

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023 2:52:21 PM

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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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 Ms.

First Name Chris

Last Name Kobdish

Today's Date 1/25/2023

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live in & are you registered to vote 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 Board or Committee Public Health Advisory Board

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| Public Health Advisory Board  | I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., I am a consumer of public health services. , I represent a stakeholder, such as a nonprofit organization, the business community, or those regulated by public health. |
| 2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?                                      | Yes  |
| 3. Which Council district do you live in?   | District 2   |
| 4. Are you a US citizen?  | Yes  |
| 5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?  | Yes  |
| 6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?                            | No   |
| 7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?  | No   |
| 8. 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? | Yes  |
| If yes, please explain  | I'm a Unity Care NW employee. Unity Care NW works with the County Health Department and will have occasional contracts for shared work. Typically these are not fiscal in nature.  |
| You may attach a resume or detailed   | Attached   |

summary of  
experience,  
qualifications, &  
interest in response to  
the following questions

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9. Please describe your  
occupation (or former  
occupation if retired),  
qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

I am currently the Director of Planning & Development and senior leader at Unity Care NW, a Federally Qualified Health Center serving 1 in 10 residents of Whatcom County. Attached CV has more details.

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10. Please describe  
why you're interested  
in serving on this board  
or commission

I am interested in serving on this board because I have been an advocate and a professional striving for health equity for over two decades in Whatcom County. As a senior leader at Unity Care NW I work with community leaders to identify care gaps and help devise strategic plans to meet need. This includes leading the collaborative Way Station project - a partnership between PeaceHealth, Unity Care NW, The Opportunity Council, and Whatcom County to provide healthcare and hygiene access to people experiencing homelessness in Whatcom County. I look forward to working with other community members to improve the health of everyone in Whatcom County if I'm selected for the board.

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References (please  
include daytime  
telephone number):

Jodi Joyce, Unity Care NW CEO - (360) 788-2620  
Ann Beck, Whatcom County Health Department - (360) 778-6055  
Maureen West - (360) 201-6782

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Signature of applicant:

Chris Kobdich

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Place Signed /  
Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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# CHRISTINA KOBDISH

## EXPERIENCE

2016 – PRESENT

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, UNITY CARE NW**

Responsible for organizing the agency's annual and strategic planning cycles including assessment of unmet needs and opportunities and developing and maintaining community relationships.

Responsible for grant writing and management including compliance with funding requirements, solicitation of charitable contributions and organization of events, marketing, and internal and external communications.

Responsible for Unity Care NW's participation in activities of the Joint legislative Committee of the State Association and the Community Health Network.

2001 – 2016

**DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MT. BAKER PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

Responsible for directing agency marketing, development, public affairs, and education Departments.

This included:

- Managing departmental and program budgets.
- Developing messaging and facilitating issue education for community partners, constituents, and elected officials.
- Overseeing Federal and State funded projects.
- Acting as agency spokesperson and liaison to the public and media; write and issue press releases.

1995- 2001

**CLK CREATIVE**

Owner

CLK Creative was a turnkey marketing and communications company that specialized in innovative and effective marketing and training through video, film or print collateral.

Clients: Blockbuster, Countrywide Home Loans/Landsafe, The Dallas Chamber of Commerce, The Dallas Cowboys, Dell Computers, Hope's Door Women's Shelter, The Institute of Internal Auditors, JCPenney Inc., Ka Yeung Studios, Publicis Dialog.

## EDUCATION

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
Communications & Media Studies

## SKILLS

- Public Policy
- Public Relations
- Strategic Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Program Development
- Grant Writing
- Marketing
- Fundraising

## ACTIVITIES

2021- TO PRESENT: Washington State Women's Commission, Commissioner

2013 – TO PRESENT: Bellingham/Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence, City Community Appointee

2017- TO PRESENT: Whatcom County Opioid Task Force member

Geiger Gibson Health Policy Fellow, George Washington Milken Institute School of Public Health

Western Washington University Community Engagement Fellow

Stanford d.school Boot Camp, Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford

Grantsmanship Training Program Certification, The Grantsmanship Center

Rights. Respect. Responsibility. European Study Tour, Advocates for Youth