

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application  
**Date:** Thursday, August 29, 2024 10:28:35 AM

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## Advisory Group Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

#### Public Statement

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Trevor

Last Name Aerts

Today's Date 8/29/2024

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

### Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee

Group

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Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee	Behavioral health provider, Substance use disorder treatment provider
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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
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3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 1
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4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
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5. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	No
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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Attached
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7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or	Please see attached resume
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community activities,  
and education

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8. Please describe why  
you're interested in  
serving on this  
Advisory Group.

My interest lies in diversifying and expanding my service to those in need within my community. I have worked with youth and families on an individual level for nearly 15 years and would like to apply my knowledge and skill set to a more systemic level.

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References (please  
include daytime  
telephone number):

Please see attached resume

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Appointment  
Requirements

I understand and agree

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Signature of applicant:

Trevor N Aerts

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Place Signed /  
Submitted

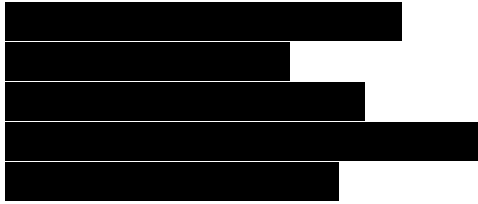


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**Trevor N. Aerts, MA, LMHC SUDP**  
**Bespoke Counseling, An Associate in**  
**Mental Health**



**Credentials and Education**

Washington State licensed mental health and substance use dependency counselor  
LH-60534212 Initial Issuance 4/2/15  
CP-60416971 Initial Issuance 1/24/14

I received my Master's in Child, Couple and Family Therapy from Antioch University, Seattle in 2010 and my Bachelor of Arts in Clinical Psychology from the University of Washington in 2005

**Professional Experience**

I have been in private practice under Bespoke Counseling since June of 2015 and have been with Associates in Mental Health since April of 2017. My practice focuses primarily on low resource, at-risk youth and families and I specialize in chemical dependency and trauma-informed care, incorporating Systems and Strength Based Cognitive Behavioral modalities. I currently sit as the chair of the AMH Human Resources committee and also provide supervision to therapists seeking state licensure.

I held a half-time position of Intervention and Prevention Specialist under the Bellingham School District working out of Sehome High School for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. My primary role was conducting assessments, short term mental health and substance use counseling, coordination of care between students, school administration, faculty and community services, program development and in-class presentations relating to health, socio-cultural issues, addiction and self-care.

My previous role was working in the Whatcom County Juvenile Detention Center on contract through Catholic Community Services from 2010 to 2016. I facilitated chemical dependency support groups, engaged in individual and family counseling, advocated for youth and coordinated care with probation officers, attorneys, detention staff and community service providers, conducted assessments, made referrals and facilitated youth entering school programs, inpatient and outpatient services, job training and vocational programming and facilitated the Aggression Replacement Training program for adjudicated youth.

My clinical experience prior to working for Catholic Community Services involved a year long internship at Northshore Youth and Family Services in Bothell, WA during my graduate program at Antioch University in 2009-2010 and a three quarter long internship working under Dana Kovalchick at Children's Hospital in Seattle during my Bachelor's program at the University of Washington in 2005.

### **Professional References**

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Stephanie Lewis. Colleague at Whatcom County Juvenile Detention and Probation, co-facilitator for Aggression Replacement Training program	360.778.5490