reduce restraint/seclusion.

Co-Chair, Quality and Safety Committee, Behavioral Health, Fairview Health Services. 2015- 08/2017
Description: set agenda, determine quality and safety projects, present projects/initiatives to hospital leadership. Ex. Decreasing restraints/seclusions, decreasing length of stay.

Crimson/OPPE/Quality Improvement Leadership Committee, Fairview Health Systems/UMMC, Minneapolis, MN. 2013 – 2016
Description: looking at the OPPE process within the health system, rolling out Crimson as a tool to perform OPPE on physicians, looking at Crimson metrics that are applicable to all physicians and helping to determine appropriate metrics for behavioral health services.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Saint Anthony Village Soccer Club. 2023 - present
Description: founding member of this soccer club, currently serve as Secretary of the Executive Board; work to provide community based travel soccer to children in our area that is quality driven and affordable.

Saint Anthony Village Kicks. 2023 - present
Description: member of the Executive Board as Vice President of Fundraising; this board is the parent volunteer group that supports Saint Anthony Village High School soccer, including uniforms, team events, supporting coaches.

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Saint Anthony New Brighton Educational Foundation. 2021 - present

Description: member of Foundation Board that fundraises and distributes grants to teachers of ISD 282; served in various capacities, including treasurer and scholarship committee; currently serve on the grants committee.

Saint Anthony Boosters Soccer Board. 2020 - present

Description: member of the Executive Board that oversees recreational soccer within the Saint Anthony area; served in various capacities, including treasurer, coach and U4 coordinator; currently serve on the Board of Directors

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Thank you for considering my application to the Executive Board of Direct Care and Treatment. I am a practicing Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. I have much to contribute to this board, through my passion for mental health care and unique work/life experience. The Minnesota Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has endorsed my application.

My attached CV details my clinical qualifications. I have worked in several levels of mental/behavioral health care, including acute inpatient hospitalization, outpatient clinic and correctional facilities. In addition to clinical work, I have dedicated time to leadership/administrative positions within local clinical systems, state-wide boards and national level committees. I work with students and residents, teaching them about my passions for mental/behavioral health care and the larger picture of health care systems/delivery of care.

I am a proud Minnesota, born in New Brighton and graduated from Irondale HS. After completing my undergraduate degree, I made the tough decision to leave Minnesota for my medical school and psychiatric training. This allowed me to gain a better sense of medical systems (state run, academic and private) in other parts of the country. Returning to Minnesota was my goal and I always wanted to practice as a psychiatrist here in my home state. I do believe that my experience seeing other state structures and settings is unique and an advantage to this board. In Missouri, I saw how the lack of adequate mental health care for patients directly led to increased emergency visits, medical hospitalizations and a revolving door of care. On the other hand, Michigan's strong county-based care system supported patients to a greater extent, with a more wrap-around team-based approach. Through my time working in this system as a trainee, I understood how this model allows patients to return to (and remain) in the community, whether in group homes, foster care or with their families. Using these experiences, I can help advise the board as to a wide breadth of options to care, both in state facilities and in the community.

This Board must have members with a breadth of experience, both in clinical focus and specialty. I believe that having a child and adolescent psychiatrist is crucial. We have the unique knowledge of development, early life experiences that shape who people become, and the challenges that face people of all ages. As a child and adolescent psychiatrist, I have additional training in developmental delays, genetic disorders and autism spectrum disorders; these disorders often have a higher prevalence in care models that this Board must address for the State of Minnesota. I have experience creating more personalized plans, developing a team approach and understanding of individuals, even as they move into adulthood. I believe that child and adolescent psychiatrists are best able to create a system that helps all individuals in need of care, by understanding a person's needs/struggles from childhood to end of life.

My personal experiences allow me to bring a fresh perspective to this Board. As an Asian Indian female child and adolescent psychiatrist, I am accustomed to cultures that do not believe in mental health (or asking for help from the county/state). I continue to engage with families that struggle to accept services, as a psychiatrist and as a volunteer within my local community. I live in a blended family, with my spouse, 2 foster children, 2 stepchildren and my child. My children have utilized services via private insurance and state insurance. I believe this has given me a distinct understanding of the challenges within the public system and in navigating services.

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I am applying to this Board to offer my experience, knowledge, and time. Please consider my uniquely qualified credentials for this position.

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