

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023-16**

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-2023**

**Title of Resolution:** Appointment– Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – Aaron Wright and James W. Ziccardi

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Aaron Wright and James W. Ziccardi to the Cecil County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to a four-year term, to expire April 8, 2027.

**Introduced by:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**Introduced and order posted on:** September 5, 2023

**Consideration scheduled on:** September 19, 2023

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Notice of time and title of Resolution having been posted by September 5, 2023 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on September 19, 2023.

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.  
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.  
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.  
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1           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Health – General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 8  
2 Substance Use Disorders Law, Subtitle 10 Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Councils, each county shall  
3 have a local drug and alcohol abuse council; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the local drug and alcohol abuse council (the “Council”) shall consist of the following  
5 individuals:

- 6           1) The health officer of the local health department or their designee,
- 7           2) The director of the local department of social services or their designee,
- 8           3) The regional director of the department of juvenile services or their designee,
- 9           4) The regional director of the division of parole and probation services or their designee,
- 10          5) The State’s Attorney for the county or their designee,
- 11          6) The district public defender or their designee,
- 12          7) The county sheriff or their designee,
- 13          8) The president of the local board of education or their designee,
- 14          9) A representative of the county executive,
- 15          10) A representative of the county council,
- 16          11) The county administrative judge of the circuit court or their designee,
- 17          12) The administrative judge of the district court or their designee
- 18          13) The following individuals appointed by the county executive, as appropriate:
  - 19               i)       At least one recipient of addictions treatment services;
  - 20               ii)       Two substance abuse providers, at least one of whom has experience with  
21               services to individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health  
22               disorders;
  - 23               iii)       At least one substance abuse prevention provider;
  - 24               iv)       At least one individual who is knowledgeable and active on substance abuse  
25               issues that affect the county;
  - 26               v)       The superintendent, warden, or director of the local corrections facility;
  - 27               vi)       At least one other individual who is knowledgeable about treatment of  
28               substance abuse in the county, including members of civic organizations, the  
29               chamber of commerce, health care professional organization or the clergy.

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30           **WHEREAS**, the Council shall determine its own governing structure including the appointment  
31 of a chair; and

32           **WHEREAS**, the Council shall develop and submit a plan to the Behavior Health Administration of  
33 the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

34           **WHEREAS**, the local plan shall include the plans, strategies, and priorities of the county for  
35 meeting identified needs of the general public and the criminal justice system for alcohol and drug  
36 abuse evaluation, prevention, and treatment services; and

37           **WHEREAS**, the local plan shall also include a survey of all federal, State, local and private funds  
38 used in the county for alcohol and drug abuse evaluation, prevention, and treatment; and

39           **WHEREAS**, Article 4, Section 412 (b) of the Charter of Cecil County provides, except as provided  
40 in Section 412(c) or prescribed by State law or other provisions, that the County Executive shall appoint  
41 all members of boards and commissions, subject to confirmation by the Council; and

42           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has recommended Aaron Wright, and James W. Ziccardi for  
43 reappointment to the Cecil County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council as individuals who are  
44 knowledgeable about treatment of substance abuse in the county; to a four-year term which is to  
45 expire April 8, 2027.

46           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
47 **MARYLAND**, confirms the recommendation by the County Executive Aaron Wright, James W. Ziccardi  
48 for reappointment to the Cecil County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council who are knowledgeable about  
49 treatment of substance abuse in the county; to a four-year term which is to expire April 8, 2027.

50           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, all  
51 provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date that the Resolution is approved.

**INTRODUCED: September 5, 2023**

**ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_**

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President of the Council

ATTEST:

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Council Manager