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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): _____
Day Telephone: _____ Evening Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: [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: [REDACTED]
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

ATTORNEY Northwest Justice Project Bellingham, WA 1996-2016 (**retired**)
 Evergreen Legal Services Bellingham, WA 1988-1996

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.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2019- *Justice Project*, Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), planning team
 Whatcom County Council appointment

2015- Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force
 Whatcom County Council appointment

2019- 2019- CO-CHAIR
 2017-2019 CHAIR: Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee

2019- Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities Board of Commissioners
 Whatcom County Council and Bellingham City Council joint appointment

2021-2022 Stakeholder Group
 Community advisory group for proposing Whatcom Racial Equity Commission

2017-2022 Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center, Board of Directors

2018-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan: **Healthy Whatcom** planning team
 Whatcom County Health Department

2004-2016 Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA), Board of Directors

1996-2016 LAW Advocates, Board of Directors

EDUCATION

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