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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: STEPHEN GOCKLEY Date: 10/19/22

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City: BELLINGHAM, WA Zip Code: 98225

Mailing Address (if different from street address): [REDACTED]

Day Telephone: [REDACTED] Evening Telephone: [REDACTED] Cell Ph: [REDACTED]

E-mail address: [REDACTED]

1. Name of board or committee-**please see reverse:** Behavioral Health Advisory Committee
2. You must specify which position you are applying for.
Please refer to vacancy list. Mental health advocate
3. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) yes no
4. Which Council district do you live in? One Two Three Four Five
5. Are you a US citizen? yes no
6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes no
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? yes no
If yes, dates: _____
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 no
If yes, please explain: _____
9. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? yes no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

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

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: The BHAC's advisory responsibilities fit closely with my current and career commitments to effective, equitable behavioral health services in the community.

References (please include daytime telephone number): Chris Phillips; Jack Hovenier [REDACTED]

Signature of applicant: Stephen Gockley

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information 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.

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STEPHEN GOCKLEY



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| ATTORNEY | Northwest Justice Project Evergreen Legal Services | Bellingham, WA 1996-2016 (retired) Bellingham, WA 1988-1996 |
| <i>Civil legal aid practice in areas of housing and homeless rights, subsidized housing programs, access to health care and behavioral health services, disability rights, special education, and public benefits.</i> | | |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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| 2019- | <i>Justice Project</i> , Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), planning team Whatcom County Council appointment |
| 2015- | <u>Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force</u> Whatcom County Council appointment |
| | 2019- CO-CHAIR |
| | 2017-2019 CHAIR: Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee |
| 2019- | <u>Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities</u> Board of Commissioners Whatcom County Council and Bellingham City Council joint appointment |
| 2021-2022 | Stakeholder Group <i>Community advisory group for proposing Whatcom Racial Equity Commission</i> |
| 2017-2022 | <u>Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center</u> , Board of Directors |
| 2018-2020 | Community Health Improvement Plan: Healthy Whatcom planning team Whatcom County Health Department |
| 2004-2016 | <u>Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA)</u> , Board of Directors |
| 1996-2016 | <u>LAW Advocates</u> , Board of Directors |

EDUCATION

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| 1988 | J.D. | Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA |
| 1985 | M.S. | Lesley College, Cambridge, MA Master's degree in Human Services Management |
| 1969 | B.A. | Carleton College, Northfield, MN |